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# EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN CONFERENCE 2018

Reserve your seat for the premier special education law event.

## Gathering ground for:

- ▶ Attorneys
- ▶ Hearing officers
- ▶ Advocates representing children, families, and school districts
- ▶ School administrators and teachers
- ▶ Anyone who wants to learn more about educational rights for children

Join **200+** special education law professionals to brush up on today's most relevant issues.



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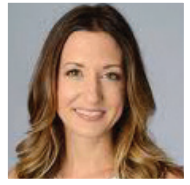
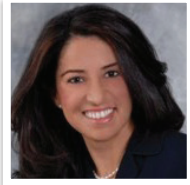


Continuing Legal Education Arm  
of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

**9:40 - 10:40**

## THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SPECIAL EDUCATION "CLEAN UP"

70+ education policy guidance documents have gone since the beginning of the Trump Administration, leaving school districts without detailed guidance or substantially abbreviated position statements on a variety of legal issues that impact disabled students. If you don't know what has changed, make this session a "must attend."

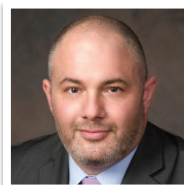


Tanya A. Alvarado & Brooke E.D. Say

**10:50 - 11:50**

## TEXT TO SPEECH, INTEL READER, SIP AND PUFF SYSTEMS, AND SO MANY MORE

Students, parents and teachers have a seemingly limitless number of learning tools at their disposal. But are they in compliance with the numerous laws and policies in place to deem a school inclusive and accessible?



Panelists pictured: **Mark Cheramie Walz & Michael J. Connolly**  
Moderator: **Hearing Officer Charles W. Jelley**

**3:30 - 4:30**

## THE DOCTOR IS IN: KACHMAR RETURNS WITH A FOCUS ON INTELLIGENCE TESTING

Prepare for a whirlwind of information as licensed school psychologist Steve Kachmar and Hearing Officer Linda M. Valentini review the history and theory of intelligence testing and explains current assessments and assessments in practice.

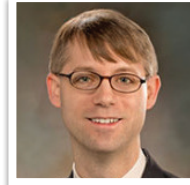
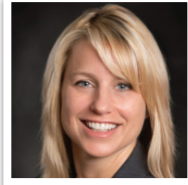


Dr. Steven Kachmar

**10:50 - 11:50**

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN SCHOOLS

The PA medical marijuana program is in full bloom! Explore its impact on students and schools struggling to interpret and implement the laws.



Christine Taylor Brann & Timothy E. Gilsbach

**2:20 - 3:20**

## GRAPPLING WITH TITLE IX GUIDANCE

Last year's change in federal policy regarding how schools should handle sexual assaults under Title IX has created an environment ripe for confusion, criticism, and misdirection. We have just the team line-up up to make sense of the complicated issues that have developed since the change in policy.

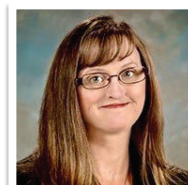


Claudia L. Huot & Dennis C. McAndrews

**3:30 - 4:30**

## SOCIAL MEDIA & DISCIPLINE: THE BAD, THE UGLY AND THE GOOD

Our kids snap, chat, tweet, share, like, and repost at alarmingly frequent rates with no thought to the longevity, reach and effect of their messages. Social media is great for learning, bad for stranger danger, and can be downright ugly when consequences and discipline come into play. Join this timely, engaging discussion that serves to teach how to keep potentially ugly, good.



Panelist pictured: **Erin D. Gilsbach**  
Moderator: **Hearing Officer Charlie W. Jelley**

## EXPERIENCED FACULTY

### ATTEND THE PREMIER EDUCATION EVENT

for parent and child attorneys, school district attorneys, hearing officers and advocates

Connect: learn, exchange, and share the passion with other special education professionals and create exceptional education opportunities for exceptional children!

