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Conference Agenda

Sunday, Jan. 24

- 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Pre-Conference Symposium I: **Dissecting IDEA and Section 504 Discipline Rules** (includes 15-min. Refreshment Break)
- 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1 – 4 p.m. Pre-Conference Symposium II: **Prehearing Preparation for the Successful Practitioner** (includes 15-min. Refreshment Break)
- 4 – 4:30 p.m. Networking Opportunity: Hors d'oeuvres served prior to opening session
- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Opening Conference Session: **The Year in Review 2009 – And a Look Ahead**

Monday, Jan. 25

- 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration
- 7:30 – 9:15 a.m. Networking Breakfast
- 8 – 9 a.m. **Ethics I — El Paso Indep. School District v. Richard R. — A Case Study**
- 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Hot Topics in Special Education Law 2010**
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Revocation of Consent: Avoiding the Traps That Await the Unwary**
- 12:30 – 2 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 12:30 – 5 p.m. CLE Certificates at Registration Desk
- 2 – 3:30 p.m. **Section 504 Eligibility: Keeping Current With Cases, Trends and the ADA**
- 3:30 – 4 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 4 – 5 p.m. **Restraints, Seclusion and Other Aversives: Key Issues and Emerging Legal Trends**

Tuesday, Jan. 26

- 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Registration and CLE Certificates
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Autism and LRE: What the Courts Are Telling Us**
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. **60 Tips in 60 Minutes**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 12:45 – 2 p.m. **What Every Special Education Attorney Needs to Know About RTI**
- 2 – 2:15 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **Ethics II — Disclosures of Education Records: Resolving Legal and Ethical Dilemmas**



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Highlights for 2010

- **The Year In Review 2009 — And a Look Ahead** — Melinda Jacobs opens the conference with a fast-paced review of, and expert commentary on, the most interesting and valuable cases from the past year, plus predictions for hot litigation trends in 2010.
- **Expert Guidance on Key Issues** — Nationally known speakers give you tools and techniques to handle revocation of consent for IDEA services, autism and LRE, RTI, Section 504 eligibility, restraints and seclusion, and more.
- **Hot Topics Panel Discussion** — YOU let our panel of experts know the topics you'd like them to discuss — by electronic survey before the conference — and hear the latest on today's other pressing issues in special education law.
- **60 Tips in 60 Minutes** — Nowhere else can you get this much advice about special ed law in such a short time. Four experts, 60 tips — all in just 60 minutes.
- **Networking Opportunity** — Hors d'oeuvres will be served 30 minutes before the *Year in Review* session, giving you an excellent opportunity to network with the speakers and your colleagues on opening night.
- **Networking Breakfasts** — Start your mornings with these informal gatherings, where you can share experiences and network with colleagues facing similar challenges.
- **2 Ethics Sessions** — Attend one or both and earn ethics credits. Elena Gallegos reviews real-life ethical dilemmas surrounding attempts to resolve disputes under the IDEA without the need for litigation, and Zvi Greismann covers conundrums and ethical issues districts face when asked to disclose protected student records to third parties.
- **Earn CLE credits**

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Participants are responsible for making their hotel reservations and should make them in the attendee's name. Please contact the hotel's reservation department and request the LRP School Attorneys rate. A limited number of rooms will be held until December 23, 2009, or until the block of rooms is sold out, whichever comes first. Please contact the Hyatt Regency Savannah for deposit and cancellation policies. If you require an ADA accessible hotel room, we strongly encourage you to make your hotel reservations early and communicate your needs to the hotel.

Register by December 1 and save \$100.00!

Special Education School Attorneys

Sunday, Jan. 24

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Pre-Conference Symposium I: Dissecting IDEA and Section 504 Discipline Rules

*Jose Martin, Richards, Lindsay & Martin, LLP,
Austin, Texas*

Whether you're a veteran or new to the field, you'll benefit from Jose Martin's expert analysis of IDEA and Section 504 requirements on accumulations of short-term removals, manifestation determinations, suspensions (in and out of school), long-term alternative placements, services required during removals, court and police involvement in school discipline matters, and more. In addition to covering the nuts and bolts of the discipline rules, Jose will discuss recent case law, legal trends, common mistakes and practical strategies to avoid legal problems in disciplining students with disabilities.

