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**LRP's National Institute Announces Seven Captivating Extended-Length Symposiums**

*Pre-Institute Symposiums will feature nationally esteemed experts to provide special education professionals with an in-depth analysis of significant challenges they face and the best strategies to handle each situation while avoiding compliance missteps.*

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – December 2, 2025 – 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-Institute Symposiums. These extended-length offerings will dive into major issues in the field including IEP writing, disciplinary practices, transition planning, and more as part of the event taking place April 26 - 29 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La.

Six half-day Pre-Institute Symposiums will be held on Sunday, April 26, in the morning and afternoon:

- **Double Jeopardy? How Losing at IDEA Doesn't Stop the Lawsuit Under Section 504 and the ADA** presented by Geneva Jones, Esq., Geneva Jones & Associates PLLC.
- **Keep Calm and Carry on With Invaluable Strategies From State Complaint Responders** with Karen Haase, Esq., and Bobby Truhe, Esq., KSB School Law.
- **Shut the Door on Problematic and Abusive Disciplinary Practices in Classrooms** presented by Joseph Ryan, Clemson University College of Education.
- **What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Navigating Section 504's Hidden Risks** with Pam Leist, Esq., and Jeremy Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. L.P.A.
- **Smooth Sailing Ahead: Navigating Successful Transition Planning to Improve Postsecondary Outcomes** presented by David Hodgins and Arlene Gonzalez, Thompson & Horton.
- **Discipline 'MythBusters': Debunking Common Misconceptions and Risky Practices** with Kendra Yoch and Andrew Tatgenhorst, Thompson & Horton LLP.

The Pre-Institute Symposium, **Marching Toward Mastery: Boot Camp for Writing Effective IEPs**, presented by Cassie Black, Esq., and Stephanie Jones, Esq., with Kriha Boucek, will be a full-day session on Sunday starting at 9 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m.

"The Institute's Pre-symposiums address critical topics in special education that are worthy of a deeper dive. These sessions allow for more identification of best practices, more conversations with the experts, and more discussions with colleagues about similar problems and solutions," said Julie J. Kline, Esq., Vice President, LRP Media Group and Conference Chair. "Attending a Pre-symposium is a great way to refresh your understanding of special education laws, so you can better take in the information shared during the Main conference. We are excited to have so many of our most popular speakers presenting pre-symposiums in New Orleans."

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 author, actor and speaker

Mickey Rowe; attorney Jan Tomsy, with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost LLP; and attorney Julia Martin, with The Bruman Group, PLLC.

Registration is now open for LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities. Professionals who register by February 27, 2026, 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 over 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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