

# 2021 Virtual Special Education Legal Conference

Agenda: Thursday, April 15, 2021



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

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- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.     **Welcome:** Paul Foster, *Executive Director of Exceptional Student Services, CDE*
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- 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.     **Plenary:** **National Year in Review: Ten Hot Topics and Case Law of 2020 and 2021**  
Julie J. Weatherly, *Attorney and Owner, Resolutions in Special Education, Inc.*
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- 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.     **Breakout Session A1: Prior Written Notice**  
Becky O’Malley and Megan Tannozzini, *Monitoring and Technical Assistance Consultants for Exceptional Student Services, CDE*
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- Breakout Session A2: IEP Development and Implementation: The COVID Pandemic Version**  
David M. Richards, *Attorney at Law, Richards Lindsay & Martín, LLP*
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- Breakout Session A3: Meaningful Parent Participation in IEPs**  
Jennifer Levin, *Director of Public Policy, The Arc of Colorado*
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- 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.     **Plenary:** **Student Discipline Under IDEA: User-Friendly Approach to Rules, and Some Difficult Areas**  
Jose L. Martín, *Attorney, Richards Lindsay & Martín, LLP*
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- 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.     **Breakout Session B1: Legal Commentary on Selected Evaluation Issues Under the IDEA**  
Jose L. Martín, *Attorney, Richards Lindsay & Martín, LLP*
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- Breakout Session B2: Progress Monitoring During the Pandemic**  
Kathryn Newell, *Attorney, Griffin Newell, LLC*
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- Breakout Session B3: Disciplining Students with Disabilities**  
John R. Stanek, *Partner, Anderson, Dude & Lebel, P.C.*
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- 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.     **Breakout Session C1: Restraint Law in Schools**  
Jennifer Levin, *Director of Public Policy, The Arc of Colorado*
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- Breakout Session C2: Behavioral Evaluation and Interventions for Students with Disabilities**  
John R. Stanek, *Partner, Anderson, Dude & Lebel, P.C.*
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- Breakout Session C3: Selected Modern Issues in Least Restrictive Environment**  
David M. Richards, *Attorney at Law, Richards Lindsay & Martín, LLP*
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- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.     **Plenary:** **COVID Response and Planning: What are "Compensatory Education Services" and How are They Determined?**  
Julie J. Weatherly, *Attorney and Owner, Resolutions in Special Education, Inc.*
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