

BORDER CONFERENCE

LEGAL UPDATES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

AGENDA | FRIDAY, DEC 8 • 2023

07:30 a.m. – 08:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION
08:00 a.m. – 08:15 a.m.	WELCOME
08:15 a.m. – 09:45 a.m.	JOSE MARTIN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, RICHARDS LINDSAY & MARTIN, LLP TOPIC: Dyslexia Update: HB 3928, August TEA FAQ, Practical Guidance
09:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	BREAK/VISIT ESC EXHIBITORS
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	ERIC RODRIGUEZ, ATTORNEY AT LAW, WALSH GALLEGOS TREVINO KYLE & ROBINSON, P.C. TOPIC: Pressure to Mainstream Students with Disabilities vs Pressure to Place Students in a More Restrictive Environment
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	LUNCH SERVED
12:00 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	KRISTIN MCGUIRE, MPA FROM TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY & DR. EDWARD O'NEILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY TOPIC: TEA Updates in Special Education
01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.	DAVE RICHARDS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, RICHARDS LINDSAY & MARTIN, LLP TOPIC: Better Relationships with Parents & Reduced IDEA Conflict: Lessons from Medical Malpractice Studies
02:30 p.m. – 02:45 p.m.	BREAK
02:45 p.m. – 04:15 p.m.	PAULA M. ROALSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, WALSH GALLEGOS TREVINO KYLE & ROBINSON, P.C. TOPIC: Discerning Discipline: 10 Tips for Compliant (and Confident!) Decision Making



PRESENTERS

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