

**2014 ConnCASE Annual  
Leadership Conference**



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**October 15 - 17, 2014  
Farmington Marriott  
Farmington, CT**

## AGENDA

Thursday, October 16, 2014

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast/Registration/Vendors

8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.  
Opening Remarks

8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Bureau Update

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Keynote Presentation

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Break/Vendors

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Keynote Presentation (continued)

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Buffet Lunch/Vendors

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Keynote Presentation (continued)

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Attendee Networking Reception

Friday, October 17, 2014

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast/Vendors

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Concurrent Sessions

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
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11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
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1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
Luncheon

## 2014 Leadership Conference

### *Key Issues in Special Education Law: Present and Future*

**October 15—17, 2014**

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**Overview:** This conference has been designed to provide participants with the most up to date information on Special Education Law. It will serve as the first Leadership Forum.

**Audience:** District teams of central office and building administrators, other educators, and support services professionals are encouraged to attend.

**Agenda:** Registration will be available Wednesday evening, October 15, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Registration Information:** Applications should be sent with registration fee to **ConnCASE** by **October 8, 2014**. Districts are encouraged to send a team inclusive of a building administrator. The **registration fee of \$225 per person** will cover participation in the full conference, including continental breakfast and buffet lunch on Thursday and Friday. Applications from teams comprised of three (3) or more will be granted a reduced registration fee of **\$210 per person**.

**CEU Information:** Pre-registered participants who successfully complete requirements for attendance will be awarded **.5 CEUs** for participation on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (Day One) and **.4 CEUs** for Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (Day Two). Details will be provided with registration materials at the conference.

**Overnight Accommodations:** The Farmington Marriott has reserved rooms at a discounted rate for anyone wishing to stay overnight. This discounted room rate of \$149 plus tax is valid for the evenings of **October 15 & 16 only**. **The deadline to receive the discounted rate is October 1, 2014, please make your reservations early.** Reservation link is on [www.conncase.org](http://www.conncase.org).

**For Further Information:** Please contact Allyson J. Deckman at 860.548.1747 or [info@conncase.org](mailto:info@conncase.org).

**Thursday, October 16**

**Keynote  
Presentation**

**Dr. Perry Zirkel**

**Key Issues in Special  
Education Law:  
Present and Future**

**Perry A. Zirkel** is university professor of education and law at Lehigh University, where he formerly was dean of the College of Education and more recently held the Iacocca Chair in Education for its five-year term. He has a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut, and a Master of Laws degree from Yale University. He has written more than 1,400 publications on various aspects of school law, with an emphasis on legal issues in special education. He writes a regular column for *Principal* magazine and did so previously for *Phi Delta Kappan* and *Teaching Exceptional Children*. Past president of the Education Law Association and co-chair of the Pennsylvania special education appeals panel from 1990 to 2007, he is the author of the CEC monograph *The Legal Meaning of Specific Learning Disability*; the more recent books, *A Digest of Supreme Court Decisions Affecting Education and Student Teaching and the Law*; and the two-volume reference *Section 504, the ADA and the Schools*, now in its third edition. In 2012, he received Research into Practice Award from the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the Excellence in Research Award from AERA's Division A (Administration, Organization & Leadership). In 2013, he received the University Council for Educational Administration's Edwin Bridges award for significant contributions to the preparation and development of school leaders

**National Update of Case Law under the IDEA and  
Section 504/ADA**

This session will be a fast-paced review of an annotated compilation of officially published court decisions under the IDEA and, on a secondary basis, those under Section 504 and its sister statute, the ADA. The emphasis will be on key concepts, significant new developments, and decisions from the Second Circuit and the courts in Connecticut.

**Common Misconceptions under the IDEA**

This session will identify various prevailing perceptions and practices (i.e., the "lore") about the IDEA that do not square with an objective examination of the law. These items concern 1) child find, evaluation, and eligibility; 2) FAPE; 3) student records; 4) discipline; and 5) remedies.

**Common Misconceptions under Section 504 & the ADA**

This session will provide a corresponding comparison of the law v. the lore for various student issues under Section 504 and the ADA, including, for example, private school obligations, eligibility, entitlement, and liability.

**Friday, October 17**

**AM 1  
Concurrent  
Sessions**

**Friday AM 1 Concurrent Sessions:**

***1. Learning Disabilities and ESY Services***

**Presenter: Attorney Michelle Laubin, Berchem, Moses & Devlin, PC.**

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Extended School Year Services: Standards for determining eligibility and extent of services to be provided will be discussed, including the new standards articulated thus far by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit concerning providing ESY services in the least restrictive environment (LRE), the status of the court's review of this decision, and how to go about addressing parents requests for services with typical peers in settings such as camps and other non-traditional school placements.

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**Presenter: Attorney Julie Fay, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP**

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**Presenter: Attorney Frederick Dorsey, Kainen, Escalera & McHale, P.C.**

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***4. Preparing for Retirement Today; Be Ready for Tomorrow***

**Presenter: William Sudol, State Teacher Retirement Consulting, LLC**

This session will focus on the importance of saving for retirement today along with the many tools you will need to start planning.

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**Conference Application Form PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Registration Deadline: October 8, 2014**

Fee: **\$225 per person**. Applications from teams\* of three or more will be given a reduced fee of **\$210 per person**. (\*Teams must include a building administrator.) Please make checks payable to **ConnCASE**. This application form may be duplicated for additional team members.

School/Program \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #1/Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Role \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if needed: Vegetarian Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Special Accommodations (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate concurrent AM 1 session preferences:      October 17 (1-4)      1st choice \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate concurrent AM 2 session preferences:      October 17 (5-8)      1st choice \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Both Days?  YES  NO      Attending Lunch on Friday?  YES  NO

Team Member #2/Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Role \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if needed: Vegetarian Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Special Accommodations (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #3/Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Role \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail completed application form with purchase order or check by Wednesday, October 8, 2014 to:

**ConnCASE, 330 Main Street, Third Floor, Hartford, CT 06106 FAX: (860) 541-6484**

**\*If payment is not received within 30 days after the conference (with a purchase order), a late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed every 30 days not paid to the outstanding balance\***





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