1 - 4 p.m.

Pre-Conference Symposium II: Prehearing Preparation for the Successful Practitioner

*Elena Gallegos, Walsh, Anderson, Brown,
Aldridge & Gallegos, P.C., Albuquerque, N.M.*

Experienced litigator Elena Gallegos presents a detailed overview of IDEA pleading requirements, plus advice on drafting successful motions, developing evidence strategies, discovery, 5-day disclosures and much more. Examining key compliance rules along with practical prehearing strategies, Elena offers a detailed guide to prehearing practices in order to present a winning case. Whether you participate in one hearing a week or one a year, you'll benefit from the insights gained in this symposium.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Opening Conference Session: The Year In Review 2009 — And A Look Ahead

*Melinda Jacobs, Law Office of Melinda Jacobs,
Knoxville, Tenn.*

Melinda Jacobs once again launches the conference with her highly popular Year in Review session, offering a comprehensive overview of the most important cases decided during 2009. Melinda lends her expert commentary on important recent judicial decisions that could affect your everyday practice. Plus, she'll predict what's on the horizon in 2010, identifying key litigation areas to watch for.

Monday, Jan. 25

8 - 9 a.m.

Ethics I: El Paso Independent School District v. Richard R. — A Case Study in Ethics

*Elena Gallegos, Walsh, Anderson, Brown,
Aldridge & Gallegos, PC, Albuquerque, N.M.*

Using an important case currently on appeal before the 5th Circuit as a backdrop, Elena Gallegos offers a compelling examination of real-life ethical dilemmas surrounding attempts to resolve disputes under the IDEA without the need for litigation, including prior written notice, settlement offers, resolution sessions and attorney's fees.

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Hot Topics in Special Education Law 2010

*Zvi Greismann, Montgomery County Schools,
Rockville, Md.*

*Melinda Jacobs, Law Office of Melinda Jacobs,
Knoxville, Tenn.*

*Jim Walsh, Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge &
Gallegos, PC, Austin, Texas*

*Moderator: John Norlin, Development Director,
Special Education Legal Products,
LRP Publications, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.*

How will the *Forest Grove* decision impact school districts? What might lie ahead in the next IDEA and NCLB reauthorizations? How can districts avoid a predetermination claim? Back by popular demand, our "Hot Topics" panelists tackle these and other crucial special education issues facing attorneys. Once again, you'll have the opportunity to shape the discussion through our electronic attendee survey, which you'll receive in the weeks leading up to the conference.

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Revocation of Consent: Avoiding the Traps That Await the Unwary

*Jose Martin, Richards, Lindsay & Martin, LLP,
Austin, Texas*

While it appears simple on its face, the 2008 revision to the IDEA regulations allowing parents to revoke their consent to the provision of special education and related services for their child is loaded with landmines for school districts. What new language is required in a prior written notice? Does your child-find obligation continue? What happens if the parents change their minds and want an immediate resumption of services? Join Jose Martin in exploring the regulation, the Education Department's commentary and recent cases on this important topic that will affect virtually every district.

Conference Program

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Section 504 Eligibility: Keeping Current With Cases, Trends and the ADA/AA

*Julie Weatherly, Resolutions in Special
Education Inc., Mobile, Ala.*

This critical session gives you up-to-date analysis of all the latest issues in determining eligibility for services under Section 504. Julie Weatherly analyzes the key cases and OCR Letters of Findings and, of course, examines the most recent guidance concerning the ADA Amendments Act and its potential effect on students' Section 504 eligibility. She also shares successful strategies to avoid eligibility challenges, from updating your district's eligibility form and providing proper notice to drafting an appropriate accommodation plan.

4 - 5 p.m.

