

# SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND ADVOCACY

## Wrightslaw Training Program



PRESENTED BY PETER WRIGHT, ESQ.

This program focuses on special education law and advocacy. It is designed for parents, advocates, attorneys, educators, health care providers, and others who represent the interests of children with disabilities and their families.

Renowned special education attorney, Peter Wright, Esq. will provide attendees with essential information about special education law, rights and responsibilities; tests and measurements to measure progress and regression; smart IEPs and an introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy.

*Please note: You do not need to attend the WSA Convention to attend the program. You must be an adult to register, and no child care will be provided.*

### About Pete Wright, Esq.



Pete Wright began advocating for children with special needs in 1978 after being admitted to the Virginia State Bar. Diagnosed with dyslexia, dysgraphia, and ADHD as a child, Pete turned his personal experiences into a lifelong mission to help children grow beyond their educational challenges.

A graduate of Randolph-Macon College with a degree in Psychology, Pete worked as a counselor and Juvenile Probation Officer before becoming a nationally recognized education and disability rights attorney.

In 1993, Pete argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark special education case *Shannon Carter v. Florence County School District IV*, resulting in a unanimous decision for his client. He later assisted the National Council on Disability in preparing the “Folly’s Page” brief submitted to the Court in *Schaffer v. Weast*.

Pete has trained thousands of attorneys, advocates, and educators across the country on civil rights, IDEA, Section 504, ADA, and special education law. Together with Pam Wright, he co-founded Wrightslaw, one of the nation’s leading resources for special education advocacy and education law.

*To learn more about Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy, please visit: [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)*

**TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026**  
**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

WSA Convention  
Buffalo Convention Center  
153 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York

### Admission Fee:

Non-Convention Attendee: \$125  
Additional Guest: \$75

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Convention Attendee: \$75  
Additional Guest: \$35

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### Admission Fee Includes:

- 3 Books (Print+PDF, \$113.60 Value)

*Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 3rd Edition*

*Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition*

*Wrightslaw: All About IEPs*

- Wrightslaw highlighter pen

NOTE: if registering an additional adult, you will share single set of books & pen.



# Wrightslaw Training Program Agenda



## REGISTRATION 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

### 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

- IDEA History, Book Overview
- Section 1400 / Findings, Purpose
- Section 1401 / Definitions: Disability, Special Education, Related Services, LD, Etc.

## BREAK 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

### 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

- Section 1412 / ESY, Child Find, LRE, Private Placements
- Understanding Test Data with Bell Curve

## LUNCH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

### 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

- Section 1414 / Evaluations and IEPs
- Section 1415 / Due Process, Rules of Procedure, Discipline
- Section 504 / ADA, FERPA, ESSA, OCR, USDOJ
- Legal Research / How to Find Cases
- Endrew F. and Fry, SCOTUS and Other Recent Cases

## BREAK 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

- From Emotions to Advocacy
- Developing the Master Plan
- Knowing the Rules of the Game
- Dealing with Conflict
- Crisis, Emergency, Help
- Organization of the File
- SMART IEPs
- Tactics and Strategies
- The Letter to the Stranger
- 5 Ws + H + E
- Meeting Strategies

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM