



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Special Education Law and Policy Legal Requirements for Educating Students with Disabilities

**August 22, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will provide a comprehensive overview of the special education process in New Jersey with a focus on the legal requirements for identifying, evaluating and providing special education and related services for students with disabilities. The presentation will include a discussion of federal requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and New Jersey requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A: 14. The presenters will analyze recent cases addressing the IDEA, and provide a detailed overview of New Jersey's special education dispute resolution system, including special education mediation, due process hearings and complaint investigations.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

Ariadis R. Charles, Esq. is the Policy Coordinator for the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education. She oversees the Mediation and Due Process Unit and provides support and information on State and federal special education statutes and regulations. Ms. Charles has also served the Department of Education as a Special Education Monitor, providing support and technical assistance to school districts in their efforts to comply with special education regulations, as a mediator for special education cases, and as the County Supervisor of Child Study for Union County. She has also served as a school district Director of Special Services and as a teacher in several New Jersey school districts. She earned an undergraduate degree from Rutgers University, a Master of Arts in Urban Education with Specialization in Educational Administration and Supervision from New Jersey City University, and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School.

Cynthia Rimol, Esq. is the Coordinator of State Complaints for the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education. Ms. Rimol oversees the unit that investigates alleged violations of special education law and regulations, mediates special education complaints, and provides guidance and technical assistance to parents and school districts on special education laws and regulations. Prior to joining the New Jersey Department of Education, Ms. Rimol was a Deputy Attorney General in the Education and Higher Education Section of the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Law. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Finance from The College of New Jersey and a Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware.

CLE Credit

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Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

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