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WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2012 - present

Private practice of law - Lawrenceville, Georgia.

ACTIVITIES: Engaged in the private practice of law and concentrating on special education, education, civil rights, civil litigation, employment disability discrimination, and family law.

January 2021 - present

Adjunct Professor at University of Georgia School of Law - Special Education and Disability Law

ACTIVITIES: Provide classroom instruction to law students in area of special education and disability law.

August 2008- May 2012

Adjunct Professor of Law at University of Georgia School of Law and Managing Attorney of Special Education Practicum.

ACTIVITIES: Provide classroom instruction to law students in area of special education law and supervise them in a legal clinic representing low-income families of children with disabilities in a multi-county area.

September 2006 - August 2008

Cousins Public Interest Fellowship at University of Georgia School of Law.

ACTIVITIES: Developed clinical law school program and curriculum to serve low-income families of children with disabilities in a multi-county area and provided law students special education law and practice in a clinical setting.

July 2003 - January 2012

Georgia Legal Services Program Central Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Part time Specialist

Attorney in Mental Health, Health and Education.

November 2002 - July 2003, Torin D. Togut, Attorney at Law, Barre, Vermont.

ACTIVITIES: Private practice of law involving representation of infants, toddlers, children, adolescents and adults with disabilities; special education, mental health, disability rights, civil rights, criminal defense, employment, and general practice of law.

May 2002 to August 2002

Legal Assistant at ACLU of Vermont

ACTIVITIES: legal research, coordination of cases with cooperating attorneys, screening and closing of cases, supervision of interns.

October 2001 to May 2002

Executive Director Vermont Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

ACTIVITIES: Responsible for the overall management and administrative oversight of agency including, but not limited to, preparing grants, budgets, and subcontracts, managing 12 employees, developing legal and legislative advocacy, testifying before legislative committees, trainings, reports to board of directors, recommendations to committees, grievances, contacts with agencies, advocates and community organizers, and insuring compliance with federal requirements.

September 1984 - October 2001

Georgia Legal Services Program Central Office. Atlanta, Georgia. Specialist Attorney in Mental Health, Health and Education.

ACTIVITIES: Back-up attorney in specialist area to attorneys and paralegals in 11 field offices. Responsibilities include reviewing

and participation in all federal litigation and state appellate filing in designated subject areas; development of materials memoranda on current trends in subject area; participation in training program for staff; testifying before legislative and administrative bodies on issues relating to individuals with disabilities; legal advocate for children and adolescents with special needs, and adults with disabilities; coordination of administrative activities in subject area; management support to central office staff and managing attorneys in field offices.

June 1977 - September 1984:

Torin D. Togut, Attorney at Law, Decatur, Georgia.

Private practice of law involving but not limited to civil and criminal trial practice, state and federal appellate practice, domestic, civil rights, labor law, bankruptcy, and poverty law.

September 1996 - October 2001

Torin D. Togut, Attorney at Law, Roswell, Georgia

Part-time private practice of law involving representation of infants, with toddlers, children, adolescents and adults disabilities; special education, mental health, disability rights, and civil rights law.

DISABILITY RELATED BAR ACTIVITIES:

American Bar Association. State Bar of Georgia. State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyers Section, Mental Health Committee, Chairman (1985-1987). North Fulton County Bar Association; Gwinnett County Bar Association, Joint State Bar Committee on Mental Illness (1988); State Bar of Vermont; Vermont Bar Association(2002-2003); State Bar of Georgia Mentor in Transition into Law Practice Program (2006).

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Chairperson, Georgia Protection and Advocacy Coalition (1986-87).

Citizens Advisory Council for Georgia Regional Hospital/Atlanta (1986-92).

Citizens Advocacy Council for Brook Run (1986-1996) (Chairperson 1990-92).

Board member of ARC of Georgia (2008-present and President from 2010 to present).

Chair and co-chair of Disability Committee of America Civil Liberties Union of Ga. (1996-2001).

