

Fall 2026 SCASP Conference Schedule

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM: Complimentary Breakfast and Registration

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM: **Current Legal Trends and Emerging Legal Issues in Special Education**
Dr. David Bateman, Expert in special education dispute resolution and legal compliance
Virtual or In-Person (additional one-hour follow-up session will be provided virtually at 6:00 PM on October 12th)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM: Cookie Break

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Complimentary Breakfast and Registration

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM: **Legally Defensible Practices for School Psychologists**
Gail Friel, School Psychologist Education Specialist at Wisler Pearlstine law firm
Virtual or In-Person

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Lunch

2:30 PM: Cookie Break

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

In-Person Only

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Complimentary Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM SCASP President Address/Business Meeting: Tanya Tucker, President and Tricia Daughtry, Executive Director

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Keynote Address: Dr. Barbara Drayton
Deputy General Counsel, SC Department of Education

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM Mini-sessions (Block 1)

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Mini-sessions (Block 2)

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM Cookie Break

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM Mini-sessions (Block 3)

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Block	Room #	Presenter	Title & Description
Block 1 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CBIT 101	Kimberly Kelley Blackburn, J.D. Halligan, Mahoney, and Williams	Managing IDEA and Section 504 Disputes: Trends and Tips In this session, attendees will review and discuss scenarios that are commonly the focus of these disputes and explore the most effective ways to manage them. The session will highlight the school psychologist's role in addressing disagreements and share tips on dealing with the issues they face.
	CBIT 216	Karen Monahan, Ph.D., LPES, NCSP Winthrop University	Legal Considerations in Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) School-based BTAM operates at the intersection of education, mental health, and law, requiring schools to balance student rights with the responsibility of maintaining a safe learning environment. This session will provide an overview of the laws that govern decision-making, information sharing, and intervention in order to support effective, and defensible, implementation of BTAM in K-12 schools.
	CBIT 203	Crystal Chapman, Ph.D., and Lauren Blackwell, PsyD Candidate, LPES Francis Marion University	She Flies Under the Radar Assessment of females with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Block 2: 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	CBIT 101	Philip Young, Senior Consultant at Public Consulting Group (PCG)	Documentation Matters: Leveraging EDPlan SC for Legally Defensible Evaluations and Eligibility Decisions Strong documentation is one of the most important tools school psychologists have when navigating audits, complaints, and due process challenges. This session examines how EDPlan SC supports the evaluation and eligibility process through structured workflows, compliance monitoring, and documentation tools. Learn best practices for capturing evaluation data, documenting team decisions, tracking critical timelines, and reducing common errors that can lead to noncompliance findings.
	CBIT 216	Lisa McCliment: Team Lead, Policy, Guidance & Community Engagement, Special Education; SC	Navigating the SLD Guide This presentation discusses the newest criteria for SLD, guiding principles for evaluations and reevaluations with a focus on the state's SLD guide.

		State Department of Education	
	CBIT 203	Victoria M. Sexton, Psy.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital; Anca Dumitriu, MD; Associate Professor, Pediatrics; Tessa Roberts, RN, BSN; Nurse Manager	Bridging Health and Education: Supporting Children with Cancer in South Carolina Schools This session will explore the impact of childhood cancer on students' educational experiences and psychosocial well-being, highlight the South Carolina Pediatric Cancer Plan's educational support initiatives, and engage school psychologists in developing resources to better support educators, parents, and students.
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Cookie Break		
Block 3: 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	CBIT 101	Sara Mackiewicz, PhD Lead School Psychologist in the School District of Pickens County	Legally Defensible Prior Written Notices This session will provide practical guidance for developing clear, compliant, and legally defensible Prior Written Notices (PWNs). Participants will review the essential components of a strong PWN, common areas of concern, and strategies for clearly documenting the school team's decisions.
	CBIT 216	Lisa McCliment: Team Lead, Policy, Guidance & Community Engagement, Special Education; South Carolina State Department of Education	Navigating the SLD Guide This presentation discusses the newest criteria for SLD, guiding principles for evaluations and reevaluations with a focus on the state's SLD guide.
	CBIT 203	Beth Gavin, SCASP Past President and Alex English, Lowcountry Delegate	New Practitioner Session An opportunity for new School Psychologists to ask questions about the practice and profession, while also offering an opportunity to network with one another