

You are invited to attend

Children's Special Education

ADVOCACY TRAINING

Join fellow attorneys for a FREE, full-day special education law training. The training is designed to provide attorneys with the skills they need to represent parents and caretakers who have children with special education needs. Topics that will be discussed include "free and appropriate public education," the "least restrictive environment," evaluations, individualized education programs, due process rights, discipline, attorney's fees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF NEW JERSEY is a non-profit child advocacy organization, dedicated to advancing children's rights and improving programs and policies for New Jersey's children and families.

DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW JERSEY is a non-profit organization responsible for protecting and advocating for the human, civil and legal rights of persons with disabilities.

EDUCATION LAW CENTER is a non-profit public interest law firm, which is dedicated to achieving access to high quality education programs for disadvantaged children in New Jersey, and which specializes in special education law.

ESSEX COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES promotes the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy and educational activities.

NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S RIGHTS COMMITTEE participates in the development, implementation and operation of programs to improve the lives of children.

NEW JERSEY STATE BAR FOUNDATION promotes public understanding of the law through free, comprehensive public education programs.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR JUSTICE is a comprehensive *pro bono* program for New Jersey dedicated to protecting and promoting the legal rights of low income adults, children and families through volunteer advocacy and other legal programs.

The Association for Children of New Jersey, the Education Law Center, the Essex County Bar Association Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Disability Rights New Jersey, the New Jersey State Bar Association Children's Rights Committee, New Jersey State Bar Foundation, and Volunteer Lawyers for Justice,

present:

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**November 2, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

New Jersey Law Center
New Brunswick, NJ
1-800-FREE LAW
www.njsbf.org

This conference is made possible by funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.

There is an overwhelming need in New Jersey for attorneys to provide *pro bono* legal assistance to children with disabilities who urgently need legal help.

By attending this FREE training, we ask that you commit to take at least one *pro bono* assignment within the next year to assist qualified indigent parents or caretakers obtain special education services for children with disabilities through the Children's Special Education Project.

Attorneys accepting *pro bono* assignments through this program can claim an exemption from *Madden v. Delran pro bono* counsel assignments. Malpractice coverage, extensive mentoring, co-counseling, model forms and pleadings and other forms of support are also available free of charge. Attorneys who have attended prior training sessions in this area are encouraged to attend this training as an update and to learn of recent changes in the law.

PRESENTERS

Ira M. Fingles, Esq.

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Jennifer M. Halper, Esq.

Disability Rights New Jersey

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Jennifer Rosen-Valverde, Esq., M.S.W.

Special Education Clinic

Rutgers University School of Law–Newark

Rebecca K. Spar, Esq.

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DETAILS

While the program is free, registration is required and will be accepted by mail or fax on a first-come, first-served basis. After receiving your registration form, confirming letters will be sent with program details. If you have any questions, please contact Florence Nathan, Director of Special Programs, at 732-937-7518, 1-800-FREE LAW or fnathan@njsbf.org.

A complimentary continental breakfast and sandwich lunch will be served.

DIRECTIONS

FROM NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE: Exit 9 to Route 18 North to Route 1 South to Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. The New Jersey Law Center is the first right turn off Ryders Lane.

FROM PRINCETON: Take Route 1 North to the second Ryders Lane exit (Ryders Lane, New Brunswick). Ryders Lane passes over Route 1. Law Center is the first right turn.

FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY (NEWARK): Take Garden State Parkway to Exit 130–Route 1 South. Continue on Route 1 South for approximately 8 miles to Ryders Lane/New Brunswick. Follow directions from Turnpike above.

FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY (SHORE POINTS): Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 127–to Route 440/287 North–to Route 1 South. Follow directions from Garden State Parkway (Newark) above.

Children's Special Education Advocacy Training

- I will attend the free training on Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and agree to **accept one special education case on a *pro bono* basis by December 1, 2010.**

Please clip and return this form by mail or fax *no later than* October 26, 2009 to:

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Please feel free to duplicate this form for other interested attorneys.

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