Protecting Kids on Social Media

CLE Agenda and Speaker Biographies

Session Description:
As concerns increase over the effects social media has on children, state legislators are drafting legislation, from California’s Age Appropriate Design Code Act to Utah’s Social Media Regulation Act. Join us to learn about the implementation of these laws and other issues involved in efforts to regulate children’s use of social media.

Agenda:
10:30 - 10:40 a.m.  Heather Morton, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures
10:40 - 10:55 a.m.  Kristin Bahner, State Representative, Minnesota
10:55 - 11:10 a.m.  Mike McKell, State Senator, Utah
11:10 – 11:25 a.m.  Carl Szabo, Vice President & General Counsel, NetChoice, Washington, D.C.
11:25 - 11:45 a.m.  Questions and Answers

Biographies:
The Honorable Kristin Bahner
State Representative
Minnesota
Representative Kristin Bahner represents Minnesota’s 37B District, which includes Maple Grove and portions of Hennepin County. She serves as vice chair on the House Human Services Finance Committee. The first in her family to go to college, Rep. Bahner earned her communications degree from Gustavus Adolphus College. She is a small business owner and information technology consultant, specializing in team-based project management that delivers solutions faster and more efficiently.
The Honorable Mike McKell  
State Senator  
Utah  
Senator Mike McKell represents Utah’s Senate District 25, which includes Utah County. Senator McKell is the founding partner of McKell Thompson Hunter. Sen. McKell’s law practice is primarily focused on insurance law and representing those who have been injured through no fault of their own. Senator McKell earned his bachelor’s degree in political science and government from Southern Utah University and his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law. McKell has been admitted to the Utah State Bar, the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Arizona State Bar.

Heather Morton  
Director, Financial Services, Technology and Communications Program  
National Conference of State Legislatures  
Colorado  
Heather Morton has been with NCSL since 2000 and directs the Financial Services, Technology and Communications team, which covers broadband and telecommunications, internet and technology, consumer and financial services, privacy, civil liability and alcohol production and sales issues for NCSL. She is a staff liaison to NCSL’s Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committee. She earned her undergraduate degree in history and women’s studies from the University of Colorado at Boulder and her law degree from the University of Denver.

Carl Szabo  
Vice President and General Counsel  
NetChoice  
Washington, D.C.  
Carl Szabo serves as vice president and general counsel for NetChoice, where he analyzes, advocates and testifies on tech-related initiatives relevant to online companies. Previously, he was an intellectual property attorney at Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, advising clients on privacy, internet, e-commerce and contractual matters. Szabo is also an adjunct professor of internet law at the George Mason Antonin Scalia Law School. He earned his law degree from the Catholic University of America.

State Legislation Resources
- Minnesota 2023 HF 2257
- Utah 2023 SB 152