

**Pete Wright** is an attorney who represents children with special educational needs. His advocacy grew out of his personal educational experiences.

Pete represented Shannon Carter before the U. S. Supreme Court in [Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter](#), 510 U.S. 7 (1993) - the Court issued a [unanimous decision](#) on Shannon's behalf.

Pete 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](#) (2001, 2005)

He appeared as the parent's attorney in the award-winning DVD video, [Surviving Due Process: When Parents and the School Board Disagree - Stephen Jeffers v. School Board](#) (2004).

**Pam Wright** is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families since the early 1970's.

Her training and experience in clinical psychology and clinical social work give her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems, and solutions.

Pam has written extensively about raising, educating and advocating for children with disabilities.

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Pam is also the editor of [The Special Ed Advocate newsletter](#).



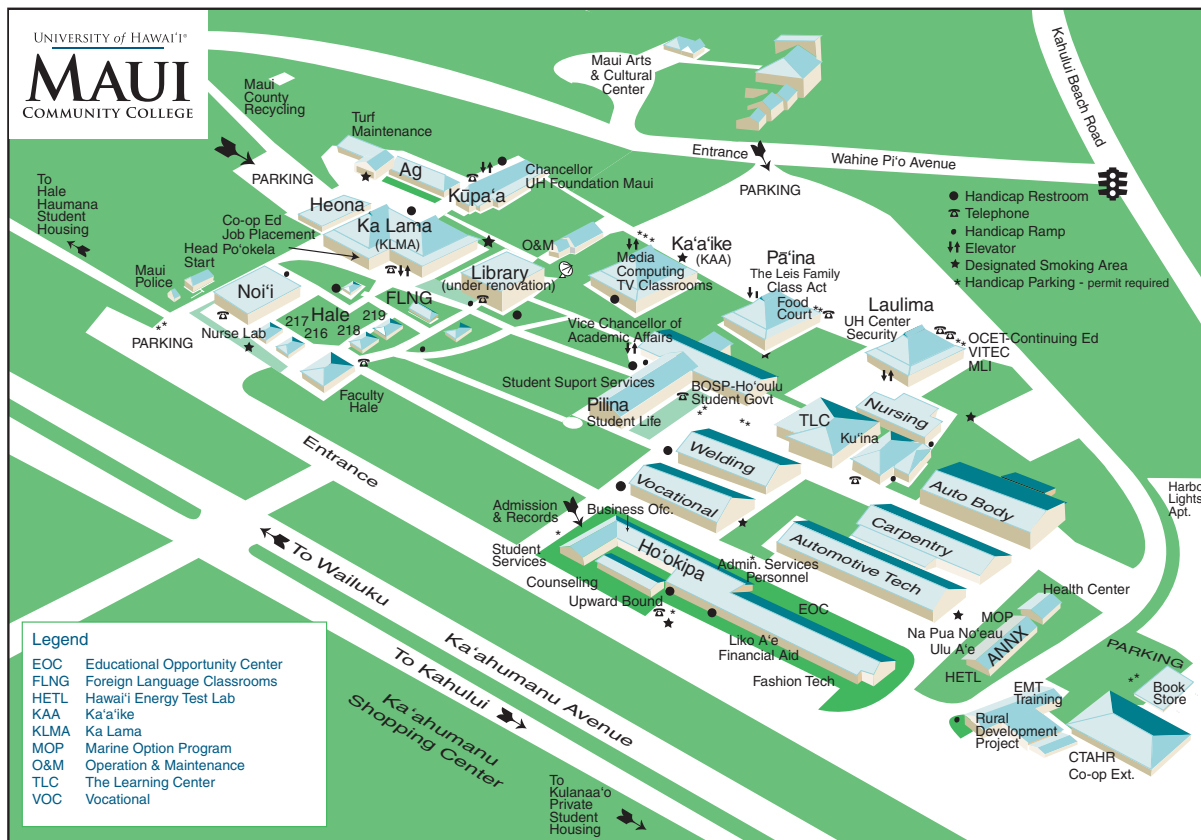
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## SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW & ADVOCACY BOOT CAMP

**MAY 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
2009**

[Wrightslaw programs](#) are designed to meet the needs of parents, advocates, educators, attorneys, and health care providers who represent children with disabilities.



**Day 1 Schedule**  
**Special Education Laws**

8:00-9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast  
 9:00-10:30 • Introductions, Agenda, Pre-test  
 • Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA of 2004)  
 10:30-10:45 Break  
 10:45-12:00 IDEA (cont'd)  
 • Section 1400: Findings and Purposes  
 • Section 1401: Definitions  
 • Section 1412: "Catchall Statute"- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), ESY, Notice, Statewide Assessments  
 Review  
 12:00-1:00 Lunch  
 1:00-2:30 • Measuring Progress: Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve  
 Demo: How to Chart Test Scores  
 • Section 1414: Evaluations, Consent  
 • Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)  
 2:30-2:45 Break  
 2:45-4:00 • Section 1415: Procedural Safeguards - Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearings, Appeal, Discipline  
 • Section 504: Discrimination, Retaliation, Damages  
 • Review and Homework Assignments  
 4:00-4:30 Questions and Answers

**Day 2 Schedule**  
**SMART IEPs, NCLB, Advocacy Strategies**

9:00-10:30 • Review: Law, Tests & Measurements, Bell Curve  
 • No Child Left Behind: Reading, Research Based Instruction  
 • Highly Qualified Teachers  
 • Paraprofessionals  
 • Parent "Right to Know"  
 SMART IEPs  
 10:30-10:45 Break  
 10:45-12:00 SMART IEPs (cont'd)  
 12:00-1:00 Lunch  
 1:00-2:30 Advocacy Strategies, Crisis Management  
 • Emotions, Conflict  
 • Obstacles to Successful Advocacy  
 • School Culture  
 • Rule of Adverse Assumptions  
 2:30-2:45 Break  
 2:45-4:00 Advocacy Strategies (cont'd)  
 • Hazards of Litigation & Outcome Prediction  
 • Comprehensive Evaluations  
 • Negotiating; Paper Trails & Letters  
 • School Meetings: Preparation & Survival Strategies  
 4:00-4:30 Questions and Answers

**Registration**

	<b>Regular</b> (Before 5/1/2009)	<b>Late</b> (On or after 5/1/2009)
Individual	\$125	\$150
Couple*	\$200	\$250

\*Couple (2 members from the same household)

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refreshments on both days.

Registrants will receive two books, valued at \$50  
 Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition  
 and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition.

Credits - 1.2 CEU's have been approved (12 Continuing education units). \$18

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