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The General Rules of Discipline of Students with Disabilities and their Practical Application

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About the Presenter

Julie J. Weatherly, Esq., is the owner of Resolutions in Special Education, Inc., a law and consulting firm in Alabama. A member of the Alabama and Georgia State Bars, she has provided legal representation and consultation to school agencies nationwide for 38 years. She frequently speaks at special education law conferences and develops professional training programs on legal compliance. Featured on "60 Minutes" in 1996, she has been nationally published and honored by Georgia's CEC and CASE for her contributions to special education. She continues to consult and provide professional development for school agencies and associations.

Training Descriptions

Target Audience: District, School, and Program Administrators, Teachers, Parents

Certainly one of the most challenging issues that educators face in the area of special education law is discipline. The laws and rules are complex and, in some instances, seem to be unworkable and unrealistic in light of the significant increase in mental health issues and dangerous behaviors seen in schools. In this session, we will first define and address the "General Rules of Discipline for students with disabilities, specifically the use of suspension, expulsion, and other disciplinary removals under federal law, primarily IDEA and Section 504. Once a foundational understanding of the General Rules is in place, we will then turn to the practical application of these Rules based upon frequently asked questions and common scenarios that arise.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- To update educators on the most-litigated issues in the area of discipline of students with disabilities
- To provide suggestions for avoiding special education legal disputes in the area of discipline under IDEA and Section 504
- To increase awareness as to how courts/agencies are ruling in discipline

Date:

April 16, 2025 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location:

The Schultz Center 4019 Boulevard Center Drive Jacksonville, FL 32207

Registration Deadline:

April 11, 2025

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Registration is mandatory.



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