

Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference

Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9 AM - 4:30 PM (Check-in begins at 8 AM)

AGENDA

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• IDEA History, Book Overview, US Supreme Court Cases• Section 1400 Findings, Purpose• Section 1401 Definitions: Disability, Special Education, Related Services, LD, etc.
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 1412 Extended School Year, Child Find, Least Restrictive, Private Placements• Understanding Tests and Measurements, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent, Determining progress v. regression using Bar Graphs
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 1414 Evaluations and IEPs• Section 1415 Due Process, Rules of Procedure, Discipline• Section 504, ADA, FERPA, ESSA• Episodic Conditions, Allergies, Epilepsy, etc.• Recent Cases + OCR, USDOJ <p>The Parent as the Special Ed Manager and Expert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing the Master Plan• Knowing the Rules of the Game• Recognizing and Avoiding the Fatal Obstacles• How to Deal with Conflict, a Healthy and Normal event
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crisis, Emergency, Help• Organization of the Child's File• SMART IEPs• Tactics and Strategies• Rule of Adverse Assumptions• Private Evaluations• Paper Trails• The Letter to the Stranger• 5 Ws + H + E• Preparation for Meetings• Meeting Strategies
4:00-4:30	Questions and Answers