



# NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

## 2023 SPRING CONFERENCES



### 2 Ways To Earn Your Stripes

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
504 ACADEMY**

**22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP**

**June 5-6, 2023  
Doubletree by Hilton Austin Austin, Texas**

# NELI 2023 SPRING CONFERENCES

JUNE 5 AND 6, 2023 • AUSTIN, TX

## 17TH ANNUAL 504 ACADEMY

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Now in its seventeenth year, NELI's 504 Academy provides up-to-the-minute training for new and experienced 504 coordinators, administrators, teachers and any educator who works with students receiving 504 services. Experienced school law attorneys and leading experts will address topics that are at the forefront in today's environment.

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

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

**9:00 – 9:45 "Dyslexia, Dyslexia, Where Art Thou?": The Role of Section 504 and the Changed Rules on Dyslexia**

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

**9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break**

**10:00 – 10:45 "Four Decades (and Change) in the Making": An Update to the 504 Regulations**

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

**10:45 – 11:30 "My Child Needs all 35 Accommodations": Developing an Appropriate 504 Plan**

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

**11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own**

**1:00 – 1:45 "The Intersection of Mental Health Issues, Section 504 and Special Education": What Determines Where the Student Should Receive Services**

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

**1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break**

**2:00 – 2:45 Evaluating and Programming for ADHD Under Section 504**

*Heather Rutland – Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Munoz, PC*

**2:45 – 3:30 "You Can't Punish Him, It's Related to His Disability": Addressing Discipline Under Section 504**

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

**3:30 Adjourn**

## 22ND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

For over two decades, school administrators, assessment personnel and teachers have been coming to the Assessment Boot Camp for useful and timely information on the legal issues pertaining to special education programming and evaluation. No drill sergeants here, just experienced attorneys and educational experts with great insight and up to the minute information critical to keeping you fully compliant with federal and state mandates.

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

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

**9:00 – 9:45 "The Cavalry Has Arrived": The Role of ARD Facilitators/Managers in Handling the ARD Process**

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

**9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break**

**10:00 – 10:45 "Oops, They Did it Again": New Educational Laws from the 88th Legislative Session**

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

**10:45 – 11:30 "The Merging of RDA and A Through F Accountability is Coming - Are You Ready?": Preparing for How RDA will Impact a School's Rating**

*Dr. Jennifer Alexander - Texas Education Commission*

**11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own**

**1:00 – 1:45 "He Didn't Mean it When He Said He Was Going to Kill You": The Role of Threat Assessments When Determining Discipline for Students with Special Needs**

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

**1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break**

**2:00 – 2:45 "Do Related Services Ever End?": Evaluating, Programming and Dismissal from Related Services**

*Amy Foster – Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Munoz, PC*

**2:45 – 3:30 "Socially Maladjusted or Emotionally Disturbed...Or Both: Only Your LSSP Knows for Sure": How to Make the Distinction When Conducting an Evaluation**

*Dr. Gail Cheramie - Educational Consultant*

**3:30 Adjourn**

# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

## LOCATION



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



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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.

**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.

**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.

**HEATHER RUTLAND** is a shareholder with the law firm of Eichelbaum, Wardell, Hansen, Powell & Munoz, P.C. Heather works extensively with Texas schools, colleges and other educational institutions in the areas of personnel, students, special education and Section 504 compliance and speaks regularly on education law issues and also provides training for teachers, faculty and administrators throughout the state.

## 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.

**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.

**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 currently consults with school districts throughout Texas on matters related to evaluation, identification and educational programming for students with developmental, learning and behavioral disorders.

**AMY FOSTER** is senior associate with Eichelbaum, Wardell, Hansen, Powell & Munoz, P.C. since 2016. Ms. Foster is a former special education coordinator at a large Texas school dis-

trict for over seven years and brings a thorough understanding of the demands placed on educators.

**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.

**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.

## ACCREDITATION

**Earn up to 9 Hours continuing education credit!** All attendees will receive a certificate at the end of each conference indicating they have earned Continuing Education Credit (4.5 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 9 hours of continuing education credit for licensed professional counselors. **Administrators, Teachers & Diagnosticians:** This program may meet the local criteria for up to 9 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 9 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 9 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 9 hours of continuing education for Speech-Language Pathologists.

# REGISTRATION FORM

## NELI 2023 SPRING CONFERENCES

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

### 1. Choose Your Training

Two Ways to "Earn Your Stripes"

Register Me For:

Location

- ☐ **17th Annual 504 Academy**—\$210.00\*  
June 5, 2023
- ☐ **22nd Annual Assessment Boot Camp**—\$210.00\*  
June 6, 2023
- ☐ **NELI Training Two-Pack**—\$395.00\*  
**Save \$25.00!** Register me for both the 17th  
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\* On-site registration fee of \$220.00 for 504 Academy and  
\$220.00 for Boot Camp required after June 5, 2023. NELI  
Training Two-Pack pricing not available after June 5, 2023.

\* There will be a limited block of rooms reserved at the Double-  
tree 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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**Cancellation Policy—Please Read!:** Cancellations will only be accepted through May 25, 2023.  
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.