### GAIN A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE ON ALL ISSUES

Most of the sessions are team-taught by a balanced panel of school district and parent/child attorneys. Gain the competitive advantage by hearing how a case is handled from both sides of the "v"!

### ARE YOU A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES?

The ECC offers you first rate instruction for advocating for your child, contact with some of the state's most experienced legal practitioners, and exceptional opportunities to meet and compare notes with other parents.

### TWO ETHICS CREDITS AVAILABLE!

You can cross that requirement off of your list.



Planned and Developed by the PA Bar Association Legal Services for Exceptional Children Committee

Who better to hone in on the most important and emerging issues affecting today's special education law practitioner?

Join the Committee members at their 2018 conference, designed to highlight the most relevant legislation, regulations, and programs affecting exceptional children and their families.

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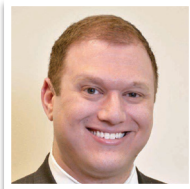


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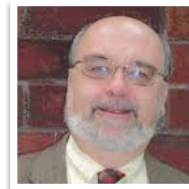


An excellent forum for **connecting** with other special education attorneys!

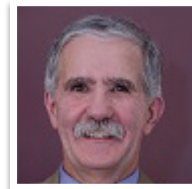
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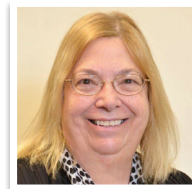
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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:50 - 9:00 **Welcome & Introduction**

9:00 - 9:30 **Hearing Officers' Update**

Special Education Due Process Hearing Officers Brian Jason Ford (M), James Gerl; Charles W. Jelley; Jake McElligott, Cathy A. Skidmore, and Linda M. Valentini

9:40 - 10:40	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Introduction to Special Education Law</b>  Leah Snyder Batchis Katrina M. Homel Jake McElligott (M)	<b>Making Schools Inclusive via Website Accessibility: Are You in Compliance?</b>  Mark Cheramie Walz Michael J. Connolly Charles W. Jelley (M)	<b>Bullying and Harassment: A primer under federal and PA law</b>  David J. Berney Sarah B. Dragotta Jennifer Y. Sang	<b>Current State of Federal Guidance</b>  Tanya A. Alvarado Brooke E.D. Say
10:50 - 11:50	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>School Safety: Behavior Response, Discipline and Involvement of Law Enforcement</b>  Rebecca Heaton Hall John Valantassis Cathy A. Skidmore (M)	<b>Medical Marijuana</b>  Christine Taylor Brann Timothy E. Gilsbach	<b>Meaningful Parental Participation for Parents who have Specialized Needs</b>  Jeni Hergenreder Aimee R. Zundel	<b>Ethical Considerations: What are your present ethical levels, goals and baselines?</b>  Amy T. Brooks Joshua M. Kershenbaum

11:50 - 12:35 **Luncheon**

12:35 - 2:05 **Year In Review** Andrew E. Faust & Caryl Andrea Oberman

2:20 - 3:20	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>Autism, Special Needs and Our Courts</b>  Lorrie McKinley Andria L. Saia	<b>Custody in Special Education</b>  Hon. Gail A. Weilheimer Craig D. Becker Amy P. De Shong Dr. Linda M. Valentini (M)	<b>Sexual Misconduct in the Schools</b>  Claudia L. Huot Dennis C. McAndrews	<b>Transition and Government Benefits After 18 (Including Social Security, Waivers, Medicaid)</b>  Michele A. Leahy, MS, CPWIC
3:30 - 4:30	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Intelligence Testing</b>  Dr. Steven P. Kachmar Dr. Linda M. Valentini	<b>Social Media &amp; Discipline</b>  Erin D. Gilsbach Charlie W. Jelley	<b>Settlements</b>  Heidi B. Konkler-Goldsmith Karl A. Romberger, Jr	<b>Ethical Considerations</b>  Grace M. Deon Ilene B. Young

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- \$299 Standard
- \$150 Attorneys licensed 5 years or less, judicial law clerks & paralegals

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