



NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

**28TH ANNUAL
DISABILITIES LAW CONFERENCE
WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON BEHAVIOR**



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ON BEHAVIOR**

**MAIN
CONFERENCE**

**ON DEMAND AND
LIVE WEBINAR TRAINING**

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PRE-CONFERENCE ON BEHAVIOR

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The law pertaining to behaviorally-challenged students is ever-changing. NELI's Pre-Conference Day on Behavior will deliver training on some of the most critical issues regarding this complicated subject. Experienced attorneys and behavior specialists will bring you up to speed on topics including addressing sexual harassment under Title IX when students with special needs are involved, how to effectively document discipline, practical strategies for providing trauma informed supports for students needs, and how to effectively transition students from the DAEP and keep them from returning.

Sign up for the pre-conference alone or register for both the main and pre-conferences to save \$35.00!

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ◆ **"From ABCs to SEL": The Need for Social and Emotional Learning in Schools (Recorded)**
Thomas Shanding, Jr., Ph.D., NCSP - University of Houston-Clear Lake
- ◆ **"The Aftermath of COVID": Practical Strategies for Providing Trauma Informed Supports for Student Needs (Recorded)**
Heather Hughes, Ph.D., BCBA - Eagle Mount Saginaw ISD
- ◆ **How to Effectively Document Discipline from the Referral to the Manifestation Determination (Recorded)**
William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- ◆ **How to Effectively Transition a Student from the DAEP and Keep the Student from Coming Back (Live December 9 @ 10:00 am cst)**
Ann Hughes, Ph.D. - Sanger Independent School District
- ◆ **Addressing Sexual Harassment Under Title IX When Students with Special Needs are Involved (Live December 9 @ 2:00 pm cst)**
Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

MAIN CONFERENCE

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

When you're in education, sometimes you have to think like a lawyer. A solid understanding of the laws governing special education will give you confidence in providing educational services to any child. Whether you're in general or special education, the 28th Annual Disabilities Law Conference is the ideal way to get up to speed on disabilities law. At the Main Conference, expert school law attorneys will discuss timely subjects such as how to determine and provide compensatory services, addressing child find, determining what data sources are needed for initial and re-evaluations, and handling private school and residential placement requests.

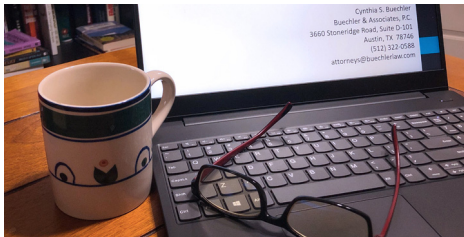
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CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ◆ **The Top Ten Things That Can Be Done to Avoid Litigation from a Parent Attorney's Perspective (Recorded)**
Eric G. Ransleben - The Law Offices of Eric G. Ransleben
- ◆ **"Testing, Data and Ratings, Oh My!": Solving the Riddle of STAAR Assessment for 2021 (Recorded)**
John Fessenden - lead4ward
- ◆ **"How Much is Owed?": How to Determine and Provide Compensatory Services (Recorded)**
Paula Roalson - Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C.
- ◆ **"Pull Out the Checkbook!": Handling Private School and Residential Placement Requests (Recorded)**
Jose Martín - Richards Lindsay & Martín, L.L.P.
- ◆ **"Group or Individual, Direct or Indirect?": How to Make Related Services Decisions and Develop Appropriate PLAAFPs and Goals and Objectives (Recorded)**
David Richards - Richards Lindsay & Martín, L.L.P.
- ◆ **Determining What Data Sources are Needed, Including Standardized Testing, for Initial and Re-evaluations (Live December 10 @ 10:00 am cst)**
Gail Cheramie, Ph.D. - Educational Consultant
- ◆ **Addressing Child Find Before, During and After COVID (Live December 10 @ 2:00 pm cst)**
Denise Hays - Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C.
- ◆ **"RDA is Not the Same as the Former PBMAS": The Significant Changes and How to Prepare (Live December 11 @ 10:00 am cst)**
Jennifer Alexander - Texas Education Agency
- ◆ **"The Decade of 2020": What We've Learned, What We Can Do Better and What We'll Do Going Forward (Live December 11 @ 2:00 pm cst)**
Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

ONLINE LEARNING



Both Pre and Main Conference will be Online!
We will have a combination of On-Demand Webinars and Live Training to cover all topics. Recorded versions of the Live Webinars will be available...attend live or watch the recordings! Live Webinars include a Q&A session.

