

### One-day Special Education Law & Advocacy Seminar

This special education law and advocacy program will focus on four areas:

- special education law, rights and responsibilities
- tests and measurements to measure progress & regression
- SMART IEPs
- introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

Your registration fee includes two books— Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition, (Retail: \$29.95) and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition. (Retail: \$19.95) Presenter: Pete Wright.

"What a marvelous conference! I often leave special ed presentations angry and/or guilty because of all the things that were done or not done. This time I left encouraged. inspired and armed!"



The Autism Society is a non profit 501c3 whose mission is to improve the quality of life of individuals with autism and their families through education, advocacy and support.

#### Schedule

8:00-9:00 Registration and Refreshments

9:00-10:30 Introductions

- · IDEA History and Overview
- · Section 1400 Findings, Purpose
- Section 1401 Definitions: Special Education, Related Services, LD. etc.
- Section 1412 Extended School Year, Child Find, Least Restrictive Environment/Mainstreaming/Inclusion, Private Placements. Statewide Assessments

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00

- Understanding Tests and Measurements, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent
- · Section 1414(a) Evaluations and Re-Evaluations
- Section 1414(d) IEPs, Present Levels of Performance, Goals and Objectives

12:00-1:00

1:00-2:30

Lunch

- Section 1415 Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal, Discipline, Age of Majority
- · Section 504, ADA, FERPA
- NCLB No Child Left Behind
- · Litigation: Special Ed Case Law
- · S.M.A.R.T. IEPs
- Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate, and Parent's Attorney
- Legal, systemic and "school culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA-04
- · The Parent as the Special Ed Manager and Expert
- 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
- · Crisis, Emergency, Help
- · Organization of the Child's File

2:30-2:45

2:45-4:00

- 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

Break

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# Seminar will be held at: First Baptist Church Montgomery

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### **About Wrightslaw...**

Wrightslaw Special Education and Advocacy Conference, a Wrightslaw training program with Pete Wright, is being brought to you by The Autism Society of Alabama.

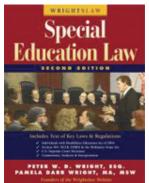
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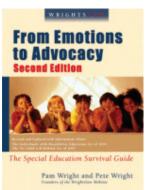
Please visit www.wrightslaw.com for more information about this conference and other Wrightslaw programs.



Individuals attending this seminar will be prepared to advocate for their children with developmental and physical disabilities. We invite anyone who is interested in learning effective methods of advocacy to attend this full day seminar.

Registration includes morning refreshments and lunch, along with Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition (\$50.00 combined retail value).





## **CEU** and **CLE** certificates are available.

For questions and registration information please contact:
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