

**PETER W. D. WRIGHT, ESQ.**  
ATTORNEY

Peter W. D. Wright was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. He majored in psychology. After graduation from college in 1968, he worked for several years in juvenile training schools, first as a houseparent and later as a counselor. Later, he worked as a juvenile probation officer, first in a suburb of Richmond, Virginia, and later in the ghettos and projects of the City of Richmond. In 1972, he was honored as Virginia's "Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year."

While employed in the juvenile justice system, Pete also attended evening college in a graduate psychology program at Virginia Commonwealth University where he completed thirty hours of coursework.

Since the early 1970's, Pete has been active with The Orton Dyslexia Society and the Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities, now known as LDAA. In the 1970's he presented papers about the relationship between learning disabilities and juvenile delinquency at the national conferences of both organizations.

As an attorney, Pete continues to be involved in the field of special education. He has spoken at the annual national conferences of many associations on "How To Secure an Appropriate Special Education for Your Child and Avoid Due Process." He has presented a number of continuing legal education seminars in different states to attorneys in regard to the representation of special education children.

On October 6, 1993, Pete returned to his hometown, where he gave oral argument in *Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter*, 510 U.S. 7 (1993) before the United States Supreme Court. Thirty-four days later, the Court found for his client, Shannon Carter, in a unanimous landmark decision.

Since then, he and his wife have developed the "wrightslaw" special education law and advocacy website. It is the top ranked website in regard to special education advocacy for children with disabilities. He and his wife have also published the best selling special education law books entitled *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*. They have an online newsletter with over 35,000 subscribers. He is on the Board of the national Council of Parents Attorneys, and Advocates, a special education association of parents, attorneys, and advocates and a member of Advisory Boards and Boards of Director for numerous disability related organizations.

**PAMELA DARR WRIGHT, M.A., M. S. W.**  
LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

**Pamela Wright** is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families for more than 30 years. Her training and experience in clinical psychology and clinical social work give her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems, and solutions. She sees clients in mental health centers, family guidance and psychiatric clinics, correctional institutions, hospitals, and schools.

Pam Wright earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from East Carolina University. For ten years, she worked as a clinical psychologist in North Carolina. She returned to graduate school and in 1985, earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, graduating *summa cum laude*. She has received many honors and awards during her academic career and is listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. In addition to being the primary author of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law*, and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*, and designer of the wrightslaw dot com site, she has written numerous articles about raising, educating and advocating for children with disabilities.