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## *2025 SPRING CONFERENCES*



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***19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
504 ACADEMY***

***24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP***

**On Demand and  
Live Webinar Training**

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ON DEMAND AND LIVE WEBINAR TRAINING

## 19TH ANNUAL 504 ACADEMY

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Now in its eighteenth 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 will address topics that are at the forefront in today's environment. This conference will include a live Q&A session on June 4. **Recorded versions of ALL TOPICS will be available for viewing through July 31, 2025.**

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ◆ **"He Needs to Retake any Test with a Grade Less than 100": Determining Appropriate Accommodations Under 504 (Live June 4 @ 10:00 am cst)**  
*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*
- ◆ **"OCR, OCR, Where Art Thou?": The Gutting of the Office for Civil Rights and the Implications it has for School Districts (Live June 4 @ 2:00 pm cst)**  
*Tisha Brown - Powell Law Group, LLP*
- ◆ **"I Ain't Gonna Do It": Addressing Behavior Under Section 504 (Recorded)**  
*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*
- ◆ **"I Want to Be a Cheerleader!": Making Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in Extracurricular Activities (Recorded)**  
*Paula Roalson - Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.*
- ◆ **"Is Everything a Disability Under 504?": Determining Eligibility for 504 Services (Recorded)**  
*Elvin Houston - Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.*
- ◆ **"FiFi Needs to Come to School with Me": Service Animals in School Settings (Recorded)**  
*William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*

## 24TH ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

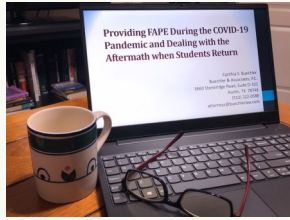
For over two decades, school administrators, assessment personnel and teachers have been coming to the Assessment Boot Camp for useful and timely information on the legal issues pertaining to special education programming and evaluation. No drill sergeants here, just experienced attorneys and educational experts with great insight and up to the minute information critical to keeping you fully compliant with federal and state mandates. This conference will include a live Q&A session on June 5 & 6. **Recorded versions of ALL TOPICS will be available for viewing through July 31, 2025.**

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ◆ **"Welcome to the Jungle": The 89th Legislative Session Reviewed and Explained (Live June 5 @ 10:00 am cst - 1.5 Hours)**  
*John Fessenden - lead4ward*
- ◆ **"When a Diploma Isn't the End": A District's Obligations Post-Graduation (Live June 5 @ 2:00 pm cst)**  
*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*
- ◆ **The State of the State, Including Significant Policy Changes (Live June 6 @ 10:00 am cst 1.5 Hours)**  
*Kristin McGuire - Texas Education Agency*
- ◆ **"The 2024-2025 Legal Update": A Summary of the Most Important Decisions This School Year (Recorded)**  
*William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*
- ◆ **"You Get 10,000 Dollars, You Get 10,000 Dollars and You Get 10,000 Dollars!": School Vouchers and the Provision of Special Education (Recorded)**  
*Christopher Schulz - Schulman, Lopez, Hoffer & Adelstein, LLP*
- ◆ **"Oops, I Did it Again!": Ten Worst Statements to Say in an ARD Meeting (Recorded)**  
*Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.*
- ◆ **"Sifting the Wheat from the Chaff": How to Determine Whether a Behavior is Related to a Disability (Recorded)**  
*Dr. Heather Hughes, Ph.D., BCBA - Eagle Mountain -Saginaw ISD*

# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

## ONLINE LEARNING



**Both Conferences will be available online!**  
**We will have a combination of On-Demand Webinars and Live Training Webinars to cover all topics for both Conferences.**

## 504 ACADEMY SPEAKERS

**TISHA BROWN** works with Powell Law Group. Ms. Brown is a seasoned educator and school law attorney with a deep passion for advocating for children's educational rights. With over 25 years of experience in the field, she has served in various roles including teacher, principal, parent of a special needs student, and now as an attorney specializing in school law.

**CYNTHIA S. BUECHLER** is a partner in the law firm of Buechler & Associates, P.C. Her practice is focused on disabilities law. 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.

**ELVIN W. HOUSTON** is a shareholder with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C. Mr. Houston represents school districts in Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee meetings, in mediation, and in matters before the Texas Education Agency and the Office of Civil Rights. He advises school board members and school personnel in all aspects of federal and state special education and disability law. Mr. Houston joined Walsh Gallegos in 2004 and is a frequent speaker on legal issues related to public schools, disabilities, and special education.

**PAULA 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.

## ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP SPEAKERS

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**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.

**HEATHER HUGHES, PH.D., BCBA** is the executive director of special programs for Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD and has over 30 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 subjects.

**KRISTIN MCGUIRE** is the Deputy Associate Commissioner of Special Populations Policy, Integration, and Technical Assistance in the Office of Special Populations and Student Supports at TEA. She oversees the development and implementation of state policies, including state regulations, for the office, as well as the development and dissemination of special education technical assistance and the efforts to integrate special populations at the blueprint level in each state curriculum initiative. Before TEA, Kristin served as the director of governmental relations at TCASE.

**CHRISTOPHER SCHULZ** joined Schulman, Lopez, Hoffer & Adelstein, LLP, in August 2015. Mr. Schulz's practice includes the representation of school districts, charter schools and other public and private entities in all areas, including special education matters under the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, FERPA, the Texas Public Information Act and administrative law matters. Mr. Schulz spent three years as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas and has represented parents and students in due process hearings.

## 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

## NELI 2025 SPRING CONFERENCES

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

### 1. Choose Your Training

Two Ways to "Earn Your Stripes"

Register Me For:

On Demand and Live Webinars

- 19th Annual 504 Academy**—\$195.00\*  
June 4, 2025
- 24th Annual Assessment Boot Camp**—\$270.00\*  
June 5-6, 2025
- NELI Training Two-Pack**—\$430.00\*  
**Save \$35.00!** Register me for both the 19th Annual 504 Academy AND 24th Annual Assessment Boot Camp Conferences

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

**Recordings of all topics will be available through July 31, 2025**

\* Both Conferences held online! Sign up for either the 504 Academy, Assessment Boot Camp, or sign up for both and save! We will have a combination of On-Demand Webinars and Live Training to cover all topics for both Conferences.

### 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 30, 2025. Substitution of attendees is allowed at any time, up to and including the day of the conferences. Registrants not able to participate may transfer to any other NELI Conference within one year.