



SUMMER LAW INSTITUTE
Park Vista Hotel - Gatlinburg

Thursday – July 16, 2026

5:00-6:30 p.m. **Registration and Reception**
Reception sponsored by: Public Risk Insurers

Friday – July 17, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Full Breakfast Buffet**
(Provided)

8:00 a.m. **Welcome & Overview** David Baker, TSBA President,
Hardin County

8:05 a.m. **Legislative Update** Nolan Combs, TSBA Director of
Government Relations

9:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. **Supreme Court Decisions:
How SCOTUS is Shaping
School Law** Sonja Trainor, Executive Director,
National School Attorneys Association

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH** (Provided)

1:00 p.m. **Student Expression &
School Authority: Navigating
The First Amendment** Chris McCarty, Lewis Thomason

2:00 p.m. **BREAK**

2:30 p.m. **Top Ten Legal Mistakes
Boards Make** Sam Jackson, Spencer Fane

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

3:35 p.m. **Cookout & Festivities** Courtyard Lawn
Sponsored by: Coryell Roofing
(Food, drinks, music and games will be provided for all attendees)

Saturday – July 18, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Full Breakfast Buffet
(Provided)

8:30 a.m.

**Your Board Attorney at
Work**

Chris McCarty, Lewis Thomason

Scott Bennett, Bennett & DeCamp

Evan Wright, Wright & Wright

Ben Torres, TSBA Assistant Executive
Director & General Counsel

10:45 a.m.

Adjourn