

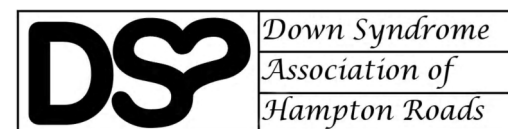
Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference

Presented by
Pete Wright, Esq.

March 31st, 2011
8:00 am-4:30 pm

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About the Conference

This conference is not disability specific. It is a 6 hour advocacy conference that will focus on:

- special education law rights and responsibilities
- tests and measurements to measure progress and regression
- SMART IEP's
- introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy.

The conference is designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates, and attorneys who represent children with disabilities.

Introducing Pete Wright, Esquire



Pete Wright is an attorney who represents children with special educational needs.

In second grade, Pete was diagnosed with learning disabilities including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. He was fortunate - his learning problems were identified early. His parents obtained intensive Orton-Gillingham remediation for him by Diana Hanbury King.

Pete's determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences.

While attending Randolph Macon College, Pete worked in a Juvenile Training School as a houseparent.

After graduation with a degree in Psychology, he worked in another Juvenile Training School as a counselor and later became a Juvenile Probation Officer in the Juvenile Court system. In 1972, he was honored as Virginia's "Juvenile Probation Office of the Year." During that same time, Pete was also attending evening college in a graduate psychology program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

In 1977, Pete graduated from T. C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond.

On October 6, 1993, Pete gave oral argument before the United States Supreme Court in *Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter*, 510 U.S. 7 (1993). Thirty-four days later, the Court issued a unanimous decision for Shannon Carter.

Pete is the co-author of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law (1999)*, *Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind (2003)*, *Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004, (2005)*, *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd edition (2005)* and *Wrightslaw: All About IEPs*.

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)*.

Pete and Pam Wright are Adjunct Professors of Law at the William and Mary Law School where they teach a course about special education law and advocacy and assist with the Law School's Special Education Law Clinic. They are the founders of Wrightslaw, the #1 ranked website about education law, special education law and special education advocacy.

The Special Ed Advocate is a free online newsletter about special education legal and advocacy topics. Subscribers learn about new cases, articles, seminars and training, special offers on books by Pete & Pam Wright, and other useful information about special education law and advocacy.

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Agenda

8:00-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Introductions

- IDEA History and Overview
- Section 1400 Findings, Purpose
- Section 1401 Definitions: Special Education, Related Services, LD, etc.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00

- Section 1412 Extended School Year, Child Find, Least Restrictive environment/Mainstreaming/Inclusion, Private Placements, Statewide Assessments
- Understanding Tests and Measurements, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30

- Section 1414 Evaluations and IEPs
- Section 1415 Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal, Discipline, Age of Majority
- Section 504, ADA, FERPA
- NCLB No Child Left Behind
- Litigation: Special Ed Caselaw
- S.M.A.R.T. IEPs
- Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate and Parent's Attorney
- Legal, systemic and "school culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA-04

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 Normal Event
- Crisis, Emergency, Help
- Organization of the Child's File

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45- 4:00

- Tactics and Strategies
- Ryke if Adverse Assumptions
- Private Evaluations
- Paper Trails
- The Letter to the Stranger
- 5 Ws + H + E
- Preparation for Meetings
- Meeting Strategies

4:00-4:30 Questions and Answers

Facility Information

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Directions:

From I-64 exit at #282, the "Northampton Blvd./Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel" exit. Get into left lane as soon as possible, and make a left at 2nd traffic light. That will be the parking lot.

About the DSAHR

The mission of the Down Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads is to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome, helping them to reach their full potential and become respected members of their community by providing family support, education, and social opportunities.

Established in 1981, the DSAHR is a not-for-profit organization serving the needs of individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The association is supported by a board of directors, an advisory board and dedicated volunteers. Our programs and services are supported by individual and corporate donations combined with annual fund raisers and special events.

For more information about the DSAHR go to www.dsahr.org or call (757)466-3696.

Registration Information

Fee includes:

- 3 Books (\$65 value): *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Ed.*, *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Ed.*, and *Wrightslaw: All About IEPs*
- Continental Breakfast
- Break Refreshments
- Lunch

Credits: .6 CEU's (continuing education units) and 6 CLE's (continuing legal education) credits are pending and will be available for an additional fee of \$10 when you register.

Scholarships: DSAHR members are encouraged to apply for an Education Mini-Grant to cover conference expenses. Go to www.dsahr.org/pages/resources.html

Registration Fee: \$75.00 per individual, \$85 per professional needing CEUs or CLEs, or \$100.00 per couple. Couples will receive one set of materials.

Refunds: Refunds will be provided up until two weeks prior to the conference date.

*Attendance is intended for adults only . No childcare will be provided.

*For more information or if you require special accommodations, contact Brook Markley through the DSHAR office by phone at (757)466-3696 or fax at (757)461-5375.



Registration Form

Space is limited. Registration must be received on or before March 18th. You can register on-line by credit card at www.dsahr.org or submit a check written to DSAHR and mail with this form to: DSAHR, 6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23502

Name (s) _____

Address _____

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Phone (other) _____

Email _____

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◇ Individual \$ 75.00

◇ Professional \$ 85.00
(requiring CEUs or CLEs)

◇ Couple \$ 100.00
(will receive one set of materials)

Amount enclosed: _____

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Signature(s) of attendee