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Maine Special Education Law **SUMMER INSTITUTE**

We're going VIRTUAL!



Monday, July 12 - Thursday, July 15
& Monday, July 19 - Thursday, July 22
1 - 4 pm (*daily*)

Registration | **\$1,150** (Includes tuition & required materials)

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About the Institute

We are taking our Institute virtual again for 2021 using Zoom, a cloud based video conferencing service. This program has been designed with busy educators in mind. Participants will cover materials that would traditionally be taught in a semester-long course. This will be accomplished through significant reading in advance from Eric Herlan's new edition of Maine Special Education Law, as well as collected court and hearing officer rulings. Participants will also complete a written exercise in advance of the course, and a written project either during or after the completion of the course. Class members will be required to prepare a written brief on one of the cases, participate in virtual mock IEP meetings, and then finish the course presenting an abbreviated due process hearing-virtually of course! Participants will come out of the course with a strong knowledge of all the important procedural and substantive requirements of Maine special education law, including the disciplinary issues that impact this field, Section 504, FERPA, and other key issues impacting the delivery of services to students with disabilities.

Topics Include:

- The IEP and Team Process
- Special Education Procedures
- Free Appropriate Public Education
- Least Restrictive Programming/Classroom Accommodations
- Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Section 504 and FERPA
- COVID-19 masks and compensatory ed issues

The Institute is an intense and exciting learning experience for administrators, so we encourage participants to be fully present during their online sessions. Because of the small class size and casual nature of the Institute, Eric Herlan and other guest instructors will be available to continue discussions and talk informally with participants throughout the 8-day period.

A course in Special Education Law is required for new administrator certification in Maine. What better way to meet your requirements than to learn from the best and have fun doing it!

More About the Institute

Required Texts

Maine Special Education Law (2nd edition) and customized case readings. The appropriate texts and assigned topic for the first paper will be forwarded to each student by **June 18**.

Assignments, Readings, and Papers

By the first class, students must read the full text of *Maine Special Education Law* (2nd edition) and the selected cases. By **July 18**, all students will be required to submit one paper (5 pages, double spaced, conventional type) on an assigned topic, based on the readings. That paper will be read, commented on, graded, and returned to each student by the first day of class. A second assignment will then be due by **August 2**.

Case Summaries

During the course of the Institute, each student will be asked to prepare a short, two-page summary (or, brief) on one of the important cases discussed in the class, and will help lead discussion on that case.

Online Participation

Participants are required to have their own tablet, PC, or laptop with internet connection. Participants will also need to be able to connect via video and audio. Spirited class discussion is an important part of this course. Students will have multiple opportunities to participate in discussions and virtual group exercises, including a mock manifestation determination and a due process hearing.

Grading

Grades will be based on the papers, on active class participation, on the written brief, and mock exercises.

Registration and Payment

Registration and payment are due in full by **July 1, 2021**. Payment may be made by registering online, or by check (made payable to schoollaw.com) mailed to PO Box 7570 DTS, Portland, ME 04112.

Cancellation Policy

We understand that plans change. If you find you can no longer attend the Institute, please contact Adriana Grimes at agrimes@dwmlaw.com. A \$250 cancellation fee will apply if we receive your cancellation after **June 17, 2021**. If materials are returned un-opened you will be credited.

About Your Instructor



Eric R. Herlan has been representing school clients for over 30 years, with a focus on student rights, special education and disability law. In addition to counseling schools on management of difficult student situations, he has

litigated special education disputes at all phases of the legal system. Eric is a frequent presenter on state and national levels and is the author of *Maine Special Education Law* (2nd Edition, 2020), a contributor to *Maine School Law* (6th Edition, 2018), and the *School Law Advisory*.

Along with Eric, guest instructors from the Drummond Woodsum School Law team will present on specific topics throughout the Institute.



Earn 4.5 C.E.U.s Over 8 Half-Day Sessions!

The Maine Department of Education has approved the Institute to fulfill the requirement for a course on special education law for purposes of administrator certification. Whether you need a course to satisfy a requirement, are looking for an update or simply have an interest in school law, the course will meet your needs. The course will also qualify for C.E.U.s from UMO for a small fee. Instructions for payment will be provided with the course materials.

(Note: Although the Institute provides certification and recertification credits, it is not affiliated with a college or university and does not provide graduate school credits.)