Human Rights Committee for Association of Retarded Citizens/Georgia (1986-88).

Protection and Advocacy Committee for Mental Health Association/Atlanta (1986-87).

Board member of Mental Health Association of Georgia (1987-90).

Task Force on Forensic Mental Health Services for Georgia Department of Human Resources (1990).

Board member of Georgia PEPPAC (PTI under IDEA)(1997-2001 and 2010-2013)

Disability Law and Policy Center - workgroup to address issues relating to implementation of Olmstead (2000-2001).

Legal Advocacy Subcommittee of the Arc of the United States (2014-present).

EDUCATION

Law School:

University of LaVerne, College of Law, Los Angeles, California. Juris Doctor - August, 1976.

College:

Cornell University - School of Industrial Labor Relations. Ithaca, New York. B.S. - May 1973.

Bar Admissions:

Georgia Admission to Bar June 1977(active)
Vermont Admission to Bar November 2002 (inactive)

Federal District Courts: Northern District of Georgia; Middle District of Georgia; Southern

District of Georgia; District Court of Vermont.

Federal Appellate Courts: Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Supreme Court.

LITIGATION FEDERAL:

Legette v. Henry County School District, 2019 U.S. Dist. Lexis 233547 (Sept. 19, 2019)(action under Family Medical Leave Act for reinstatement and damages).

May v. City of Nahunta, 841 F.3d. 1173 (11th Cir. 2016), op. withdrawn and sub. op., 846 F. 3d 1320 (2017)(appeal from grant of summary judgment on Fourth Amendment claim and qualified immunity).

Jackson v. McCurry et al., 762 Fed. Appx. 919(2019)(civil rights action claiming violation of First and Fourth Amendments and state law claims).

United States of America v. \$6,630.10 IN US CURRENCY(1:17-CV-00910-ODE, N.D. Ga. 2017) (civil forfeiture action)

Pollard v. Abbott Vascular, Inc. (N.D.Ga. 2018)(action under ADA for employment discrimination, retaliation and hostile work environment).

JL/JR v. Ledbetter, No. 75-163-MAC (M.D. Ga. 1991)(class action Motion for Contempt and Modification of Consent Judgments regarding hospitalization of children in state mental hospitals).

GARC v. McDaniel, C78-1950A (N.D. Ga. 1985)(motion for contempt regarding duty of state and local defendants to consider extended school year services to children with disabilities).

Barry G. v. Werner Rogers, et. al., C86-2496 (N.D. Ga. 1986)(civil rights action against state and local defendants for denying student free appropriate public education under special education statutes and regulations).

Ronnie E. Hightower v. James G. Ledbetter, et al., 959 F. Supp. 1549 (N.D. Ga. 1997), aff'd without opinion, 166 F.3d 351(11th Cir. 1998)(civil rights class action challenging defendants' policies and procedures of providing informed consent to psychotropic medication to persons confined at state mental hospitals).

Bracey v. Ledbetter, et al., C87-159R (N.D. Ga. 1987), and Gardner v. Ledbetter et al., 4:89-CV-0063 (N.D.Ga. 1989)(civil rights actions against state officials challenging state commitment statute for contagious tuberculosis).

Thomas S. v. Burke County Board of Education, et al., CV-186-115, 1987 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10763 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 3, 1987). (Special education case involving the denial of a free appropriate education to a child with severe emotional disturbance and recovery of attorney's fees).

Benham v. Ledbetter, 785 F.2d 1480 (11th Cir. 1986)(civil rights class action challenging state statutes regarding civil commitment of defendants found not guilty by reason of insanity).

Pisczak v. Evans, et al., CV-92-10-ATH (M.D. Ga. 1992)(civil rights action against state and local defendants for denying services to adult with autism and severe mental retardation).

