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SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW SYMPOSIUM

Sunday, June 23, 2019	
Iacocca Hall (111 Research Dr, Bethlehem, PA 18015)	
Time	All Participants
5:30-6:30 PM	Check in at Iacocca Hall Iacocca Conference Center, 2 nd Floor
6-6:30 PM	Welcome Reception for Laurie VanderPloeg Iacocca Tower
6:30-9:30 PM	Dinner and Keynote Address Iacocca Conference Center, 2 nd Floor Laurie VanderPloeg, Director U.S. Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) <i>Title TBD</i>

Time	Key Components for Basic Participants	Hot Topics for Advanced Participants (For descriptions, visit our website.)
Monday, June 24, 2019 STEPS Building, 1 West Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015		
8:30-11:30 AM	<i>Legal Terminology: A Primer IDEA: Core Concepts</i> Rachel Stafford, Esq. Maria Blaeuer, Esq. (reactor)	<i>You Be the Judge: Dueling Attorneys, The Facts, and the Law</i> Matt Cohen, Esq. Andrew Faust, Esq. Brian Jason Ford, Esq.
12:45-3:45 PM	<i>Chapter 14: Pennsylvania's Enhancements to the IDEA</i> Brian Jason Ford, Esq. (co-presenter) Dr. James Newcomer (co-presenter)	<i>The Intersection of RTI and IDEA Child Find/Eligibility: Navigating the Slippery Slope</i> Matt Cohen, Esq. Rachel Stafford, Esq. (reactor)

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Tuesday, June 25, 2019 STEPS Building, 1 West Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015		
8:30-11:30 AM	<i>IDEA Eligibility: Key Principles</i> Justin Gilbert, Esq. Brooke Say, Esq. (reactor)	<i>Technical Issues with Practical Consequences: Exhaustion and Statute of Limitations</i> Isabel Machado, Esq. Courtney Spencer, Esq. (reactor)
11:40 AM-12:40 PM	<i>Ethics for the Special Education Litigator</i> (working luncheon per advance registration option, attorneys only) Thomas Mayes, Esq.	
12:45-3:45 PM	<i>FAPE: The Threshold Guarantee</i> Isabel Machado, Esq. Courtney Spencer, Esq. (reactor)	<i>SEA Liability: An Emerging Parental Strategy</i> Justin Gilbert, Esq. Thomas Mayes, Esq. (reactor from SEA) Brooke Say, Esq. (reactor from LEA)

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Wednesday, June 26, 2019 STEPS Building, 1 West Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015		
8:30-11:30 AM	<i>Least Restrictive Environment (LRE): Inclusion in a High Stakes World</i> Maura McInerney, Esq. Hope Blackburn, Esq. (reactor)	<i>Things Not to Say at a Special Education Meeting</i> Kathleen Mehfoud, Esq. Dr. Stephen Jacobson, Esq. (reactor)
12:45-3:45 PM	<i>Discipline Issues: The Basic Mandates</i> Kathleen Mehfoud, Esq. Hollie John, Esq. (reactor)	<i>IDEA Rights of Students in Foster Care, the Juvenile Justice System, or Experiencing Homelessness</i> Maura McInerney, Esq. Hope Blackburn, Esq. (reactor)
Thursday, June 27, 2019 STEPS Building, 1 West Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015		
8:30-11:30 AM	<i>Section 504: The "Other" Disability Law</i> Julie Weatherly, Esq. Gina DeCrescenzo, Esq. (reactor)	<i>Avoiding Under- and Over-Identification of 504-Only Students: Pitfalls and Handholds</i> Dr. Perry Zirkel

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12:45-3:45 PM	<p><i>Remedies: The Major Alternatives for Denials of FAPE</i></p> <p>Liliana Yazno-Bartle, Esq. Allyson Britton DiRocco, Esq. (reactor)</p>	<p><i>Money Damages under Section 504 and the ADA: Current Case Law Trends</i></p> <p>Julie Weatherly, Esq. Gina DeCrescenzo, Esq. (reactor)</p>

Friday, June 28, 2019

Time	All Participants
8:30-11:30 AM (concurrent sessions)	<p><i>National Case Law Update</i> (Symposium Registrants)</p> <p>Dr. Perry Zirkel</p> <p>Iacocca Hall, Iacocca Conference Center, 2nd Floor, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015</p>
	<p><i>Section 504 Nuts and Bolts: Getting Down to Brass Tacks</i> (Section 504 Coordinators Institute registrants)</p> <p>Lisa Hardcastle</p> <p>Ben Franklin Techventures, 4th Floor, 116 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015</p>
	Luncheon

<p>11:30-2:00 PM (Symposium registrants)</p>	<p><i>Crystal Ball of Emerging Issues in Special Education Law</i></p> <p>Dr. Perry Zirkel</p> <p>Iacocca Hall, Iacocca Conference Center, 2nd Floor, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015</p>
<p>12:30-2:30 PM (Section 504 Institute registrants)</p>	<p><i>Pulling Together the Strands of Section 504 Implementation: An Informal Discussion with Colleagues</i></p> <p>Lisa Hardcastle (moderator)</p> <p>Ben Franklin Techventures, 4th Floor, 116 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015</p>
<p>2:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Review of Course Requirements (credit registrants only)</p> <p>Drs. Perry Zirkel and James Newcomer</p> <p>Iacocca Hall, Iacocca Conference Center, 2nd Floor, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015</p>