

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

# 5<sup>TH</sup> COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION LAW CONFERENCE

Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute of Virginia Commonwealth University, in partnership with LexisNexis and other participating organizations, seeks papers and presenters for the 5th Commonwealth Education Law Conference to be held April 19-21, 2007 at The Williamsburg Hospitality House in historic Williamsburg, Virginia. Granted CLE credit by the Virginia Bar Association, this innovative conference is national in scope and participation. It brings together an exciting array of educators, attorneys, advocates, and administrators from more than 25 states to discuss critical current issues facing education today. Previous keynote speakers include former US Deputy Secretary of Education Eugene V. Hickok, former Virginia governors L. Douglas Wilder and Gerald L. Baliles, and Deans of Law Rodney A. Smolla (University of Richmond) and John C. Jeffries, Jr. (University of Virginia). Specific times, events, etc. will be announced this Fall and will be available on our website, [www.cepionline.org](http://www.cepionline.org) by November, 2006.

**Papers are sought particularly in the following Ed Law areas, although other submissions will be considered:**

- Educational Reform Legal Issues e.g. High Stakes Testing, School Vouchers, School Choice, NCLB
- Special Education and Disabilities Law
- School Administration Issues e.g. FERPA, Discipline & School Safety, Interscholastic Athletics, etc.
- Internet, Copyright & Free Speech
- Employment Issues
- Discrimination/ Harassment
- Current Constitutional Issues related to education

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- Name, title, and contact information to include address, telephone, fax, & email for each presenter.
- Brief biographical sketch for each presenter
- Title of presentation to be included in conference program
- Description of the proposed presentation (not to exceed 350 words)
- Key law issues to be addressed
- Summary for program publication not to exceed 75 words

*Proposals should be designed for 75 minute workshop presentations which will run concurrently with approximately 4 other workshops. Persons with similar topics may be requested to present with another presenter in a panel format.*

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