

Bowles Rice WVEducCasts Approved for County Board Member Training

On behalf of the West Virginia School Board Association, we are pleased to provide five WVEduCast episodes of education law podcasts provided By Bowles Rice LLP. Each of the podcast episodes are approved for county board member training credits. If listening to **all** podcast episodes, county board members will receive 2.50 approved county board member training credits. A description of each podcast episode is listed below and the individual number of approved county board member training credit hours.

Note: Additional podcasts will be added as made available by Bowles Rice.

Individual episodes are available at:

<https://www.bowlesrice.com/education-law-blog>

To request the WVSBA On Line Training Hour Credit Form please contact sdavidson@wvsba.org. (This form must be completed for credit hours to be recorded).

Bowles Rice WVEduCast episodes:

- Episode five of the WVEducCast features attorney Sherrone Hornbuckle, General Counsel to Cabell County Schools, who discusses filing an unemployment claim. The conversation includes discussion of increased unemployment claims during the pandemic, clear definitions for both simple and gross misconduct, and the concept of reasonable unemployment claims during the pandemic, clear definitions for both simple and gross misconduct, and the concept of reasonable assurance.. **(30 minutes** clock hours training);
- Episode Four of the **WVEduCast** is a very special bonus episode, featuring a roundtable discussion with **Fred Albert**, President of the [American Federation of Teachers - West Virginia](#), **Dr. Howard O'Cull**, Executive Director of the [West Virginia School Board Association](#), and **Mike Wells**, Vice President of the [West Virginia Association of School Administrators](#) and Pleasants County Superintendent. The three discuss the recently concluded regular session of the West Virginia Legislature and the many new pieces of legislation that specifically affect the members of their respective organizations. **(30 minutes** approved clock hours training);
- Episode Three of WVEducCast – In episode three, host Trey Morrone has an in-depth conversation with Education Reporter Ryan Quinn of the Charleston Gazette-Mail. The two

discuss the relationship between education and the media, with special attention to open meetings, "off the record" conversations, the process of pitching story ideas two discuss the relationship between education and the media, with special attention to open meetings, "off the record" conversations, the process of pitching story ideas and obstacles that can occur between school systems and reporters. **(30 minutes** approved clock hours training);

- Episode Two includes an interview with state Senator Patricia Puertas Rucker (R - Jefferson, 16), who serves as Chair of the West Virginia Senate's Committee on Education and Co-Chair of the Interim Committee on Education Accountability. Senator Rucker was first elected in 2017 and is the first Hispanic woman to represent the state's Eastern Panhandle. She worked as a teacher prior to running for office. **(15 minutes** approved clock hours training);
- Episode parts 1 and 2 include discussions of "local control" of public education policy and governance. West Virginia School Board Association Executive Director Howard M. O'Cull, Ed.D., discusses local control from the board perspective. Heather Hutchens, Esq., General For the local take, Bowles Rice attorney and WVEduCast host Trey Morrone talks with Dr. Howard O'Cull, Executive Director of the West Virginia School Board Association. Part two will focus on the state level in a discussion with Heather Hutchens, General Counsel for the West Virginia Department of Education, discusses a state level perspective of "local control" from a state-level perspective. **(45 minutes** approved clock hours training for both podcasts).