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Methfessel & Werbel Winter Highlights

On Wednesday, February 5, [Angela Gurrera](#) presented at the [NJICLE 2025 School Law Conference regarding "The School Ethics Act: Recent Developments."](#) Angela and her fellow panelists discussed the scope of conduct which may constitute ethical violations under the School Ethics Act. Angela explored the "advice of counsel" defense often raised by board members to excuse otherwise violative conduct and its effectiveness in mitigating the penalties imposed by the School Ethics Commission. "Accolades are not essential, but they certainly are appreciated," stated [Eric Harrison](#), one of the firm's managing partners. "Our mission to advance the interests of the insurance and managed risk industry has been consistent since the firm was founded in 1972. We now have close to 50 lawyers and more than 100 support staff continuing this mission, and we are incredibly proud to be recognized for this for the fifth straight year by our clients, our peers, and the Law Journal."

On February 18, 2025 our Subrogation Partner [James Cullen](#) will participate in an educational seminar hosted by AM Best on the growth of litigation involving

autonomous (self driving) vehicles. Jim and his fellow panelists will address available coverages, defenses, and subrogation approaches to losses arising out of accidents with autonomous vehicles. For further details or to view the online seminar, please visit: [AM Best Webinar Claims Litigation in the Automated World](#).

On Wednesday February 26 [Gina Stanziale](#) and [Richard Nelke](#) will record a program with Lawline on "Handling Enhanced or Fraudulent Claims from Contractors." After the recording, the program will be available on their [website](#).

On Thursday, March 27 [Eric Harrison](#) will participate in a presentation at the [2025 National Employment Lawyers Association-NJ Conference](#). Eric will provide practical tips for trial attorneys in the trial of employment law cases in Superior Court and U.S. District Court.

Friends and clients interested in obtaining further information or attending future seminars are welcome to contact [Jim](#), [Angela](#), [Gina](#), [Rich](#) or [Eric](#) directly.

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