



*10<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**Special Education Law  
Conference: What Every  
Educator Needs to Know**

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Albuquerque Marriott Hotel  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
October 21 - 22, 2008

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## Law Conference Schedule

### Tuesday, October 21, 2008

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Session
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am - 11:30 pm	Session
11:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>On your own</i> )
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Session
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Session

### Wednesday, October 22, 2008

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Session
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am - 11:30 pm	Session
11:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>On your own</i> )
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### About Melinda Baird, Esq.

Melinda Baird is an attorney in private practice who has worked in the field of Special Education Law since 1985. She exclusively represents school systems in special education matters pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and related laws. Ms. Baird is also the President of Melinda Baird Training, L.L.C., a company providing specialized, on-site professional development courses to school agencies on various topics in education law. Throughout her career, Melinda has conducted hundreds of national, state, and local presentations on special education law, bringing her unique style of humor, practicality, and in-depth analysis to thousands of educators, administrators, attorneys, and parents.



### Lodging

A block of rooms will be available at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel on Louisiana Blvd. S.E. at \$139 per night (plus tax) until October 4, 2008. To make reservations, call the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel at 505.837.6684 and inform them that you will be attending the High Plains REC Special Education Law Conference. **Participants are responsible for all lodging arrangements and costs.**

**Get your team together ... register today!**



## **Day 1 (Morning Session): EMOTIONALLY DISABLED ... OR JUST TROUBLED?**

Is Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) a disability under IDEIA? Should students diagnosed with disruptive behavior, anxiety, or bipolar disorders be served by special education? Are students diagnosed with ODD, Conduct Disorder, or Behavior Disorder - or those involved with gang-related activities, drug use, or aggression - protected by the IDEIA's discipline rules? This presentation will provide an overview of the case law involving students with behavioral and emotional disorders. This session will help you understand when, and if, students with these problems should be determined to be eligible for special education and related services and, consequently, protected by the IDEIA's discipline rules.

## **Day 1 (Afternoon Session): THE 7 DEADLY SINS OF DUE PROCESS HEARING**

Don't succumb to the "seven deadly sins" that can sink your next (or first) due process hearing! Learn how to avoid common mistakes such as inadequate document preparation, poor witness preparation and performance, and failure to listen to counsel's advice. Activities include role-playing, audience participation, case law studies, real-life horror stories, and more. Don't wait for a due process hearing to become an unfortunate "professional development opportunity" - learn the most common mistakes before you litigate.

## **Day 2 (All Day): A YEAR IN REVIEW 2007-08**

Get ready for a fast-paced, comprehensive review of federal and state court decisions affecting special education! Attorney, Melinda Baird, brings her national presentation focusing on cases that set important precedents and that illustrate what NOT to do. In addition, Ms. Baird adds her unique commentary, expert tips, and professional insight to help you avoid unnecessary litigation and IDEIA, Section 504, and NCLB. Get ready for a whirl-wind tour of what the courts are saying!

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## **Registration**

To register for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Education Law Conference, complete and submit the enclosed Registration Form. ***Registrations will not be considered complete until a completed registration form, as well as a signed purchase order, money order, or check is received.*** All participants will receive an email confirmation to verify registration.

Based on space availability, registrations will be accepted until October 3, 2008. All cancellations must be made by October 3, 2008. Cancellations received after October 3, 2008 will not be refunded (this includes "no shows"). Substitute registrations will be accepted. Please call 505-445-7090 regarding substitutions.

### **Group Discount ~ Register four and the fifth is free!**

A discount will be provided for a group of educators from the same district. Registration for five educators from one district will be \$1,100 (early registration) or \$1,160 (regular registration). Register four and the fifth is *free!*  
***Registration must be paid in full (signed purchase order or a district check) to qualify for the group registration discount.***

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In order to process your registration form, all lines must be filled in clearly and completely. Payment must accompany the registration form. **Registration will not be confirmed until a completed registration form and signed purchase order, money order, or check is received.** Based on space availability, registrations will be accepted until October 3, 2008.

**Register early - space is limited.**

## Print Clearly

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Agency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Type

- Early Registration ~ Individual Rate**.....\$275  
(Registration and payment received by August 30, 2008)
- Early Registration ~ Group Rate\* SAVE \$275!** .....\$1,100  
(All five registration forms with payment by August 30, 2008)
- Registration ~ Individual Rate** .....\$290  
(Registration and payment received AFTER August 30, 2008)
- Registration ~ Group Rate\* SAVE \$290!** .....\$1,160  
(All five registration forms with payment received AFTER August 30, 2008)

**\* Group Rate: Complete one registration for ALL five participants with payment or proof of payment.**

## To Register

**Fax:** 575-445-7663 or

**Mail:** High Plains REC, 101 North Second Street, Raton, NM 87740

**Online Registration:** [www.hprec.com](http://www.hprec.com) (Click on *SPED Law Conference* Link)

## For More Information

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