

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SEMINAR**  
Holiday Inn Cleveland South  
Independence, Ohio  
February 7, 2025

8:20 – 8:50

**REGISTRATION**

8:50 – 9:00

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

9:00 – 9:45

**2024 UPDATE: LEGAL TRENDS AND FEDERAL  
GUIDANCE YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Immy Singh, Esq.

- Key decisions shaping special education
- Navigating guidance from the U.S. Department of Education

9:45 – 10:30

**IN THE PERIPHERY, BUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:  
SCHOLARSHIP & PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Brian J. DeSantis, Esq.

- Offering FAPE, autism education plans, and child find
- Obligations to unilaterally placed students & scholarship students
- Transportation requirements and procedures

10:30 – 10:45

**BREAK**

10:45 – 11:30

**YOUR IDEA OF AN MDR MIGHT CAUSE AN SOS**

Donna M. Andrew, Esq.

- Navigating disagreement between the school district of residence and educating entity
- Considering all diagnoses during the MDR
- Beyond the student's disability: Did the district properly implement the IEP?

11:30 – 12:30

**LUNCH**

12:30 – 1:15

**A DEEP DIVE INTO IDENTIFICATION  
UNDER THE IDEA**

Jacqueline Walsh Brickman,  
Esq.

- Determining the appropriate disability category
- Considering outside reports
- Choosing not to evaluate following a parent request

1:15 – 2:00

**504 AND COUNTING: SCHOOLS' OBLIGATIONS  
BEYOND THE BASICS**

Taryn Weiss Derin, Esq.

- 504 Plans v. IEPs
- Eligibility and need for a 504 plan
- Responding to complaints under Section 504

2:00 – 2:15

**BREAK**

2:15 – 3:00

**HOT TOPICS FOR 2025**

Panel

- Third party programs under Section 504
- Angel sense, angel watch, and similar devices
- Records retention requirements under the IDEA