

California Special Education Law 2018

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Why You Should Attend

Over the last year, the Ninth Circuit has issued multiple decisions addressing the rights of students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and other disability rights statutes. The California Special Education Law 2018 program will look at the current application of these decisions and of the 2017 Supreme Court decision, *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District*, to evaluate the practical implications they have on the current state of the practice of special education law.

What You Will Learn

- An in-depth look at assessments, independent educational evaluations, and the use of experts in special education cases.
- A review of the application of statute of limitations following the 2017 Ninth Circuit decision, *Avila v. Spokane School District*.
- A technical and substantive discussion of filing special education related issues in District Court.
- A year-in-review of Circuit Court decisions.
- How FAPE is being interpreted a year after *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District*.

Who Should Attend

Attorneys, advocates, or parents interested in or currently assisting students/parents or school districts with special education matters. Appropriate for both new and seasoned practitioners.

AGENDA

9:00

Opening Remarks

Elizabeth F. Eubanks, Maggie Roberts

9:15

Independent Educational Evaluations in Special Education Cases

This panel will consist of a special education attorney and an expert who conducts independent educational evaluations. The panelists will discuss legal and practical issues pertaining to independent educational evaluations.

Christopher Arrillaga, Psy.D., Heather Zakson

11:00 Networking Break

11:15

Statute of Limitations for Filing Special Education Due Process Claims and Related Claims

This panel will discuss legal issues relating to the statute of limitations for filing special education due process complaints, 504 complaints, and tort cases related to special education. The panel will discuss Federal and California law pertaining to the statute of limitations for special education claims and exceptions to the statute of limitations following the Ninth Circuit decision, *Avila v. Spokane School District*.

Elizabeth F. Eubanks, Devon Rios

12:30 Lunch

1:30

Filing Cases in Court Relating to Special Education Due Process Proceedings

This panel will discuss procedural and substantive legal issues relating to filing special education related matters in federal district courts and/or state superior courts. The panel will review the standard of review and other practical considerations related to filing appeals to special education due process decisions. It will also discuss filing court cases to enforce settlement agreements and hearing decisions and fee petitions relating to representation of clients in special education due process proceedings.

David M. Grey

3:00 Networking Break

3:15

Ninth Circuit Special Education Case Review

This panel will review important Ninth Circuit cases and discuss their impact on the practice of special education law. This panel will also discuss how the Ninth circuit has interpreted and applied the March 2017 United States Supreme Court decision, *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District*.

Deborah R. Jacobson, Roberta S. Savage

5:00 Adjourn

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