Heichelbech v. Evans, et al., 798 F.Supp. 708 (M.D. Ga. 1992) aff'd without opinion, 995 F. 2d 237 (11th Cir.) cert denied, 510 U.S. 947 (1993)(civil rights action challenged state policy that prevented mental health patient from requesting discharge from a state mental hospital because of guardianship).

Fred Doe by and through Jane v. Bibb County School District, et al., 1:93-CV-1526 (N.D. Ga. 1993)(special education case involving the denial of free appropriate public education to a child with severe dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

Bobbie S. v. Stephens County School District, 2:90-CV-0029-WCO (N.D.Ga. 1990)(special education case involving denial of special education and related services to student with learning disability, dyslexia, and ADHD).

Jeffrey S. v. State Board of Education, et al., 896 F.2d 507 (11th Cir. 1990)(civil rights and special education case involving denial of special education to student with hepatitis B and severe mental retardation, and settlement for attorney fees).

Foss v. Bryan County School District, CV490-144 (S.D. Ga. 1990)(special education case involving challenge to school policy and grade retention practices).

Carmen B. v. Miller County School District, (S.D. Ga. 1994)(special education case challenging violation of procedural and substantive rights of a child with medical disabilities and settlement of attorney's fees).

Kyle K. v. Baldwin County School District, et al., 1:94-CV-0471 1994), aff'd without op., ___ F3d ___ special education case against local and state educational agencies for failure to provide a free appropriate public education to student with autism and mental retardation).

Muscogee County School District v. Kyle K., 4:97-CV-217 (M.D. Ga. 1997)(school district's appeal of administrative law judge decision awarding residential placement to child with severe autism and mental retardation).

Colquitt County School District v. Thompson et al., 94-91-THOM (M.D. Ga. 1994)(special education case involving attempt by school district to change educational placement of student with mental retardation and attention

deficit disorder, and an award of attorney's fees).

Martin v. Ledbetter, et al., 4:94-CV-0299 (N.D. Ga. 1994)(civil rights class action against state officials challenging constitutionality of a commitment statute for contagious tuberculosis).

Benford v. Hagin, et. al, 3:96-CV-59 (M.D. Ga. 1996)(civil rights action challenging the constitutionality of school disciplinary procedures which led to permanent expulsion of students).

O'Neal v. Mitchell, et al., C78-1478A (N.D. Ga. 1978)(civil rights class action lawsuit challenging criminal arraignment proceedings for defendants).

James v. Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 3204, 534 F. Supp. 566 (N.D. Ga. 1982)(action for breach of duty of fair representation and contractual duty to an employee under collective bargaining agreement).

United States v. Northside Rlty. Assoc., 510 F. Supp. 668 (N.D. Ga. 1981)(constitutional and statutory challenge to grand jury proceedings and indictments)

Quesenberry v. Hargrave et al., C84-49A (N.D. Ga. 1984)(civil rights action for violation of constitutional rights by law enforcement for erroneous breaking into home of family).

Sabel v. Stynchcombe, 746 F.2d 728 (11th Cir. 1984)(federal habeas corpus action challenging criminal conviction of defendants under activity protected under First Amendment of U.S. Constitution).

Jorge-Salon v. U.S., 734 F.2d 789 (11th Cir.) cert. denied, 469 U.S. 869 (1984)(appeal of defendant's conviction for murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to attempt murder).

U.S. v. Harris et al., 720 F.2d 1259 (11th Cir.

1983)(appeal of defendant's conviction for conspiracy to possess heroin and cocaine with intent to distribute).

Nagel v. Osborne, et al., 94-267-3-MAC (M.D. Ga. 1994), aff'd, 164 F.3d 582 (11th Cir. 1999), reh. en banc den., 181 F.3d. 111 (11th Cir.), cert. denied., 120 S.Ct. 502 (1999)(federal habeas action challenging the constitutional basis of confinement of an insanity acquittee).

Hall v. DeKalb County School District, et al. 1:97-CV-0389 (N.D.Ga. 1997)(civil rights action to enforce special education due process decision).

