

Agenda - Special Education Advocacy Summit (SEAS) 2026

	Wednesday July 22, 2026	Thursday July 23, 2026	Friday July 24, 2026	Saturday July 25, 2026
9:00-9:15		1. Welcome and Faculty Introduction <i>Dean Patty Roberts</i>	7. How to Use the School's Test Data to Prove Your Case <i>Pete Wright/Pat Howey</i> (1.25 CLE)	11. Ethical Considerations and AI in Special Education Advocacy <i>Catherine Michael + Pat Howey + Susan Bruce</i> (1.25 Ethics CLE)
9:15-10:15		2. IDEA, Section 504, and the ADA from Nursery School to Graduate School <i>Pete Wright</i> (1.00 CLE)		
10:15-10:30		Break	Break	Break
10:30-11:45		3. An Overview of Section 504 <i>Anna Draker</i> (1.25 CLE)	8. Dispute Resolution and Case Settlement Strategies <i>Catherine Michael</i> (1.25 CLE)	12. Best Practices for IEP Meetings and Preserving Issues for Litigation <i>Catherine Michael + Susan Bruce</i> (1.25 CLE)
11:45-12:00		Break	Break	Break
12:00-1:15		Lunch 4. Effective Collaboration Between Advocates and Attorneys <i>Catherine Michael + Pat Howey</i> (1.25 CLE)	Lunch Open Lunch for Conversation and Connection along with an Intro to Master of Legal Studies (1.25 CLE)	Lunch 13. Q&A Panel <i>Pete Wright + Catherine Michael + Pat Howey + Susan Bruce</i> (1.25 CLE)
1:15-1:30		Break	Break	Break
1:30-2:45		5. Informed Decision-Making in Client and Case Selection <i>Catherine Michael</i> (1.25 CLE)	9. Special Education Complaints: Thinking Outside of the Box <i>Pat Howey</i> (1.25 CLE)	15. Closing Ceremony (1:30 – 2:30)
2:45-3:00		Break	Break	
3:00-4:15		6. Evidence Strategies Panel <i>Pete Wright + Catherine Michael + Pat Howey</i> (1.25 CLE)	10. Addressing School Discipline and Behavioral Concerns <i>Catherine Michael + Susan Bruce</i> (1.25 CLE)	
5:30-7:00	Registration Reception Ice Breaker Movie: <i>Lives Worth Living</i>			