



# NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

## 2018 SPRING CONFERENCES



### 2 Ways To Earn Your Stripes

#### **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 504 ACADEMY**

June 6, 2018  
Doubletree by  
Hilton Austin  
Austin, Texas

#### **17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP**

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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Now in its twelfth year, NELI's 504 Academy provides up-to-the-minute training for new and experienced 504 coordinators and any educator who works with students receiving 504 services. Experienced school law attorneys and educators will address topics such as the ABCs of discipline, determining eligibility for 504 services, documenting the implementation of the 504 plan, how to respond to an OCR complaint, and HB 1886 and changes to the dyslexia laws. All attendees of the 504 Academy earn 4.5 hours of CE and take home a booklet of materials from the presenters.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Are you ready to "earn your stripes" in the area of 504? If so, our training is designed for:

- 504 Coordinators
- Counselors
- Reading Specialists
- Diagnosticians
- 504 Personnel
- Principals/Administrators
- Special Programs Directors
- Special Education Directors
- School Psychologists
- General Education Teachers
- Dyslexia Teachers
- Behavior Specialists
- Superintendents

\* Each attendee will receive a packet of materials which includes a handout from each speaker.

## NELI PRODUCTS BRING THE TRAINING TO YOU

### NELI Desktop References

Choose from 3 new Desktop References! Each Desktop Reference is printed on both sides, laminated and puts the information you need at your fingertips. Our line of Desktop References includes:

- Section 504 Desktop Reference
- MDR for Special Education Desktop Reference
- Restraint & Timeout Desktop Reference

### NELI Folders

Each folder is designed to help educators keep track of the processes and procedures involved while tracking student progress and information. Folders available include:

- Student Accommodations Folders
- RTI Folders
- 504 Accountability Folders
- Dyslexia Folders

### The General Educator's Guide to Accommodations DVD (Includes 10 Accommodations Folders)

This DVD's realistic scenarios make the concepts easy to understand and follow and will help teachers ensure they are in compliance with federal and state laws regarding accommodations.

## 504 ACADEMY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

**8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 9:45 "Is Everybody Covered Under 504?": Determining Eligibility for 504 Services**

*Jose Martin - Richards, Lindsay & Martin, LLP*

**9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break**

**10:00 – 10:45 "Dotting the I's and Crossing the T's": Documenting Implementation of the 504 Plan**

*Matthew Tiffie - Austin Independent School District*

**10:45 – 11:30 "Phonics, Blending and Sight Words": HB 1886 and Changes to the Dyslexia Laws**

*Cindy Edwards - Education Consultant,*

*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own**

**1:00 – 1:45 "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?": How to Respond to an OCR Complaint**

*William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break**

**2:00 – 2:45 "Can I Bring my Service Squirrel to School?": Service Animals in the School Setting**

*Gigi Driscoll - Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo*

*& Kyle, P.C.*

**2:45 – 3:30 "You Can't Make Me, You Can't Make Me!": The ABCs of Discipline**

*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**3:30 – 3:45 Question and Answer Forum**

**3:45 Adjourn**

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# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP

JUNE 7 - 8, 2018 • AUSTIN, TEXAS

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

For almost two decades, school administrators and assessment personnel have been coming to the Assessment Boot Camp for useful and timely information on the legal issues pertaining to special education evaluation and programming. No drill sergeants here, just experienced attorneys and educational experts with great information on topics including TEA's proposed Corrective Action Plan and its impact on schools, how to create a plan for protecting students and staff when students become violent, the U.S. Department of Education's guidance on addressing campus sexual misconduct, understanding the requirements of the continuum of placements, and creating an effective general education behavior class for K-2. You'll earn 7.25 hours of CE for the Assessment Boot Camp.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Whether you're in special education, general education, or school administration, this conference is ideal training for:

- Educational Diagnosticians
- LSSPs/Counselors
- Special Education Directors
- Principals/Administrators
- 504 Personnel
- Special Education Personnel
- Behavior Specialists
- General Education Personnel
- Teachers
- Charter School Personnel
- Superintendents
- Assistant Superintendents
- School Board Members

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## DAY ONE: THURSDAY, JUNE 7

**8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 9:45 "This is Going to Hurt You More Than it Does Me": TEA's Proposed Corrective Action Plan and its Impact on Schools**

*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break**

**10:00 – 10:45 The Struggling Student: Successfully Using Response to Intervention for a Student to Make Meaningful Progress and Changes to the RTI Law Under SB1153**

*Denise Hays – Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.*

**10:45 – 11:30 When Students Become Violent: Creating a Plan for Protecting Students and Staff**

*Ylise Jannsen - Austin Independent School District*

**11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own**

**1:00 – 1:45 Sexual Harassment in the School Environment: The U.S. Department of Education's Guidance on Addressing Campus Sexual Misconduct**

*William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break**

**2:00 – 2:45 "We Only Have Inclusion": Understanding the Requirements of the Continuum of Placements**

*Jamie Turner – Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.*

**2:45 – 3:30 "How Does that Make You Feel?": Providing Counseling Services to Address Educational Needs**

*Paula Maddox Roalson – Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.*

**3:30 Adjourn**

## DAY TWO: FRIDAY, JUNE 8

**8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 - 10:15 "Is This a Goal? The Student Will Meet Two of the Three Objectives Listed Below": Creating Measurable Goals and Objectives**

*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**10:15 - 10:30 Morning Break**

**10:30 - 11:45 "I Will Not Bite the Teacher": Creating an Effective General Education Behavior Class for K-2**

*Ann Hughes, Ph. D. - Sanger ISD,  
Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

**11:45 - 12:00 Question and Answer Forum**

**12:00 Adjourn**



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# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

## LOCATION



**Doubletree by Hilton Austin**  
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BACK-TO-BACK IN  
SAME LOCATION!**

## 504 ACADEMY SPEAKERS

**CYNTHIA S. BUECHLER** is a partner in the law firm of Buechler & Associates, P.C. Ms. Buechler has been practicing disabilities law for over 30 years. Ms. Buechler is the C.E.O and Co-founder of the National Educators Law Institute.