Ruff v. Mimbs, et al., 90-62-2-MAC (M.D. Ga. 1990)(federal habeas action challenging the constitutional basis of continued involuntary civil commitment for patient).

Deeds v. State of Georgia Department of Revenue 1:97-CV-2967 (N.D. Ga. 1997) (ADA action for reinstatement and recovery of back wages, and compensatory damages for unlawful termination).

Kelley v. Tift County Hospital Authority d/b/a Tift General Hospital 4:98-CV-11 (M.D.Ga. 1998)(action under ADEA and ADA for compensatory damages and recovery of back wages for unlawful termination).

Tiffany Thomas v. Roberts et al, 94 F. Supp. 2d 1290 (N.D. Ga. 1999); 94 F. Supp. 2d 1330(N.D. Ga. 2000), aff'd 261 F.3d 1160 (2001), vacated and remanded, 536 U.S. 953 (2002), on remand, 323 F.3d 950 (2003)(civil rights action for equitable and legal relief for strip search of elementary school students).

Davidson v. Walker, 04:-CV-1316 (N.D.Ga. 2004). Civil rights action under ADA, Section 504 and U.S. Constitution for equitable relief to obtain most integrated community setting for individual with disabilities confined at state mental institution.

Smith v. Burgess, 4:04-CV-204 (N.D.Ga.

2004) Civil rights action under ADA, Medicaid statute and regulations and fourteenth Amendment challenging termination of nursing home residents from Medicaid Medical Needy Program.

Mandy S. v. Fulton County School District, 205 F. Supp. 2d 1358 (N.D.Ga. 1999) Special education appeal of case involving claim for compensatory education and reimbursement of private education expenses.

Brogdon v. National Healthcare Corp. et al. 103 F. Supp. 2d 1322 (N.D. Ga. 2000). Civil action seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and damages for violating the rights of nursing home residents under state laws.

Liberty County School District v. John A., CV-400-045 (S.D.Ga. 2000). School district's appeal of ALJ's decision finding that student qualifies for special education, and is entitled to compensatory education.

Cory D. v. Burke County School District, 285 F.3d 1294 (11th Cir. 2002). Special education case challenging permanent expulsion of child with mental retardation and ADHD.

Price v. Advanced Medical Clinics and Lacy Management, Inc., 1:04-CV-1818 (N.D.Ga. 2004)(Title VII action seeking damages and equitable relief for religious discrimination)

Ansley v. Madison County School District, Civil No. 3:00-CV-11 (M.D.Ga. 2000)(civil rights action seeking constitutional challenge to school district's residency requirements for enrollment).

R.W. v. Georgia Board of Education 353 Fed. Appx. 442 (11th Cir. Dec. 2, 2009)(amicus brief supporting challenge to district court's decision insufficiency of notice provision under IDEA).

S.M., a minor child, by and through her parents T.M. and B.M. v. Gwinnett County School District, 646 Fed. Appx. 763 (11th Cir. 2016) (appeal from a due process hearing decision finding that school system complied with least

restrictive environment requirements under the IDEA)

Rigoberto Silva Herrera v. Tom Tillostson d/b/a Enzos Pizza, Civil No. 1:13-CV-02474-JEC (N.D.Ga. 2013) (settlement of plaintiff's claims under the Fair Labor Standard Act)

STATE LITIGATION:

McLeod v. Costco Wholesale Corp., 369 Ga. App. 717 (2023)(appeal from order granting motion to dismiss complaint).

Novae, LLC v. Owens, 357 Ga. App. 240 (2020)(breach of contract action for injunctive relief and damages)

Franklin v. Eaves, 337 Ga. App. 292 (2016)(appeal of an order granting summary judgment under Georgia Whistleblower Act).

