



NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
DISABILITIES CONFERENCE  
FOR EDUCATORS



IT TAKES A VILLAGE:  
COLLABORATIVELY WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR A STUDENT'S SUCCESS

February 28, 2020  
Hilton Houston Post Oak

# 26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Disabilities Conference for Educators

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Proper collaboration lays the foundation for a more appropriate, connected, and functional IEP for students with disabilities. At the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Conference for Educators, you will receive invaluable information on critical issues, including preparing a student for life after high school by the creation of an effective 18 plus program, the evaluation process during a student's educational career (including addressing IEEs), working with students and the penal system, and coordinating with a student's outside providers. Join us in Houston for this exciting and informative one-day conference, led by experienced school attorneys and renowned education specialists.

## DATE & LOCATION

**February 28, 2020**

### **Hilton Houston Post Oak by the Galleria**

2001 Post Oak Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77056  
Phone: (713) 961-9300  
Fax: (713) 623-6685



\*A limited block of rooms will be available at the Hilton Houston Post Oak at a state/government rate. We strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure availability as the room block is limited and fills up quickly. To receive this special rate, contact the Hilton Houston Post Oak directly at (713) 961-9300 and reference "National Educators Law Institute".

## AGENDA

### Friday, February 28

**8:00 – 8:55 Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:55 – 9:00 Welcoming Remarks**

**9:00 – 9:45 Students and the Penal System: Working with JJAEPs, Detention Centers, Police Officers and Probation Officers**

Cynthia Buechler  
Buechler & Associates, P.C.

**9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break**

**10:00 – 10:45 Preparing a Student for Life After High School: Creating an Effective 18 Plus Program, Working with the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services**

Janet Horton  
Thompson & Horton, L.L.P.

**10:45 – 11:30 Private Nurses, Private Therapists and ABA Services: Coordinating with a Student's Outside Providers**

Hans P. Graff  
Sara Leon & Associates, L.L.P.

**11:30 – 1:00 Lunch on Your Own**

**1:00 – 1:45 Students in the Legal System: Working with Foster Parents, Attorneys and Guardians ad Litem, Case Managers, Court Orders and Divorce Decrees**

William Buechler  
Buechler & Associates, P.C.

**1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break**

**2:00 – 3:30 From Initial Evaluations to Graduation: The Evaluation Process During a Student's Educational Career, Including Addressing IEEs**

Gail Cheramie, Ph.D.  
Educational Consultant

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

**3:45 Adjourn**

\*The legal information provided at this conference is for general purposes only. It is not intended as a substitute for individual legal advice or the provision of legal services. Accessing this information does not create an attorney-client relationship. Individual legal situations vary greatly and attendees should consult directly with an attorney.



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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

NELI conferences are open to all school personnel and anyone with an interest in the subject of disabilities law and instruction. Whether you're in special education, general education, or school administration, this conference is ideal training for:

- Special Education Directors
- Special Education Department Chairs
- Principals/Administrators
- Superintendents
- LSSPs
- Educational Diagnosticians
- Teachers
- BCBAs
- Special Education Personnel
- General Education Personnel
- Counselors
- Behavior Specialists
- Charter School Personnel
- Related Services Personnel

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**CYNTHIA S. BUECHLER** is a partner in the law firm of Buechler & Associates, P.C. Ms. Buechler served as a Hearings Examiner and Assistant General Counsel for the Texas Education Agency until 1987 and has since practiced school law exclusively. Ms. Buechler is a frequent speaker at in-service programs and law seminars nationwide and is director 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 frequently speaks at education law seminars and conferences at the state and national levels and is managing director of the National Educators Law Institute.

**GAIL CHERAMIE, PH.D.**, is a licensed psychologist, LSSP, and nationally certified school psychologist, and was director of the School Psychology program at the University of Houston–Clear Lake for over 30 years. Dr. Cheramie's areas of specialization are assessment for learning, development, and emotional-behavioral disorders and currently consults with school districts throughout Texas on matters related to evaluation, identification and educational programming for students with developmental, learning and behavioral disorders.

**HANS P. GRAFF** is a senior attorney with Sara Leon & Associates, LLC. Mr. Graff has over 30 years of experience as a private practice attorney, and as Deputy General Counsel for Houston ISD, representing clients in federal and state courts, as well as in federal and state administrative hearings. His practice has concentrated in litigation as well as representation of school districts throughout Texas in special education and 504 due process hearings and appeals.

**JANET HORTON** is a partner with Thompson & Horton, LLP and has represented school districts her entire career. A former public-school teacher, Ms. Horton represents districts in disputes involving special education and disability law, civil rights, and employee and student issues. She advises districts how to avoid legal conflicts, attends ARD meetings and handles due process hearings and appeals.

## NELI PRODUCTS AND UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### NELI PRODUCTS!

Have you seen our growing line of products? NELI has a full line of folders for use in the classroom, including our NEW Dyslexia Identification Folder and Dyslexia Progress Monitoring Folder. And our desktop references are designed to provide quick access on Section 504, MDR for special education and restraint & timeout.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our 14th Annual 504 Academy (June 3, 2020) and 19th Annual Assessment Boot Camp (June 4-5, 2020) will be held in Austin, TX at the Doubletree by Hilton Austin! It's three days of training you won't want to miss so register now!

Visit us at online at [www.nelilaw.net](http://www.nelilaw.net) for complete information on our products and upcoming conferences.

## ACCREDITATION

All attendees will receive a certificate at the end of the conference indicating they have earned 4.5 hours of Continuing Education Credit. **Counselors:** The conference sponsors have applied to the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors for 4.5 hours of continuing education credit for licensed professional counselors. **Administrators, Teachers & Diagnosticians:** This program may meet the local criteria for 4.5 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 4.5 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 4.5 hours of continuing education credit for psychologists. **Speech-Language Pathologists:** The conference sponsors have applied to the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for 4.5 hours of continuing education for Speech-Language Pathologists.



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### REGISTRATION

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\*To register multiple individuals, please submit a separate form for each attendee.

### Ways to Register:

**Call!** (512) 732-2988 **Fax!** (512) 322-9342 **E-mail!** [edservices@nelilaw.net](mailto:edservices@nelilaw.net)

**Mail!** 3660 Stoneridge Road, Suite D-101 · Austin, TX 78746 **Online!** [www.nelilaw.net](http://www.nelilaw.net)

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Co-op: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees:

- Pre-Registration—\$185.00
- On-Site Registration—\$195.00\*  
\*On-Site registration fee required after Feb. 27, 2020

### Payment:

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

**Cancellation Policy—Please Read!** Cancellations will only be accepted up to February 14, 2020. Substitution of attendees is allowed at any time, up to and including the day of the conference. Registrants not able to attend may transfer to any other NELI conference within one year.