

## ABOUT

### PETE AND PAM WRIGHT

**Pete Wright** is an attorney who represents children with special needs. Pete struggled with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. His determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences.

**Pam Wright** is a psychotherapist with training in psychology and clinical social work. She is editor of *The Special Ed Advocate*.



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Present:

## Peter and Pam Wright Wrightslaw- Special Education Law



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**November 12, 6pm-9:45pm**  
**November 13, 9am-4:30pm**  
**2004**



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# Mini Boot Camp Advocacy Training Seminar

## Friday November 12, 2004

6:30 - 8:00 pm

**IDEA 2003** Present Legislative Status - changes - what to expect

**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

8:00 - 8:15 pm **Break**

8:15 - 9:45 pm

*Understanding Tests and Measurements*, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent Demonstration:

Use of PowerPoint and Excel in Advocacy

**S.M.A.R.T. IEPs**

**Section 1414(a)** Evaluations and Re-Evaluations

**Section 1414(d)** Individualized Educational Programs, Present Levels of Performance, Goals and Objectives

9:45 End of first day

**This workshop is not disability specific. Educators and parents are highly urged to attend.**

**If you are a person with a disability** and require any auxiliary aids, services, or other accommodations for this workshop, please discuss your accommodation needs with Tracy Gravely by calling 804-355-0300. Requests after October 16, 2003 can not be guaranteed.

**Refund policy:** Requests for refunds or prepaid enrollments are honored if they are received before November 1, 2004. There will be a \$15 processing fee for cancellations: **However, substitutions are accepted at any time.**

## Saturday, November 13, 2004

9:00 - 10:30 **Section 1415**

Prior Written Notice, Procedural

Safeguards Notice, Mediation,

Due Process Hearing, Appeal,

Discipline, Age of Majority

**Other Statutes:** Section 504, ADA, FERPA Caselaw and Recent Legal Developments, NCD Report

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**NCLB- No Child Left Behind**

**Litigation: Special Ed Caselaw**

Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate, and Parent's Attorney. Legal, systemic and "school culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA-97

**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

10:30-10:45 **Break**

10:45 - 12:00 **The Parent as the Special Ed Manager and Expert, continued**

Crisis, Emergency, Help

Organization of the Child's File

Tactics and Strategies

Overview

Rule of Adverse Assumptions

Private Evaluations

Paper Trails

The Letter to the Stranger

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00: - 2:30 **Tactics and Strategies - continued**

The Letter to the Stranger - examples

5 Ws + H + E

Preparation for Meetings

Meeting Strategies

**QUIZ**

2:30 - 2:45 **Break**

2:45 - 3:45 **Tactics and Strategies - continued**

Picking Your Battles

Marketing and Selling

**Case Law and Tactics**

**In Summation**

**QUIZ Results**

3:45 - 4:30 **Questions and Answers**

## Wrightslaw Registration Form

All participants will receive copies of the books:

**Wrightslaw: Special Education Law**

**Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy (FETA)**

**Virginia Special Education Regulations**

**Evening refreshment, Continental Breakfast and lunch is included.**

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**We CANNOT give a discount for a book you may already own. Please donate any extra copies you may have to your public library or Parent Resource Center.**

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