Franklin v. Pitts, __ Ga. App. (2019)(appeal of order granting summary judgment under Georgia Whistleblower Act)

In Re: Professional Nurses Service, Inc. 2006 Vt. 112, 2006 VT LEXIS 312 (2006). Appeal of granting of certificate of need to become home health agency under Vermont law.

GCSS v. Berryhill, 275 Ga. App. 189 (2005), cert. granted and affirmed, 281 Ga. 439 (2006).(motion to dismiss SLAPP lawsuit for libel, interference with business relationship, and for attorney's fees).

Hogan v. Nagel, 276 Ga. 197 (2003). Appeal of an order granting insanity acquittee conditional release from state psychiatric hospital)

Hogan v. Nagel, 273 Ga. 577 (2001). Appeal of an order granting insanity acquittee the right to pursue habeas relief before exhausting remedies under the criminal code.

Nagel v. State., 264 Ga. 150 (1993) Appeal of denial of release of defendant found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Nagel v. State, 262 Ga. 888 (1994). Appeal of denial of release of defendant found not guilty by reason of insanity

Ruff v. Central State Hospital, 192 Ga. App. 631 (1989). Appeal of an order for involuntary civil commitment of patient.

Ranger v. State, 249 Ga. 315 (1982)(amicus in support of defendant's appeal to overturn his conviction for murder).

Simmons v. State, 172 Ga. App. 695 (1984)(appeal of conviction for aggravated assault).

Ellison v. State, 158 Ga. App. 419 (1981). (appeal of defendant's conviction for aggravated assault).

In Re McClarty, 152 Ga. App. 399 (1979). (appeal of order for civil contempt).

Beatty v. LaSonde, 147 Ga. App. 138 (1978). (defense of appeal for quantum meruit).

Houston v. Roberts, 150 Ga. App. 350 (1979). (defense of order declaring a mistrial in civil case)..

Rosenstein v. Jenkins, 166 Ga. App. 385 (1983)(defense of trial judge's order awarding custody of child to parent).

Crooks v. Crim, et al., 159 Ga. App. 745 (1981)(action on behalf of teachers involving challenge to employment contract).

Caldwell et al. v. Carswell et al., 158 Ga. App. 353 (1981)(defense of trial judge's award of unemployment compensation to teachers).

State v. Sikes, 208 Ga. 19 (1997)(amicus in support of discharge of insanity acquittee from a conditional release plan).

In the Interest of A.V.B., 222 Ga. App. 241 (1996)(amicus in support of minor seeking release from a State mental hospital).

IDELR DECISIONS:

Kyle K. v. State Board of Education of the State of Georgia et al., 22 IDELR 37 (N.D.Ga. 1995)(court denied State defendant's motion to dismiss and for summary judgment on grounds of SEA's responsibility under IDEA).

Muscogee County (GA.) Sch. System, 27 IDELR 275 (SEA 1997)(parents substantially prevailed - ALJ determined student's stay-put placement was his current out-of-state residential placement, and not the school system's proposed in-state residential placement).

Fulton County (GA.) Sch. System, 29 IDELR 1118 (SEA 1999)(parent unsuccessfully sought reimbursement and compensatory education against school system for failure to provide a free appropriate public education to student with traumatic brain injury).

Liberty County (GA.) School System, 31 IDELR 176 (SEA 1999). Parent substantially prevailed when ALJ ruled that school system failed to timely locate, identify, evaluate and provide a free appropriate public education to student with ADHD, ODD, and Dysthemia, as required by the IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Mandy S. by Sandy F. v. Fulton County School District, 31 IDELR 79 (N.D.Ga. 1999)(district court determined Georgia's two-year statute of limitations for personal injury should apply to requests for due process hearings under the IDEA. The statute of limitations begins to run when then the parent knew or should have known of the injury giving rise to the claim, whether or not the parent knew that the injury was actionable).

Liberty County School District v. John A., 33 IDELR 33 (S.D. Ga. 2000)(held parent had right to enforce due process decision while school district appealed the decision).

