

Surviving Due Process:

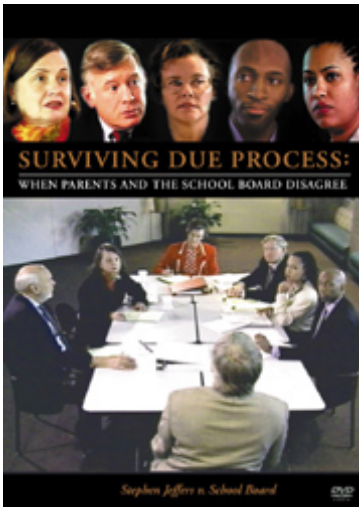
WHEN PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD DISAGREE

Stephen Jeffers v. School Board

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*Demystifies
special education
due process hearings*



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Surviving Due Process: Stephen Jeffers v. School Board takes you through a special education due process hearing, from initial preparations to testimony by the final witness.

- If you are a parent who has a dispute with the school, we urge you to use the ***Stephen Jeffers v. School Board*** DVD and our book, ***From Emotions to Advocacy***, as tools to help resolve your dispute.
- If you work with children with disabilities as an educator, related service provider, evaluator, or administrator, or you are curious about the mysterious "due process hearing," ***Stephen Jeffers v. School Board*** will give you an insider's view of what to expect.
- If you are an advocate or an attorney, ***Stephen Jeffers v. School Board*** is a "must watch" for your clients before they inadvertently damage their case, thinking they are "doing the right thing."
- You will learn how attorneys for parents and schools prepare for due process hearings. See exciting direct examination and dramatic cross-examination of witnesses objections and arguments between counsel, and rulings by the hearing officer. Learn about rules that must be followed, mistakes people make - and why the parents' case was nearly dismissed.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires that public schools provide a free, appropriate education to qualifying students with disabilities. If there is a disagreement between parents and their school district, either party may request a special education due process hearing.

Due Process DVD

Surviving Due Process: Stephen Jeffers v. School Board is based on an actual case about a young child with autism. With different evidence and witnesses, this could easily be a case about a child with a different disability or a different legal issue.

Surviving Due Process: When Parents and the School Board Disagree DVD has scene markers so you can easily skip to a scene that interests you. This feature makes it easy to use this DVD in training programs or classes. Scenes are listed below.

- The school board attorney and her paralegal begin to prepare the school board's case.
- The due process hearing begins; the parents' case may be dismissed.
- Stephen's parents search for an attorney to represent them.
- The parents meet with Pete Wright.
- The due process hearing resumes; the school board presents its case.
- The special education teacher testifies.
- The occupational therapist testifies.
- The director of special education testifies.
- The due process hearing continues; the parents present their case.
- The child psychologist testifies.
- The supervisor of Stephen's program testifies.
- The school principal testifies.
- Stephen's mother testifies.

The cast includes . . .

- Darrel Tiller Mason, Esq., attorney and former hearing officer
- Kathleen S. Mehfoud, Esq., school board attorney
- Peter W.D. Wright, Esq., parent attorney

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