



NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

2020 SPRING CONFERENCES



2 Ways To Earn Your Stripes

14TH ANNUAL 504 ACADEMY

June 3, 2020
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Now in its fourteenth 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 determining what accommodations are needed and when and if they can be removed, providing homebound services under Section 504, how to address discipline and changes in placement, ADHD under Section 504 and IDEA, and drafting Individual Health Care Plans under 504. 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 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:

- Re-evaluation Folders
- 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 3

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 Post COVID-19: What Are the District's Responsibilities Under 504?

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

9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 – 10:45 Providing Homebound Services Under Section 504

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

10:45 – 11:30 ADHD Under Section 504 and IDEA: Where is the Dividing Line?

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

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 1:45 To MDR or Not to MDR, That is the Question: Addressing Discipline and Changes in Placement

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

1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break

2:00 – 2:45 Providing Telehealth Services and Drafting Individual Health Plans Under Section 504

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

2:45 – 3:30 Addressing Dysgraphia and Dyslexia Under Section 504

Jose Martín - Richards Lindsay & Martín, L.L.P.

3:30 – 3:45 Question and Answer Forum

3:45 Adjourn

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19TH ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP

JUNE 4 - 5, 2020 • AUSTIN, TEXAS

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

For close to 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 how to make sure the re-evaluation is appropriate, dealing with challenging situations (including harassing emails and refusing to allow a student to be tested), a district's responsibilities for foster and homeless children, and a TEA update on policy, procedure and practice impacts on data, results driven accountability and monitoring activities. 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

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

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 Dealing with the Aftermath of COVID-19: Addressing FAPE, Compensatory Services and Safety

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

9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 – 10:45 Providing Telehealth Services and Understanding the Differences Between the Medical vs. Educational Model for Receiving Related Services and Speech

Kelly Janes – Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

10:45 – 11:30 Shortened Days, Early Releases, Late Starts, Leaving for Therapy: Addressing FAPE When the Student Does Not Attend a Commensurate Day

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

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 1:45 Educating the Most Vulnerable: A District's Responsibilities for Foster and Homeless Children

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

1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break

2:00 – 2:45 Success for Special Education: It's All About Growth on the IEP and the STAAR, and the Impact When No STAAR is Given

John Fessenden - lead4ward

2:45 – 3:30 Virtual and In Person Bullying: The School's Responsibilities When the Perpetrator and/or the Victim are in Special Education

Dave Richards - Richards Lindsay & Martín, L.L.P.

3:30 Adjourn

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 There's Only One FIE...Everything Else is a Re-evaluation: Making Sure that the Re-evaluation is Appropriate and Addressing Delayed Initial Evaluations

Gail Cheramie, Ph.D. - Educational Consultant

10:30 - 10:45 Morning Break

10:45 - 12:00 TEA Update: The Impact of the Pandemic on Data and Monitoring

Jennifer Alexander - Associate Commissioner of the Office of Special Populations and Monitoring, Texas Education Agency

12:00 - 12:15 Question and Answer Forum

12:15 Adjourn



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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

LOCATION



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HELD 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.

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.

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.

ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP SPEAKERS

JENNIFER ALEXANDER, ED.D., is the Associate Commissioner of the Office of Special Populations and Monitoring with the Texas Education Agency. Ms. Alexander has over 22 years of education experience working with students with disabilities and at-risk populations at various positions in Texas schools including special education teacher, educational diagnostician, special education supervisor, assistant director of special education and executive director of student services. Additionally, Jennifer has taught graduate student coursework in special education at Dallas Baptist University.

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GAIL CHERAMIE, PH.D., is a licensed psychologist, LSSP, and nationally certified school psychologist, and is the director of the School Psychology program at the University of Houston–Clear Lake. Dr. Cheramie's areas of specialization are assessment for learning, development, and emotional-behavioral disorders.

JOHN FESSENDEN is an educational consultant at lead4ward who works with school districts, campuses and regional educational service centers in the areas of assessment, accountability and data analysis. He is a frequent presenter on issues ranging from special education, to federal (AYP) and state (AEIS) accountability, Performance-Based Monitoring, and ARD Committee decision-making.

KELLY JANES is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and is a lawyer with Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. Ms. Janes practices in the area of disability rights and regularly represents school districts in meetings, mediations, and due process hearings. Additionally, she participates in dispute resolutions for Office for Civil Rights and Texas Education Agency complaints, and develops contracts for shared services arrangements.

DAVID RICHARDS is a partner in the Austin law firm of Richards, Lindsay & Martín, LLP, where his practice focuses on Section 504 and special education issues. Mr. Richards is a frequent contributor to various publications and guest speaker at conferences and inservices on disabilities law and 504 matters.

PAULA MADDUX 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.

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

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1. Choose Your Training

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Register Me For:

Location:

- 14th Annual 504 Academy**—\$185.00*
June 3, 2020
- 19th Annual Assessment Boot Camp**—\$260.00*
June 4 - 5, 2020
- NELI Training Two-Pack**—\$410.00*
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* On-site registration fee of \$195.00 for 504 Academy and \$270.00 for Boot Camp required after June 3, 2020. NELI Training Two-Pack pricing not available after June 3, 2020.

* 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 "National Educators Law Institute" or visit our web site at <https://nelilaw.net>.

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

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Cancellation Policy—Please Read! Cancellations will only be accepted through May 22, 2020. Substitution of attendees is allowed at any time, up to and including the day of the conferences. Registrants not able to attend may transfer to any other NELI Conference within one year.