OCR (Atlanta) complaint (2010) filed against Henry County School System for violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act for racial discrimination in suspension of students of color.

S.M v. Gwinnett County School District, 114 LRP 9195 (2013)(adverse decision on parents' claim that a school district violated the LRE provisions of the IDEA).

P.A. by J.A. v. Butts County School District, ___ IDELR ___ (2025) (pending)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia (1985)
Legal Right of Alzheimer's patient.
2. Governor's Advisory Council (Regional), Atlanta, Georgia (1987)
Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986.
3. Georgia Mental Health Institute, Atlanta, Georgia (1987)
H.B. 152 - Confidentiality of patient records.
4. Citizens Advocacy Council, Atlanta, Georgia (1987)
Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986.
5. State Bar of Georgia Continuing Legal Education, Atlanta, Georgia (1986)
Legal Ethics of Representing Handicapped.
6. Georgia Alliance for Mentally Ill, Atlanta, Georgia (1987)
Confidentiality of Patient Records and Out Patient Commitment Laws in Georgia.
7. Georgia Protection and Advocacy Program, Atlanta, Georgia (1987)
History of Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986.
8. National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy - Portland, Oregon (1988)
Rights of Children in State Mental Facilities under the P & A Act.
9. City of Rome School District, Rome, Georgia (1988)
Presentation to group of special educators concerning frequently encountered problems in special education.
10. Homelessness in the South - The Legal Perspective, Atlanta, Georgia (1989)
Legal issues facing the homeless in the area of education.
11. Office for Civil Rights - United States Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia (1990).
Section 504 and Least Restrictive Environment.

12. National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy - Miami, Florida, (1990). Co-presenter on recovery of attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and other civil rights statutes.
13. Advocacy Center, Inc. and Southern Legal Counsel, Tampa, Florida (1991). Topics in Special Education for Attorneys.
14. Mental Health Association of Metropolitan Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia (1991) Individual Advocacy in 1990's: "Making an Impact."
15. National Association for Foster Care Reviewers Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (1992). "The Role of the Parent and the Foster Parent in the Child's Education."
16. CURE/BTFC Parent Weekend, Atlanta, Georgia (1992) "Rights of Children with Cancer to Special Education."
17. University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia (1992) "Infants and Toddlers and Special Education for Pre-School Children."
18. Georgia Indigent Defense Council, Milledgeville, Georgia (1993) "Mental Health Advocacy for Criminal Defense Lawyers."
19. Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia (1993) "Special Education Common Law: Rules and Decisions of the State Hearing Level."
20. Medical Educational Services, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (1993) Georgia Mental Health and the Law: Legal Status of Mentally Ill Patients.
21. Georgia Indigent Defense Council, Atlanta, Georgia (1994) Nagel and Its Implications: A Theoretical and Practical Approach.
22. Truancy Project of Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia (1994) "Special Education in a Nutshell."
23. Institute of Continuing Education in Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia (1994) "Involuntary Admissions - Mental Health Law."
24. Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer, Forysth, Georgia (1994). "For Public Defenders Only" The Public Defender and Students with Disabilities: The Role in Juvenile Court.
25. University of Pennsylvania, Center for School Study Councils. Educators Learning About Children with HIV and Drug Exposure: HIV/AIDS In The Classroom: Evolving Legal and Policy Issues for Educators (Atlanta, Georgia , 1995)
26. Legal Issues and the SST Process (June, 1995). Networking and Educational Training Project. DeKalb County School System (Decatur, Georgia).
27. National Association for Rights Protection Advocacy, Madison, Wisconsin (1995) -

The Invisible Children - Private Hospitalization of Youth.

