Top 6 Legal Hazards of Being a Principal

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It’s Time to Play

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Chaim Witz

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Gene Simmons
Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner

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Now, on to the “Top 6”
Protect Yourself From Liability
Immunity from Liability...

Principals are generally protected if they:
(1) Act within the scope of their duties; and
(2) Act reasonably.

Principals bear personal liability if they fail to act within the scope of their duties or fail to act reasonably!

Has Anyone Put A Student In Their Car?
Always Appreciate the Visibility of Your Position
Tonight’s Movie Starring Your Child’s Principal

Who was your first principal?
Miss Elson
Beware of Social Networking Sites

The Internet has no erase button!
“Sometimes school is so boring, I drink my lunch!”
Limit Physical Contact with Kids

Physical Contact With Students Should Be Limited To:

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- Educational Purpose
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Is it punishment or does it serve an educational purpose?

Huggers Beware!
Creepy or Kosher?

If you must hug:

• Control the situation

• Limit to younger students

• Make sure you are in a public area
Don’t Put Yourself in the Middle of Family Problems

Putting the fun in dysfunctional!
Divorced Parents

1. Both parents have the right to participate in their child's education.

2. Only the parent with parental responsibility (custody) can make educational decisions.

3. Equal parental responsibility equals stay put until joint decision is made.

4. Use allotted time to figure things out!
What Percentage of Students Have These?

Do **not** search student cell phones!
“Bag & Tag”

- Have the student turn the phone off
- Have the student place the phone in a clear ziplock bag and seal
- Write the student’s name on the bag and take it to the school office

Questions
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