

Wrightslaw: Special Education Law and Advocacy
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Schedule	Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Grand Royale Events Center, Decatur, Georgia 30035	Time
9:00 - 10:15	IDEA IDEA History, Book Overview, US Supreme Ct Cases Section 1400 Findings, Purpose Section 1401 Definitions: Disability, Special Education, Related Services, LD, etc. Ethics: GA Rule 1.2 + 1.4: Client is child or parent? Communication?	1.25
10:15 - 10:30	Review of "A Lawyer's Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism" distributed to all attorneys at registration	.25
10:30-10:45	Break	.25
10:45 - 12:00	Section 1412 ESY, Child Find, LRE, Private Placements Understanding Tests and Measurements, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent Determining progress v. regression using Bar Graphs	1.25
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	1.0
1:00 - 2:30	Section 1414 Evaluations and IEPs Section 1415 Due Process, Rules of Procedure, Discipline Ethics: GA Rules 3.1 - 3.4: Meritorious claims, expediting litigation/resolution, candor and fairness toward the ALJ, opposing party and counsel. Section 504, ADA, FERPA, ESSA Episodic Conditions, Allergies, Epilepsy, etc. Recent Cases + OCR, USDOJ Common Issues: Developing the Master Plan Knowing the Rules of the Game Recognizing and Avoiding the Fatal Obstacles Crisis, Emergency, Help Organization of the Child's File	1.5
2:30 - 2:45	Break	.25
2:45 - 3:45	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	1.0
3:45 - 4:00	Professionalism: Avoid frivolous claims, reduce emotional responses, increase civility, avoid delays and seek agreements on procedural issues.	.25
4:00 - 4:30	Questions and Answers	0.5