28. Update on Special Education Cases and Laws: In Service for Sixes Elementary School Cherokee County (Cherokee County, Georgia, 1995).
29. TB-HIV Mini-Residency Legal Issues of TB, DeKalb County Board of Health (Decatur, Georgia 1996).
30. Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia (1996). "Representing Special Needs Children," Federal Practice and Procedure under the IDEA and Section 504.
31. Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia (1997). "Psychotherapy and Malpractice: Psychotherapist's Liability for Violations of Constitutional and Georgia Statutory Rights."
32. Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia (1997). "Representing Special Needs Children: An Overview of the Legal Provisions Affecting Special Needs Children: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."
33. Walton Rehabilitation Center, Augusta, Georgia (1997). "The Child with Special Needs from Infancy through Adolescence: Navigating the Special Education Maze."
34. Kids in Need of Dreams (K.I.N.D), Atlanta, Georgia (1997). "The Discipline of Students with Disabilities And Its Relationship to Juvenile Court Delinquency Proceedings."
35. Georgia Federal Council for Exceptional Children, Macon, Georgia (1997). "Legal Implications of IDEA Amendments of 1997."
36. E.M. Moore Elementary School, Cherokee County, Georgia (1998). In-Service on IDEA Amendments of 1997.
37. 10th Annual Conference of Brain Injury Association of Georgia (1998). "Transition from School to the Community under the IDEA."
38. Douglas County Disabilities Coalition. . Laws affecting persons with disabilities. Douglasville, Georgia (1998).
39. The Ties that Bind Parents and Children: Strengthening the Bond sponsored by the Department of Human Resources, Fulton County, Georgia (1998). "Effective Parent Involvement in Schools - Advocating for Your Child with Special Needs."
40. The Matthew Reardon Center, Savannah, Georgia (1998). "Navigating the Special Education Maze."
41. ADA Training for Georgia ADA Exchange, Inc. in Macon, Dalton and Rome, Georgia "Overview of Rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. "(1998).
42. Legal Services University, Red Top Mountain, Georgia. "The Legal Anatomy Of An IEP." (1998).

43. Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), 2nd Annual Conference. San Diego, California. "Transition: An Eclectic Approach." (1999).
44. 11th Annual Conference Brain Injury Association of Georgia, Decatur, Georgia (1999). "Navigating the Special Education Maze For Students With Traumatic Brain Injury."
45. Asperger's Support Group, Cobb County, Georgia. Discussion of IDEA Amendments of 1997 and issues affecting students with Asperger's Syndrome(1999).
46. Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia (1999). Review of Civil Commitment Laws and Implications for Social Workers.
47. Juvenile Justice Seminar, Macon, Georgia (1999). "Defense of Youth with Mental Illness and Mental Retardation."
48. Continuing Legal Education, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia - Advocates for Special Needs Children Conference (1999). "An Overview of the Law Affecting Children with Special Needs: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act."
49. Legal Services University, Calaway Gardens, Georgia. What Attorneys Should Know About Psychological Assessments And Testing(1999).
50. Henry County, Georgia Parents Connecting. Introduction to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Least Restrictive Environment(1999).
51. Council of Parent Advocates and Attorneys (COPAA), 3rd Annual Conference, Houston, Texas. "A Compendium for Representing Students with Traumatic Brain Injury." (2000).
52. Georgia Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention, College Park , Georgia. "Transition under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act." (2000) .
53. Lorman Educational Services: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Atlanta, Georgia. "Overview of the IDEA." (2000).
54. North Fulton/Cherokee County CHADD Chapter, Roswell, Georgia. "Legal Rights for Children with ADHD/LD & Special Needs."(2000).
55. The Medical College of Georgia, Division of Continuing Education, Augusta, Georgia. "The Special Needs Child: IEP's-Rules, Rights, & Wrongs." (2000).
56. Legal Services University, Calloway Gardens, Georgia, School Discipline and Special Education under the IDEA. (2000).
57. Federal Practice Training - Atlanta Legal Aid and Georgia Legal Services Program: Unique Characteristics of Federal Practice and Co-Leader of Small Group Discussions (2000).
58. Health Ed, Atlanta, Georgia, Georgia Mental Health and The Law: "Adult and Child Admission to Mental Health Facilities." (2001).

