



## **2024 March Legal Conference**

***State/Federal  
Legal Issues***

***March 7 – 8, 2024***

***Hilton Mystic  
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# *Welcome!*

Dear Conference Attendees:

It's so great to be back in person! We would like to thank you for attending the 2024 March Legal Conference. We are very excited to bring you the most up to date information on what is affecting our industry today and hope you have an enjoyable two days!

We continue to improve professional development in the area of education with your support. If it weren't for YOU, education would not be what it is today. Also, we would like to hear from you! At registration you were given evaluations for the overall conference and sessions, please fill them out and return them to registration.

We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing two days and thank you for your continued support!!

Regards,

***ConnCASE Leadership***

## Keynote Speaker

# Attorney Deanna L. Arivett



Deanna consults with clients on day-to-day legal matters and represents clients in litigation at both the administrative and federal court levels. In addition to legal representation, Deanna also enjoys providing professional development to school district staff at national conferences, state conferences, and at the local school level.

Deanna has a valuable combination of professional background and passion for supporting school systems that allows her to understand and represent the unique needs of school systems. Prior to her legal career, Deanna obtained a Master's of Arts degree and an Educational Specialist Degree in the field of school psychology from Middle Tennessee State University. Deanna then practiced for six years as a nationally certified school psychologist in public schools in both Tennessee and Ohio. Deanna's experience as a school psychologist has provided her with a unique insight and knowledge of the challenges faced by today's school personnel.

Furthering her education, Deanna graduated magna cum laude with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton School of Law. Deanna was the executive publication editor for the University's law review and published a comment on the use of restraints in public schools. While obtaining her legal degree, Deanna clerked for an Ohio law firm that represented over a hundred public school districts. Deanna worked on a number of legal issues faced by school systems, including special education, Section 504, ADA, general education, student discipline, employment law, and board policy. Under an Ohio intern's license, Deanna also obtained courtroom experience through her externship with an Ohio prosecutor's office.

Upon completion of her legal degree, Deanna went into private practice as an attorney with the Law Office of Melinda Jacobs PLLC (LOMJ). As an attorney with LOMJ, Deanna was mentored by a renowned special education attorney, Melinda Jacobs, and gained experience in consultation, trial preparation, litigation, and professional development in the legal areas of IDEA and Section 504. These experiences have prepared Deanna to provide unparalleled services to her clients.

# AGENDA

## Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:00am	Breakfast & Registration
9:00am	Welcome & Introductions
9:15am	Keynote Speaker: Attorney Deanna Arivett: The Year's Top Special Education Cases
10:45am	BREAK
11:00am	Keynote Speaker (contd.)
12:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm	Keynote Speaker: Attorney Deanna Arivett: Staffing Shortages
2 :15pm	BREAK
2:30pm	Keynote Speaker: Attorney Deanna Arivett: Section 504
4:00pm	Networking Reception with our Vendors - PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT ! (all attendees will be given a ticket at registration - must be present to win)

## Friday, March 8, 2024

8:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Welcome & Introductions CT State Department of Education Updates
9:15am	Panel Discussion: Connecticut Legal Issues/Hot Topics Moderator: Katharine Gabrielson, ConnCASE Past President Panelists: Peter J. Maher, Attorney – Shipman & Goodwin, LLP; Mike McKeon, CSDE Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, Michelle Laubin, Attorney -Berchem Moses, PC and Alycia Trakas, CT SDE.
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Panel Discussion: Connecticut Legal Issues/Hot Topics Moderator: Katharine Gabrielson, ConnCASE Past President Panelists: Peter J. Panelists: Peter J. Maher, Attorney – Shipman & Goodwin, LLP; Mike McKeon, CSDE Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, Michelle Laubin, Attorney -Berchem Moses, PC and Alycia Trakas, CT SDE.
11:30am	New Solutions K 12 Presentation - Nate Levinson
12:15pm	Lunch with our Vendors
1:00pm	Adjourn

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