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**LRP's National Institute Announces Nine Engaging Extended-Length Symposiums**

*Pre- and Post-Conference Symposiums will feature nationally recognized experts to give special education professionals case law, research, and tools needed to overcome their toughest challenges in serving students with disabilities most effectively.*

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – December 3, 2024 – LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities®**, the leading source for best practices, compliance strategies, and case updates impacting special education programs, announced today seven Pre- and two Post-Conference Symposiums. These nine extended-length Institute offerings will give special educators an opportunity to take a deeper look at major issues in their field including challenging student behaviors, mental health and trauma, meaningful parent participation, and more as part of the event taking place April 27 - 30 at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Six half-day Pre-Institute Symposiums will be held on Sunday, April 27, in the morning and afternoon:

- **Have Your Ducks in a Row BEFORE a Due Process Challenge** presented Rachel Hitch, Partner, and Rachel Nicholas, Attorney, Poyner Spruill Attorneys at Law.
- **Crafting a Picture-Perfect IEP** with Dianna Bowen, Partner, Thompson & Horton.
- **Back to Science Class: Using the Scientific Method to Conduct Effective School Investigations** presented by Collins Saint, Attorney, Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey and Leonard, LLP.
- **Dos, Don'ts, and Due Process: Everything You Need to Know Post-Filing** with Karen Haase, Attorney, and Bobby Truhe, Attorney, KSB School Law, PC, LLO.
- **Mastering the Art of Determining LRE and Avoiding Potential Hazards** presented by Cassie Black, Attorney, Kriha Boucek.
- **Mental Health and Trauma: When Is It Special Education?** with Stacey Heilighenthaler, Chief Officer of Special Education and Student Supports, Greenwich (Conn.) Public Schools.

The Pre-Symposium, **Managing Challenging Student Behaviors Through Evidence-Based Practices**, from Joseph Ryan, Ph.D., Stanzone Distinguished Professor at Clemson University College of Education, will be a full-day session on Sunday starting at 9 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m. Attendees will also be able to purchase a discounted combo pass for the sessions **Have Your Ducks in a Row BEFORE a Due Process Challenge** and **Dos, Don'ts, and Due Process: Everything You Need to Know Post-Filing**.

Two Post-Institute Symposiums will conclude the conference and take place on Wednesday, April 30, in the afternoon:

- **Drowning in Paperwork: Avoiding Sinkholes and Surfing the Waves** presented by Robin Day, Attorney/Complaint Investigator, Robin Day, LLC, and Kelly Raf, School Psychologist, Hillsboro (Ore.) School District.
- **Make Parent Participation Meaningful: Lessons From Doctor-Patient Studies** with Dave Richards, Attorney at Law, Richards Lindsay & Martín, LLP.

“The Institute's symposiums allow for a closer examination of a special education issue and the trends associated with the topic. This year, each of the six session tracks is represented by a symposium,” said Julie J. Kline, Esq., Vice President, LRP Media Group and Conference Chair. “So, whether you are a school attorney, school administrator, or school counselor, there's a symposium designed for you.”

In addition to the symposiums, the Institute will feature over 40 sessions spanning six topic-focused learning tracks as well as three captivating General Sessions from acclaimed teacher and activist Erin Gruwell, whose story was chronicled in *The New York Times* #1 bestseller, *The Freedom Writers Diary*; Attorney Karen Haase, with KSB School Law; and Attorney Geneva Jones, with Geneva Jones & Associates.

Registration is now open for LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities. Professionals who register by February 28, 2025, can take advantage of **\$150.00 Super Savings** off the standard rate. For more information and to register, visit [www.lrpinstitute.com](http://www.lrpinstitute.com) or call toll-free 1-800-341-7874.

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#### **About LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities®**

LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities has been delivering the highest-quality professional development possible to special educators for 45 years. With a robust program focusing on legal compliance and best practices, the National Institute provides the tools and resources needed for educators to make an impact in the lives of students, special education programs, and their communities.

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