



Wrightslaw **One Day Special Education Law and Advocacy Seminar**

March 19, 2008

The Comfort Inn, Bowie, Maryland

The Wrightslaw Seminar works to provide accurate, up-to-date information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities. The purpose is to educate and inform parents, advocates, attorneys, educators, health care providers, and others who represent the interests of children with disabilities and their families. The training will cover four areas:

- An overview of special education law, rights and responsibilities
- Tests and measurements of progress and regression
- SMART IEPs
- Introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy

One-day special education law and advocacy program designed to meet the needs of:

- Parents
- Educators
- Attorneys and advocates
- Health care professionals

Keynote Speaker: Pete Wright

Pete Wright is co-founder of Wrightslaw and is an attorney who represents children with special education needs. Pete's determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences. On October 6, 1993, Pete gave oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Florence County District Four vs. Shannon Carter* (510 U.S. 7 [1993]). Thirty-four days later, the court issued a unanimous decision for Shannon Carter. He is the co-author of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* (1999), *Wrightslaw: No Child Left behind* (2003), *Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004* (2005), and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition* (2005).



Registration Fees (Early Bird Registration fees for registration before 02/15/09)

\$90 per person / \$140 per couple (couple rate includes 2 books to share)

\$140 per professional

Registration Costs Includes 2 Wrightslaw Books: Wrightslaw Special Education Law, 2nd Edition, and From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition

For More Information

Contact us at 1-800-394-5694 or e-mail Missy Alexander at missy@ppd.org

Conference Accommodations:

Comfort Inn Conference Center

4500 Crain Hwy

Bowie, MD, US, 20716

Phone: (301) 464-0089

Fax: (301) 805-5563

Room Rate: \$125/night plus taxes. Remember to mention the "Wrightslaw Conference" when you make reservations to get the group discount.

Directions to Hotel:

From Washington, D.C.

Take Route 50 East towards Annapolis

Take Exit 13A to Route 301 South towards Richmond (hotel is on your right)

Make right onto Harbor Way at first traffic light on 301 South

Make immediate right onto Frontage Road

Hotel is at the end of Frontage Road

From Annapolis

Take Route 50 West towards Bowie/Washington, D.C.

Take Exit 13A to Route 301 South towards Richmond (hotel is on your right)

Make right onto Harbor Way at first traffic light on 301 South

Make immediate right onto Frontage Road

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From Baltimore

Take I-97 South towards Annapolis/Bay Bridge

Exit onto MD 3 South, Crain Highway towards Bowie/Odenton

Go approximately 10 miles

Make right onto Harbor Way at first traffic light after passing under Route 50

Make immediate right onto Frontage Road

Hotel is at the end of Frontage Road



Conference Agenda

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:30	<p>Introductions & Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) • Findings and Purposes • Definitions • "Catchall Statute" - Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) • 10-day Notice, State Assessments, Accommodations
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	<p>IDEA 2004 (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluations • Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs) • Procedural Safeguards • Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	<p>Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 504 • No Child Left Behind Act • Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve (review) • SMART IEPs • Advocacy Strategies - Rule of Adverse Assumptions & Crisis Management
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:00	<p>Advocacy Strategies (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict • Obstacles to Effective Advocacy • Negotiating • Organizing the File • Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluation • Letters & Paper Trails • School Meetings: Preparation & Survival Strategies
4:00-4:30	Questions and Answers




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Location: Comfort Inn, Bowie Maryland

Registration Form

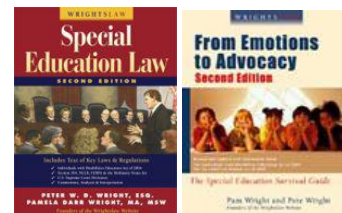
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Registration Fees	On or before 2/15/2008	After 2/15/2008	Number Attending	Total
Parent	\$90	\$100		
Couple (same family)*	\$140	\$150		
Professional	\$140	\$150		
Total registration fees				

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

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

*Couples will receive 1 set of books.



To register by mail:

Send name, organization name, mailing address, and attendees along with payment to:

WrightsLaw Conference
 The Parents' Place of Maryland
 801 Cromwell Park Drive, Suite 103
 Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

To register online: Visit www.ppmd2.org

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