Restraints, Seclusion and Other Aversives: Key Issues and Emerging Legal Trends

*Jim Walsh, Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge &
Gallegos, PC, Austin, Texas*

Jim Walsh examines relevant IDEA regulations, OSEP interpretations, OCR Letters of Findings, case law and state regulations addressing such issues as physical restraints, seclusion without services, and IEP behavioral techniques that may be viewed as aversive. Jim offers an insightful look at one of the most controversial areas of special education, providing a useful guide to understanding the rules and helping you answer your district's most difficult questions concerning the use of aversives.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Autism and LRE: What the Courts Are Telling Us

*Julie Weatherly, Resolutions in Special
Education Inc., Mobile, Ala.*

Julie Weatherly details emerging trends in case law concerning inclusion for students with autism versus students with other disabilities, so you'll be prepared for your next autism case. Julie examines key decisions — including those in which courts and hearing officers have upheld a more restrictive setting for children with autism. She will focus on these children's complex needs, including intensive one-to-one instruction, and provide practical LRE guidance that you can take back to your clients.

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

60 Tips in 60 Minutes

*Howard J. Fullrost, Fagen Friedman &
Fullrost LLP, Los Angeles*

*Elena Gallegos, Walsh, Anderson, Brown,
Aldridge & Gallegos, P.C., Albuquerque, N.M.*

*Lindsay E. Jones, Council for Exceptional
Children, Arlington, Va.*

*Nancy Fredman Krent, Hodges, Loizzi,
Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, Chicago*

*Moderator: Julie J. Kline, Editorial Director,
Education Legal Products,
LRP Publications, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.*

In this fast-paced session, four nationally known attorneys give you take-home tips on how to handle IEP meetings, identification and evaluation, due process, and private placement issues, including how to proceed in unilateral placement cases in the wake of *Forest Grove*. Nowhere else can you get this much advice about special ed law in just one hour!

All the presentations are practical — focused on what we need to do to better serve our clients. I've recommended this conference to many of my peers.

*Karen Haase
Harding & Shultz, Lincoln, Neb.*

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Conference Program (cont.)

Tuesday, Jan. 26

12:45 - 2 p.m.

What Every Special Education Attorney Needs to Know About RTI

Nancy Fredman Krent, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Radick & Kohn, Chicago

To give sound legal advice, today's school attorney needs to fully understand how Response to Intervention fits with the IDEA. Nancy Fredman Krent explores such topics as: how RTI changes the concept of child-find, how it corresponds with requests for expedited evaluations, and how it spurs FAPE claims based on lack of scientific, research-based instruction. You'll also get strategies your clients can use in setting policies and procedures to avoid RTI-related litigation, plus lessons from the current court cases on this hot topic.

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Ethics II: Disclosures of Education Records: Resolving Legal and Ethical Dilemmas

Zvi Greismann, Montgomery County Schools, Rockville, Md.

Who is my client? What is the scope of my representation? Sometimes, seemingly easy questions don't have such easy answers. In this interactive problem-solving session, Zvi Greismann offers approaches that school attorneys can take to ethically resolve the most common challenges relating to the disclosure of education records to third parties. From access requests by noncustodial parents and new schools to social service agencies, hospitals and law enforcement officials, Zvi delivers a commonsense analysis of legal rules and ethical obligations.

Conference Information

4 Easy Ways to Register

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This conference is critical for anyone who practices in the field of special education law.

*Regina W. Tate
Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane
Quincy, Mass.*



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Fee includes attendance, continental breakfast and one set of symposium materials.

- \$250 Full day — *Dissecting IDEA and Section 504 Discipline Rules and Prehearing Preparation for the Successful Practitioner* (Both sessions, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; lunch on your own, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- \$155 *Dissecting IDEA and Section 504 Discipline Rules* (Martin, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)
- \$155 *Prehearing Preparation for the Successful Practitioner* (Gallegos, 1 - 4 p.m.)

Step 4: Conference Registration Fee includes attendance, networking breakfasts and opening session hors d'oeuvres, refreshment breaks and one set of conference materials.

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