59. Emory University Law School, Decatur, Georgia, JL/JR v. Parham, What Really Happened After the Supreme Court Decision. (2001).
59. Council of Parent Advocates and Attorneys (COPAA), 4th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., “Why School Systems Are Failing to Properly Identify, Evaluate, and Provide A Free Appropriate Public Education for Children with Learning Disabilities. (2001).
60. Georgia’s Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. Giving Special Care in Long Term Setting. Legal Issues Affecting Elderly in Nursing Homes, Rome, Georgia. (2001).
61. Southern Juvenile Defender’s Center’s First Annual Regional Juvenile Defender Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Special Ed Kids in the Juvenile Justice System: How Special Education Advocacy Can Help Your Client. Co-Presenter with Gerry Glynn (2001).
62. Special Education Advocacy: An Overview of the Law - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Atlanta, Georgia (2001).
63. Lorman Educational Services: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Atlanta, Georgia. “Overview of the IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act .” (2001).
64. Keynote Speaker at 2nd Annual VT-AIRS Information & Referral Training Conference, “Access Matters - Providing Information and Referral Services to All.” Randolph, Vermont (May 2002).
65. Council of Parent Advocates and Attorneys (COPAA), 5th Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida. “High Stakes Testing: Educational Barometer for Success, or False Prognosticator for Failure? “ (2003).
66. Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc., Parent Leadership Support Project. Graduation, High-Stakes Testing and Diplomas, Decatur, Georgia (2003).
67. ACLU of Vermont, Woodbury College, Montpelier, Vermont. USA Patriot Act (2003).
68. Health Ed, Atlanta, Georgia, Georgia Mental Health and The Law: Overview of Commitment Proceedings, Guardianship, Durable Power of Health Care, Atlanta, Georgia (2003).
69. Legal Services University, Georgia Legal Services Program, and Atlanta Legal Aid, No Child Left Behind Act, Callaway Gardens, Georgia (2003).
70. Transition from Early Intervention to Special Education: The Fundamentals of Special Education Law, GA-Parent Network, Atlanta, Georgia (2003).
71. Rights of Employees with Disabilities in the Workplace, CHADD, Roswell, Georgia (2003)
72. Advocacy, Inc., Florida Protection and Advocacy, Tampa, Florida. Consultant on group discussion of Florida’s High Stakes Testing (2003).

73. Affirmative Litigation Training - Georgia Legal Services Program -Member of Design Team and Small Group Leader. Training on Fundamentals of Federal Litigation. Atlanta, Georgia (2004).
74. Council of Parent Advocates and Attorneys (COPAA), 6th Annual Conference, San Francisco, California. "Best Practices for Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavioral Intervention Plan " (2004).
75. Council of Parent Advocates and Attorneys (COPAA), 6th Annual Conference. San Francisco, California. Survival Guide for New IDEA Attorneys - Large and Small Co-Group Leader (2004).
76. Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc., Parent Leadership Support Project. Procedural Safeguards and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Atlanta, Georgia (2004).
77. CHADD - Rockdale County, Georgia. "Magical Tips to Secure Educational Services For Your Child With ADHD. (2004).
78. "Commitments, Guardianships and Durable Powers in Georgia. Lorman Educational Services, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (2004).
79. National Business Institute, "Georgia Special Education Law", Rights in Special Education Discipline, Atlanta, Georgia (2004).
80. "Special Education Discipline." Lorman Educational Services, Atlanta, Georgia (2004).
81. "Advocating for your Rights - Legal and other: Your rights are more than the ones written in the statute books in the Capitol." Co-presenter at ARC of Georgia Annual Conference October 2004, Peachtree City, Georgia.
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6. Twenty-Year Award as Saturday Volunteer Lawyer for Atlanta Legal Aid Society (1997).

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