Register by November 6 and get a FREE BONUS Webinar!

CONFERENCE 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.

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 frequently speaks at education law seminars and conferences at the state and national levels and he serves as managing director of the National Educators Law Institute.

GAIL CHERAMIE, PH.D., is a licensed psychologist, LSSP, and nationally certified school psychologist, and was the director of the School Psychology program at the University of Houston–Clear Lake for over 30 years. Dr. Cheramie's currently consults with school districts throughout Texas on matters related to evaluation, identification and educational programming for students with developmental, learning and 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, Performance-Based Monitoring, and ARD Committee decision-making.

DENISE HAYS is a shareholder with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Hays was a public school special education teacher, a staff attorney for TASB, and also served as a hearing officer for school boards in termination, nonrenewal, and grievance hearings.

ANN HUGHES, PH.D., is the Director of Student Intervention at Sanger ISD. 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.

HEATHER HUGHES, PH.D, BCBA, is the director of special education at Eagle Mount Saginaw ISD and has over 20 years' experience as an educational diagnostician, LSSP, and teacher. She serves on several advisory boards and teaches college courses on a variety of special education and autism topics.

JOSE MARTÍN is a partner in the law firm of Richards, Lindsay & Martin, LLP and brings over 20 years experience focusing exclusively on matters involving the education of students with disabilities under IDEA and Section 504.

ERIC G. RANSLIBEN is a parent attorney with the Law Offices of Eric G. Ransleben. Mr. Ransleben represents children in all public school placements, and his areas of practice include special education, 504, discipline hearings and appeals, expulsion proceedings, Title IX proceedings and JJAEP placements.

DAVID RICHARDS is a partner in the Austin law firm of Richards, Lindsay & Martin, 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 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.

THOMAS SHANDING, JR., PH.D, NCSP is an Associate Professor of School Psychology at the University of Houston–Clear Lake. Mr. Shanding has extensive experience working with students, families and school personnel and provides training to districts.

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.

ACCREDITATION

Earn up to 11.75 Hours of 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 Main Conference, 4.5 hours for Pre-Conference). **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 for Educator Certification (SBEC) as a provider of continuing professional education (CPE) credit. **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. **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 28TH ANNUAL DISABILITIES LAW CONFERENCE

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

1. Choose Your Training

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Register Me For:

Bonus Webinar!

- Pre-Conference on Behavior**—\$185.00*
December 9, 2020
- 28th Annual Disabilities Law Conference**—\$260.00*
December 10-11, 2020
- Gimme "The Works"!** — \$410.00*
Save \$35.00! Register me for both the 28th Annual Disabilities Law Conference AND Pre-Conference on Behavior!

Sign up for our NELI Fall Conference by November 6 and get FREE ACCESS to a BONUS Webinar (a \$35 value):

- ◆ Everything a Campus Behavior Coordinator Needs to Know But is Afraid to Ask
(Live November 10 @ 10:00 am cst)
Cynthia and William Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

* Both Conferences held online! Sign up for either the Pre-Conference Day on Behavior, Main Conference, or sign up for "The Works" and save! There will be a combination of On-Demand Webinars and Live Training to cover all topics.

Attend the Live Webinars on the specific dates or watch the recorded version at your convenience!

2. Attendee Information

Submit Separate Form For Each Attendee

Attendee: _____ Position: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
District/Co-op: _____ Region: _____
School (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: _____
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3. Submit Registration and Payment

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- Invoice Me (Attn: _____)
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Cancellation Policy—Please Read! Cancellations will only be accepted through Nov. 25, 2020 (or November 9 if you take advantage of the bonus webinar). 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.