

**BREN SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL CLINIC
at SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW**

Course: SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVOCACY
Term: Spring Semester 2023
Meeting Days & Times: Saturdays, 10:00am -12:00pm
Location: Zoom
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to give parents of individuals with disabilities and the professionals that serve those individuals an enhanced understanding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and tools to be a more effective advocate. Class participants will have an opportunity to obtain insights into the broad array of issues that arise in the Special Education process and how to utilize that insight to be a proactive advocate.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

Class members can purchase a copy of *A Parent Guide to Special Education Law & Proactive Advocacy*, by Jodie Pierce Howard. The material contained in the book will be presented during class in the form of PowerPoint slides. Purchasing the book is not mandatory but can ease the burden of taking notes. Books can be purchased at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09PMPSK4T>

Class handouts can be accessed at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ybogvcw0dfbymh2/AAD2mjlUZCYpVR0_nLxkGK0Za?dl=0

COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Assignment	Topic
1/7/23	Intro & Chapter 1 (pages 1-10)	Introduction & Proactive Advocacy
1/14/23	Chapter 2 (pages 11-17)	Referral for Evaluation
1/21/23	Chapter 3 (pages 18-22)	Procedural Safeguards
1/28/23	Chapter 4 (pages 23-27)	Eligibility Determination
2/4/23	Chapter 5 (pages 28-40)	Individualized Education Plan (Part One)
2/11/23	Chapter 5 (pages 28-40)	Individualized Education Plan (Part Two)
2/18/23	NO CLASS	
2/25/23	Chapter 6 (pages 41-47)	Placement
3/4/23	Chapter 7 (pages 48-56)	Student Discipline
3/11/23	Chapter 8 (pages 57-64)	Individual Transition Plan
3/18/23	Chapter 9 (pages 65-72)	Before Kindergarten
3/25/23	Chapter 10 (pages 73-81)	Dispute Resolution

Recording: No recording (audio, visual, or photograph) is allowed.

Dates, times, location are subject to change