

## NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Law Conference

# WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON BEHAVIOR



Pre-Conference 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 how to effectively determine whether misbehavior is a manifestation of the disability, addressing discipline when the student has special needs, how to successfully transition a student back from the DAEP, the proper use and documentation of restraint, timeout and seclusion, and an in-depth look at TEA's behavior supports and guidance for students with disabilities.

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

#### **CONFERENCE TOPICS**

- "Is it or Isn't it Related?": How to Effectively Determine Whether the Misbehavior is a Manifestation of the Disability(s). (Live December 7 @ 10:00 am cst)
  - Gail Cheramie, Ph.D., Ginger Gates, Ph.D., Educational
- "You Got to Know When to Hold 'Em": The Proper Use and Documentation of Restraint, Timeout and Seclusion (Live December 7 @ 2:00

Denise Hays - Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C.

- "Show Me the Way to Go Home": How to Successfully Transition a Student Back from the DAEP (Recorded)
  - Ann Hughes, Ph.D. Sanger Independent School District
- "From Profanity to Physical Aggression:" Addressing Discipline When the Student has **Special Needs (Recorded)** Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- An In-Depth Look at TEA's Behavior Supports and Guidance for Students with Disabilities

(Recorded) Ìennifer Alexander - Texas Education Agency

#### 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 30th 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 understanding the TEA complaint process, appropriate programming and implementation of related services, and appropriate programming and implementation of related services. Sign up for the main conference alone or register for both the main and pre-conferences to save \$35.00!

#### CONFERENCE TOPICS

- **Understanding the TEA Complaint Process and** How to Effectively Respond (Live December 8 @ 10:00 am cst)
  - Cynthia S. Buechler Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- The House of Representative's Interim Investigative Report on the Uvalde Tragedy: The Important Red Flags Regarding the Attacker and the School(Live December 8 @ 2:00 pm cst) William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C. Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- STAAR 2.0: Better...Not Harder (Live December 9 @ 10:00 am cst - 1.5 hour presentation) John Fessenden - lead4ward
- "The Art of Ruling Out": Exclusionary Factors @ 2:00 pm cst) Gail Cheramie, Ph.D. - Educational Consultant
- When Determining Eligibility (Live December 9

- "What's so Special About Special Ed?": Specially Designed Instruction (Recorded) David Richards - Richards Lindsay & Martín, L.L.P.
- How is OHI Eligibility Determined and by Whom? (Recorded) Paula Roalson - Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle
- "From Evaluation to Dismissal": Appropriate Programming and Implementation of Related Services (Recorded) Jose Martín - Richards Lindsay & Martín, L.L.P.
- Out of State, Interdistrict and Intradistrict Transfers: What are the School's Obligations? (Recorded)

Ìamie Turner - Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle 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 and On-Demand Webinars will be available through January 31, 2023...attend live or watch the recordings! Live Webinars include a Q&A session.

#### 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.

**GINGER GATES, PH.D.,** retired in 2019 as the Director of Special Education at ESC Region 4. As a school psychologist, she has dedicated her career, of over 38 years, to expanding opportunities for students with disabilities. In addition to being a founding member and Past President of the Texas Association of School Psychologists

(TASP), she previously has been elected to serve as President to the Gulf Coast Administrators of Special Education, as Director of the School Psychology Division of the Texas Psychological Association, and as a member of the Advisory Board to the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Association of Texas.

**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.

**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.

**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 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 Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. and focuses her practice on special education and student matters. Jamie previously 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.

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#### **A**CCREDITATION

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

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Pre-Conference on Behavior—\$195.00* December 7, 2022  30th Annual Disabilities Law Conference—\$270.00* December 8 - 9, 2022  Gimme "The Works"! — \$430.00* Save \$35.00! Register me for both the 30th Annual Disabilities Law Conference AND Pre-Conference on Behavior!  * Both Conferences held online! Sign up for either the Pre-Coand save! There will be a combination of Only	nnference Day	dates decordi	the Live Webinars on the specific or watch the recorded version at your convenience!  ings of all topics will be available through January 31, 2023  or, Main Conference, or sign up for "The Works" Live Training to cover all topics.	
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