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Special Education Law and Advocacy Boot Camp

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Wednesday, November 19, 2008
Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ramada Plaza Hotel
400 Second Avenue SW
Charleston, WV

Program Description

Two-day special education law and advocacy conference designed to meet the needs of:

- **Parents**
- **Educators**
- **Advocates and Attorneys**
- **Social workers**
- **Service providers**

The boot camp focuses on these areas:

- **special education statutes and regulations**
- **tests and measurements of progression & regression**
- **SMART IEPs**
- **Creating paper trails & effective letter writing**
- **Advocacy strategies**



PETER W. D. WRIGHT, ESQ.
ATTORNEY

Pete Wright is a nationally recognized attorney who represents children with special educational needs. A graduate of T. C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond, Pete has practiced special education law since the 1970s. In 1993, he successfully represented Shannon Carter before the US Supreme Court in *Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter*, 510 U.S. 7 (1993).



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

Pam Wright is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families since the early 1970s. Pam Wright earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from East Carolina University, and a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her training and experience in clinical psychology and clinical social work give her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems, and solutions.

Pete and Pam are the authors of several books including:
Wrightslaw: Special Education Law; Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy; Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind; Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004

They are the founders of [Wrightslaw](http://Wrightslaw.com), the #1 ranked website about education law, special education law, and special education advocacy. (Alexa rankings)

Agenda:

Time	Day 1: Special Education Laws
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Introductions, Agenda Pre-test; Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA-97) and the Reauthorized IDEA of 2004
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Morning Break
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	IDEA (cont'd) Section 1400: Findings & Purposes; Section 1401: Definitions; Section 1412: "Catchall Statute" – Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), ESY, Notice, Statewide Assessments Review
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided)
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Measuring Progress: Tests & Measurements & The Bell Curve Demo: How to Chart Test Scores; Section 1414: Evaluations, Consent; Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Afternoon Break (Refreshments provided)
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Section 1415: Procedural Safeguards – Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearings, Appeal, Discipline; Section 504: Discrimination, Retaliation, Damages Review and Homework Assignment
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Questions and Answers
Time	Day 2: SMART IEPs, NCLB, Advocacy Strategies
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Review: Law, Tests & Measurements, Bell Curve; No Child Left Behind: Reading, Research Based Instruction; Highly Qualified Teachers, Paraprofessionals; Parent "Right to Know"; SMART IEPs
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Morning Break
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	SMART IEPs (cont'd)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided)
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Advocacy Strategies, Crisis Management; Emotions, Conflict Obstacles to Successful Advocacy; School Culture; Rule of Adverse Assumptions
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Afternoon Break (Refreshments provided)
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Advocacy Strategies (cont'd); Hazards of Litigation & Outcome Prediction; Comprehensive Evaluations; Negotiating; Paper Trails & Letters; School Meetings: Preparation and Survival Strategies
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Questions and Answers

Accommodations:

West Virginia Advocates has made arrangements for reduced room rates at the <u>Ramada Plaza</u> .	
400 Second Avenue SW Charleston, WV 25303 Front Desk: (304) 744-4641 Website: www.RamadaCharleston.net	\$79.00/night + TAX Free Parking Hot Breakfast included
You are responsible for reserving your own room. When making your reservations, use the group code WRIGHTSLAW for the reduced rate. Reduced rate guaranteed only until October 18th .	

NOTE: Please contact WVA at 1-800-950-5250 or email sgiven@wvadvocates.org if you have questions or:

- Are a person with a disability or a family member of a person with a disability and need financial assistance to attend. *Availability of stipends pending approval – Contact Susan Given for more information.*
- Require sign language interpretation
- Are a person with a disability and require specific accommodations



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Registration Form:

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____@_____

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Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____@_____

Registration Fees	Regular Registration (On or before 10/31/08)	Late Registration (11/01/08 – 11/19/08)	Number Attending	TOTAL
Family Member	\$100	\$120		
2 Members from Same Household*	\$150	\$170		
Professional (credits included)	\$150	\$170		
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES:				

*Will receive 1 (one) set of books.

Continental breakfast, hot lunch, and afternoon refreshments provided on both days for each registrant.

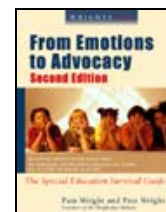
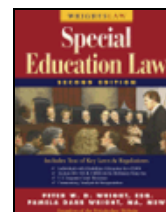
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Registrants will also receive two books, valued at \$50:

- Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition
- Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition

and a copy of WV Department of Education's special education manual:

- Policy 2419: Regulations for the Education of Students with Exceptionalities



CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (1.2 CEUs for Educators; 12 CEUs for Social Workers; 12 CLEs for Attorneys) – At this time, credits are pending.

To register by mail: Send completed registration form and payment (CHECK or MONEY ORDER) to:

West Virginia Advocates, Inc. (WVA)
ATTN: Wrightslaw Conference
1207 Quarrier Street – Fourth Floor
Charleston, WV 25301

To register online: Visit www.wvadvocates.org



To register by phone: Call 1-800-950-5250



Directions to Ramada Plaza in Charleston, WV:

From the North: I-77S/I-79S to I-64West toward Huntington, go 4 miles to Exit 56—Montrose Drive Exit, go right at light and get into the extreme right lane—bear to the right again, following Cloverleaf which will merge onto 2nd Avenue—go straight and the Ramada will be one block on your left.

From the South: I-77N to I-64West, go 3 miles to Exit 56—Montrose Drive Exit, go right at light and get into the extreme right lane—bear to the right again, following Cloverleaf which will merge onto 2nd Avenue—go straight and the Ramada will be one block on your left.

From the East: I-64 West towards Huntington, take Exit 56—Montrose Drive Exit, go right at light and get into the extreme right lane—bear to the right again, following Cloverleaf which will merge onto 2nd Avenue—go straight and the Ramada will be one block on your left.

From Yeager Airport: Take exit to airport and follow road. It will turn into Greenbrier street at intersection, stay right at intersection and follow the signs for downtown Charleston. Take I-77N/I-64West until the two interstates split. Follow I-64, go 3 miles to Exit 56—Montrose Drive Exit, go right at light and get into the extreme right lane—bear to the right again, following Cloverleaf which will merge onto 2nd Avenue—go straight and the Ramada will be one block on your left.



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