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On Monday, August 16, 1999, Wrightslaw: Special Education Law was shipped out by Priority Mail. If you placed an order for the book, you should receive your copy (or copies) within the next few days.

#### WHAT MAKES WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW DIFFERENT?

If you are the parent, family member or friend of a child with a disability, you need to understand the child's right to a free appropriate education (FAPE), and the rights and responsibilities of parents and schools.

You need to know what the law says about evaluations, reevaluations, independent evaluations, eligibility and placement decisions, IEP requirements, IEP teams, IEP meetings, mainstreaming, inclusion, least restrictive environment, discipline, suspensions, and expulsions, mediation, due process hearings, confidentiality, and other hot topics.

If you are confused about special education,

**YOU CAN LOOK IT UP!**

If you are like many teachers and service providers to children with disabilities, you've received confusing and conflicting information about the special education laws. This information may be inaccurate or incomplete. If you are confused about special education,

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**WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW** is a reference that includes the text of the special education laws and regulations:

- \* The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997
- \* Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- \* Family Educational Records and Privacy Act
- \* U. S. Supreme Court Decisions
- \* Analysis & Interpretation

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**\*\* SPECIAL FEATURES \*\***

When we designed **WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW**, we added several features to make the book easier to use.

**\*\* THE BOOK STAYS OPEN! \*\***

One of the minor irritations of life is doing research using a book that won't stay open. Some books close s-l-o-w-l-y. Other books snap shut. To keep these books open, you have to put weights on both sides. WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW is specially-bound so when you open it, it lays flat!

**\*\* ROOM FOR YOUR NOTES \*\***

When you use a legal reference, you need to add notes and commentary. WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW was designed with more "white space" in the statute sections so you have room for your notes.

**\*\* A STRONG, STURDY BOOK \*\***

You've heard the saying, "You can't judge a book by it's cover." Maybe you can. The cover of WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW is made of extra-heavy stock – and the cover is laminated. The book is strong and sturdy. (We also had the printer shrink-wrap the books so they won't get scuffed or scratched during shipping.)

**\*\* EASY TO FIND, HARD TO LOSE \*\***

Our office contains thousands of books so it's often hard to find the book you need. WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW is easy to find – and hard to lose. To see why, check out the new picture of the book cover on the announcement page at

[http://www.wrightslaw.com/bkstore/ourbooks/Law\\_Book\\_Announce\\_99\\_0712.htm](http://www.wrightslaw.com/bkstore/ourbooks/Law_Book_Announce_99_0712.htm)

#### THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

On July 12, 1999, at 3:41 p.m., we sent out a NEWS RELEASE - FOR NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS ONLY:

"Our new book, WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW is at the printer and will be available in the middle of August. As a newsletter subscriber, you are learning about this first, before we post an announcement and link on the website."

We didn't know what to expect. We were anxious. What happened next left us in a state of shock.

Within minutes, Claire Wellspeak of Annapolis, Maryland placed the first order for WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW. Claire used the secure Internet store to place her order.

Within minutes, orders came in from New York, California and Texas – and continued through the evening at a rate of one book a minute. Disabilities organizations sent bulk orders for up to 100 books. Our anxiety began to drop.

Our feelings of relief were short-lived. What if the printer messed up the books? What if the books were delayed?

The first shipment of books arrived on Friday night. Another shipment is due today. WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW is beautiful!

Yesterday, we called Claire to tell her that she had placed the first order for WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW and that her book would ship out today. We talked with Claire for a long time.

Claire told us that she has a son with a disability. "After reading your newsletters and the articles on your web site, I realized - for the first time - that my son has a right to a free appropriate education."

"For two years, the school had refused to provide any services. They acted like they were doing me a favor when I asked to meet with them. And although they evaluated my son, they wouldn't tell me his diagnosis or what he needed."

"And I was completely intimidated."

"When the special ed regs came out in March, you had them up right away. I printed the regs from the Wrightslaw site, read them, and took them to the next meeting. I was surprised that the school people didn't have the regs and didn't know what they said."

"Now, I know they are required to provide my son with a free appropriate education. This is the law. I'm not intimidated anymore. I can stand my ground."

Claire said she reads "every word" of The Special Ed Advocate newsletter.

We didn't tell Claire last night, but we are sending her a WRIGHTSLAW T-SHIRT by separate mailing. Surprise!

THANKS FROM PETE & PAM WRIGHT

Hundreds of people placed orders for WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW before the book was a reality. To order a book under these circumstances was an act of faith. Thank you for your confidence in us.

NEW WAYS TO ORDER

For faster service, you can use your credit card and our toll-free numbers. You can also order on our secure internet store.

24 Hour Fax Orders (Toll-free): 800-863-5348.

24 Hour Internet Orders: To order on our secure Internet store, go to

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/store/index.html>

Toll-Free Phone Orders: Call 877 LAW IDEA (877 529-4332) between 9:00 am and 5 pm, Eastern Time.

Mail Orders: Complete the Order Form and send with your check or credit card information to:

Harbor House Law Press  
P. O. Box 480  
Hartfield, VA 23071

Complete ordering information is at - <http://www.wrightslaw.com/bkstore/ourbooks/Orderform.html>

IF YOU PLACED AN ORDER, WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are working with Harbor House Law Press to analyze shipping methods. If you ordered WRIGHTSLAW, you should receive your books within the next few days.

After you receive your order, please e mail the answers to 3 questions about your order to [zipcode@harborhouselaw.com](mailto:zipcode@harborhouselaw.com)

1. Date Package Postmarked:

2. Date Book Delivered:

3. Your City, State and Zip Code

With this data, Harbor House Law Press will be able to analyze shipping options and times to different parts of the country. Thanks!

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