**WILLIAM M. BUECHLER** is the managing partner at the law firm of Buechler & Associates, P.C. His practice emphasizes special education, Section 504, ADA, civil rights, and employment and administrative law issues. Mr. Buechler serves as managing director and Co-founder of the National Educators Law Institute.

**GIGI DRISCOLL** is an attorney with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C. and focuses her practice on special education and Section 504. Prior to practicing law, Gigi spent six years as a teacher and six years as an educational diagnostician. Ms. Driscoll is a frequent presenter and conducts training programs for districts throughout the state of Texas.

**CYNTHIA EDWARDS, M.Ed.** Is a national education consultant who provides support to states, districts, universities and

schools on issues related to school improvement, teacher preparation and literacy achievement. Ms. Edwards has over thirty years experience as a special educator and educational coach and has assumed administrative roles in curriculum, response to intervention, 504 and dyslexia.

**JOSE MARTÍN** is a partner in the law firm of Richards, Lindsay & Martín, LLP and brings over 20 years experience focusing exclusively on matters involving the education of students with disabilities under IDEA and Section 504. Mr. Martín is the Contributing Editor to *The Special Educator* and LRP's web-based *Special Ed Connection* and is a frequent presenter on disabilities law to audiences nationwide.

**MATTHEW TIFFEE** is the staff attorney for the Austin Independent School District and handles all areas of legal needs for the district including special education, Section 504, and the intersection between discipline and disabilities. Mr. Tiffie is a national and international speaker on a variety of topics and has presented at destinations including Oxford, the University of Lisbon, and the Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court.

## ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP SPEAKERS

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**DENISE HAYS** is a shareholder with the law firm of Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C. Ms. Hays was a public school special education teacher, a staff attorney for TASB, and also served as a hearing officer for school boards. Her current areas of practice are special education and disabilities law.

**ANN HUGHES, PH.D.** is the principal of the Challenge Alternative Education Program in Sanger. With over 25 years experience as a teacher and administrator in alternative education settings, including DAEPs, juvenile correctional settings, and alternative schools, Dr. Hughes provides training related to positive behavioral interventions and supports and behavioral RTI.

**YLISE JANSSEN** has practiced in the field of school law since 1993, working seven years for Corpus Christi ISD as staff attorney and is currently General Counsel for Austin ISD. Ms. Janssen's practice concentrates heavily in the areas of special education, student discipline, open government/records, and labor and employment.

**PAULA MADDOX ROALSON** is a shareholder with Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C. in Houston. Ms. Roalson previously served as the staff attorney for special education for TASB. Her practice emphasizes the representation of school districts in special education litigation and general school law.

**JAMIE TURNER** is an attorney with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C. and focuses her practice on special education and student matters. Prior to joining Walsh Gallegos, Jamie served public schools as in-house counsel for the Austin Independent School District, in private practice representing schools in general education matters, and as a special education administrator.

## ACCREDITATION

**Earn up to 11.75 Hours continuing education credit!** All attendees will receive a certificate at the end of each conference indicating they have earned Continuing Education Credit (7.25 hours for Boot Camp, 4.5 hours for 504 Academy). **Counselors:** The conference sponsors are approved by the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education credit for licensed professional counselors. **Administrators, Teachers & Diagnosticians:** This program may meet the local criteria for up to 11.75 hours of school administrator's general management training, which is no longer governed by the Texas Education Agency. NELI has been approved by the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) as a provider of continuing professional education (CPE) credit. **School Board Members:** The conference sponsors are registered providers of school board member training with the Texas Education Agency. This program provides up to 11.75 hours of school board member training in the areas of Vision, Structure and Unity. **Psychologists:** The conference may be approved by the State Board of Examiners of Psychology for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education credit for psychologists. **Speech-Language Pathologists:** The conference may be approved by the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education for Speech-Language Pathologists.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## NELI 2018 SPRING CONFERENCES

Registration is as easy as 1...2...3!

### 1. Choose Your Training

Two Ways to "Earn Your Stripes"

Register Me For:

Location:

- 12th Annual 504 Academy**—\$185.00\*  
June 6, 2018
- 17th Annual Assessment Boot Camp**—\$260.00\*  
June 7 - 8, 2018
- NELI Training Two-Pack**—\$410.00\*  
**Save \$35.00!** Register me for both the 12th Annual 504 Academy AND 17th Annual Assessment Boot Camp Conferences

**Doubletree by Hilton Austin**  
**6505 Interstate Hwy 35 North**  
**Austin, TX 78752**  
**Phone: (512) 454-3737**  
**Fax: (512) 419-0102**

\* On-site registration fee of \$195.00 for 504 Academy and \$270.00 for Boot Camp required after June 7, 2018. NELI Training Two-Pack pricing not available after June 7, 2018.

\* There will be a limited block of rooms reserved at the Doubletree by Hilton Austin at a state/government rate. We strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure availability. To receive this special rate, contact the Doubletree by Hilton Austin directly at (512) 454-3737 and reference "NEL" or "National Educators Law Institute".

### 2. Attendee Information

Submit Separate Form For Each Attendee

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
District/Co-op: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Submit Registration & Payment

Four Ways to Register

Payment:

Register Via:

- Check ( Enclosed  Mailing Separately)
- Purchase Order ( Enclosed  Mailing Separately)
- Invoice Me (Attn: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Credit Card (Please Call NELI at 512-732-2988)

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