

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGAL NOTES

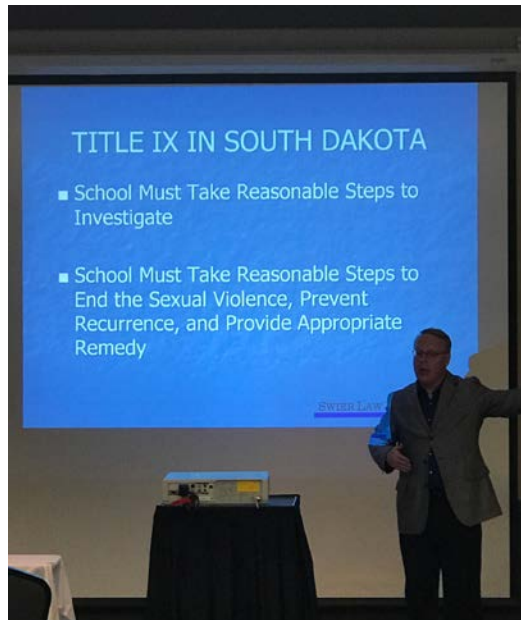
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Scott Swier Addressed 2017 ASBSD/SASD Convention

On August 10, 2017, Scott Swier addressed the Associated School Boards of South Dakota/ School Administrators of South Dakota Convention in Sioux Falls.

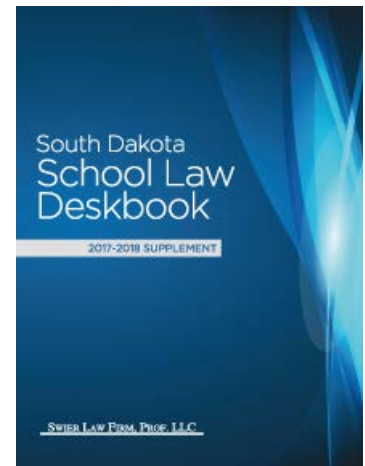
Scott's presentation - *"A Roadmap for South Dakota's School Districts in Title IX Disputes"* - reviewed Title IX lawsuits based on claims of sexual harassment/assault which have received heightened attention over the past several years. Title IX liability for public school districts for student claims of sexual harassment/assault has been, and continues to be, a hotly litigated area of education law.

Read more [here](#).



School Law Deskbook Supplement Available Now

The School Law Deskbook Supplement for the 2017-2018 academic year is available for order electronically and hard copy. Please email Chris Bryan at chris@swierlaw.com to order your supplement.



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Buffalo Balls

A Recipe from Lindsay M. Harris

Ingredients

1lb ground chicken or turkey
2 tbsp non-fat greek yogurt
2 eggs
2 tbsp chopped celery
3 tbsp crumbled blue cheese
1/2 tsp black pepper
1/2 c. Frank's Red Hot Sauce

Instructions

- Combine all of the meatball ingredients, except hot sauce, in a medium bowl. The mix will be sticky and gooey.
- Form mixture into about 1 inch balls (bite size).
- Place them on a greased cookie sheet (with sides) and bake at 350 degrees F for 10 minutes.
- After 10 minutes, remove balls from oven and dunk carefully (they are tender from the yogurt and could fall apart if you are too rough) in the buffalo sauce.
- Put back onto the cookie sheet and bake for another 12 minutes.
- If you have leftover sauce you could pour it over the meatballs and bake for another 3 to 4 minutes if you want them really saucy.
- Serve with Yogurt Based or Walden Farms Dressing for dipping.

Yield: 16 meatballs, Serving Size: 4 meatballs, Servings: 4, Prep time: 10 Min, Cook Time: 8 Min, Ready in: 18 Min

Lindsay Harris Named to Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors

Lindsay M. Harris of Swier Law Firm has been named to the Board of Directors of Greater Sioux Falls Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.



Motorcycle Safety is Everyone's Business

August is generally back-to-school time and it's when we are reminded to watch for kids and buses, but it's also a time to remember to watch for motorcycles. With Fall around the corner, the air is getting crisper and bikers' riding time is dwindling.

According to the South Dakota Department of Public Safety during the last 10 years, the average number of motorcycle-involved crashes is 511 and 22 deaths per year. The total number of accidents in 2016 is slightly lower at 475 and 22 fatalities. The numbers for 2017 are not in yet, but there is good news! We are all instrumental in creating safer roads for motorcyclists.

Read these tips to help create safer roads for motorcyclists, [click here](#).



Garth Brooks Ticket Giveaway #2!

We are giving away more Garth Brooks' tickets! The winner will receive 2 tickets to the concert on Friday, September 22 at 7pm. The contest runs through September 19 and the winner will be announced September 20.

Here's how to enter:

1. "LIKE" our Facebook page,
2. "SHARE" the post, and
3. Comment "DONE" on the post. That's it... but you must do all 3 to be entered!

Watch our Facebook page for the announcement on September 20 - the winner will have 2 hours to respond or we will choose another!

Four Tips to Successfully Mediate a South Dakota Business Dispute

In some cases, mediation may be a way to resolve a South Dakota business lawsuit. As any business owner knows, litigation can be expensive and the results uncertain. In light of these risks, a business owner may consider mediation as a way to minimize risk and retain some control over the lawsuit process. Here are four tips to successfully mediate a South Dakota business lawsuit.

Tip #1 - Selecting the Mediator.

Selecting a strong and experienced South Dakota mediator who understands business litigation is a key to a successful mediation. A mediator who recognizes the strengths and weaknesses of each side's arguments can serve as a "reality check" to the parties and their attorneys.

Read the other three tips [here](#).



Welcome Elise Alexander!

Introducing Elise Alexander, Receptionist and Intake Specialist at Swier Law Firm!

Elise joined the firm last month and is settling in. She is the voice and first person you will see when you reach out to the Sioux Falls office. When asked what the best part of working at Swier Law Firm is so far, she said, "The people. Everyone in the firm makes it an exceptional work environment." Thanks Elise, we're so glad to have you! Elise and her family are new to the area so feel free to share your favorite restaurants with her.

Read full bio [here](#).

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