

The Up Side of Downs of Greater Cleveland  
proudly presents

# Wrightslaw

## Special Education Law and Advocacy Training

featuring

Pete Wright, Esq. & Pam Wright, M.A., M.S.W.

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (registration opens at 8:00 a.m.)

Marriott Airport Hotel  
4277 West 150th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

### Testimonials

"The Wrightslaw Special Education Law Seminar in Michigan was a tremendously rewarding experience and will forever change our practice." - Attorney Bryan I. Eder, Esq., Chudnof & Eder, PLC

"What a marvelous conference! I often leave sped presentations angry and/or guilty because of all the things that were done or not done. This time I left encouraged, inspired and armed!" - Melissa, advocate from Maryland

"Between what I learned in the seminar and the Wrights' books, I understand the 'do's, and don'ts for parents and school personnel. I implemented suggestions from the program with very positive results." - Rebecca, parent from Ohio

"Parents will always be catalysts for education reform. Wrightslaw's mission is to provide parents, advocates, educators, and attorneys with accurate up-to-date information about special education law and advocacy so they can be effective catalysts."

Wrightslaw provides ([www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)):

- Information for parents about their rights and responsibilities
- Information for teachers about training to meet the needs of their students
- Information for advocates about laws, regulations, and advocacy strategies
- Information for attorneys who need cases, pleadings, and tactics and strategies

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This conference is not disability specific. It is designed to meet the needs of parents, advocates, attorneys, educators, health care providers, and others who represent the interests of children with special education needs and their families.

The conference will focus on special education law rights and responsibilities; tests and measurements to measure progress and regression; SMART IEP's; and an introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy.

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### REGISTRATION

Your registration fee includes two books - Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004 and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, continental breakfast, refreshments & snacks at breaks, lunch, certificate of attendance, and free parking.

#### **Early Bird: (Received by August 1)**

Parent: \$85.00

Parent Couple (one set of books, two lunches):  
\$125.00

Professional/Attorney: \$115.00

#### **Registrations Received after August 1**

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## Note: CEUs and CLEs pending DAY'S AGENDA

8:00-9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:30	IDEA 2004 "Special Education Law, Rights, & Responsibilities"
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	IDEA 2004 (cont'd) Tests & Measurements to Measure Progress and Regression"
12:00-1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00-2:30	"SMART IEPs"
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:00	Tactics and Strategies for Effective Advocacy
4:00-4:30	Questions and Answers

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Directions to Cleveland Airport Marriott can be found at [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com) or call 1-216-252-5333 or 1-800-228-9290
- For more information on the conference call (440) 478-8708 or email [usodprograms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usodprograms@sbcglobal.net)
- **Child care is not available**
- All checks or purchase orders should be made payable to the **Up Side of Downs of Greater Cleveland**
- **No Refunds after October 1, 2006**
- Certificates of Attendance will be given out to attendees after the conference
- Hotel room reduced rates are pending

**DON'T MISS OUT!! REGISTER EARLY!**

**Early Bird Special Deadline: August 1, 2006**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

More forms can be downloaded at [www.theupsideofdowns.org](http://www.theupsideofdowns.org)

**Online Registration:** Register online at [www.theupsideofdowns.org](http://www.theupsideofdowns.org). Credit card payment accepted online through Paypal only.

**By Mail:** Please fill in the information form and send it with your check or purchase order to:  
**Gina Mitchner, 505 Wilmington Dr., Broadview Hts., OH 44147**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

I am a:  Parent  Family Member  Attorney  Self Advocate  Professional  
 Service Provider  other: (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE** (check one of the following):

Early Bird: Postmarked by August 1, 2006

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**About Up Side of Downs of Greater Cleveland**

Our mission is to provide support, advocacy, education, and resources for people with Down syndrome, their families and communities. The Up Side of Downs is committed to building a community where people with Down syndrome are independent and have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

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**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.