

# Outline

## The IDEA Means More Rights

How the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act changes rights  
Why was the IDEA adopted?  
The most important policy consideration under the law  
How and why the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act are different  
COVID-19's impact on changing practical implementation of the IDEA

## The Eligibility Criteria Matters... A Lot

Who's eligible, who's not, and why it's critically important to know the difference  
Criteria best practices today  
How and why the eligibility criteria are different between the "vehicles"

## Child Find Requires the Big Eye

The #1 legal issue after COVID-19  
Accurate data collection as crucial to Child Find compliance  
How to consider "need" with changing teaching vehicles  
But is it "SDI?" (And why nothing else matters)

## IEPs Address Needs... Uniquely

Apply key best practices considerations to IEP drafting  
They way COVID-19 changes IEP drafting, today  
Crucial role of data collection to effective IEP drafting

## IEP Isn't the First Option... Or the Last

LRE is not a "place" is key to IDEA compliance  
Explore and apply the resource continuum  
The ways COVID-19 highlighted gaps in services and school resources  
Develop smart goals and objectives

## Rules for Identification and Evaluation

Review evaluation and assessment options  
The IEE is not a blank check  
How to properly and efficiently address independent evaluation requests

## O Captain, My Captain. Simple Ways to Avoid Due Process

Remember the Comegno Combat rules  
Practical suggestions, including how to capitalize on district resources  
What wins cases?

## Mental Health Matters... More Than Ever

The anxiety epidemic  
Is the student different? Why?  
Objectively gauging need in the post-COVID-19  
How to use district resources to support, enable, and avoid

## Yes, Discipline is Different

The reality of discipline and behavioral intervention  
MDs, FBAs, and other great, important acronyms

## Ethical Considerations

Student records issues under FERPA and IDEA  
Confidentiality in virtual instruction  
How COVID-19 changed student records

## Everybody Loves a Pony

Service animal - What it, and is not  
How to regulate and support students with service animal needs

## Live Seminar & Webinar Schedule (Time listed in Central)

**7:30** Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea

**8:00** Program begins

**11:50-1:00** Lunch (*on your own*)

**3:45** Program ends

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and Law Professor

- Does Federal or State law require you to provide more services to "make up" for hybrid/virtual learning?
- Why Child Find means more now, than ever before
- "COVID-19-LD" eligibility - What it is and how to avoid it through best practices
- Does "long COVID-19" automatically require IEPs or Section 504 plans?
- What worked well last year, and why we should embrace some change
- How to most effectively defend "comp ed" claims
- The most important legal issue to consider with COVID-19 learning gaps
- SEL – Why it's different now and what that means for the future of instruction

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# Special Education Law in Illinois

While schools regain normalcy, the impact of COVID-19 will be felt in special education long after schools return to regular class schedules.

**Are you prepared to offer the significant shifts needed in almost every aspect of education in 2022 to the post-COVID-19 learner?**

In this fast-paced, informative, and entertaining training, nationally recognized education law litigator and law professor John B. Comegno II, Esq, will provide **practical suggestions** to help you **skillfully navigate cutting-edge special education legal issues for the current school year**, including how to:

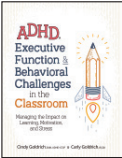
- Smartly and effectively address the negative impact of virtual and hybrid instruction to avoid or limit legal claims
- Make-up lost learning time and enable learning progress for our most disabled students
- Embrace what worked during COVID-19, while addressing learning loss and planning for the future

**Attend and discover the answers to some of the most urgent questions for the 2022 school year, including:**

- Do you need to provide more services to “make up” for hybrid/virtual learning?
- Why does Child Find mean more now, than ever?
- What is “COVID-19-LD” eligibility, and how to avoid it through best practices?
- Does “long-COVID-19” automatically require IEPs or Section 504 plans?
- What worked well last year, and why we should embrace some change?
- How to most effectively defend “comp ed” claims?
- What is the most important legal issue to consider while re-opening school this year?
- Is SEL different now, and what does that mean for the future of instruction?

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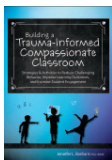
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# Meet Your Speaker

**John B. Comegno II, Esquire**, is recognized nationally as a leading school law practitioner and lecturer, representing public and independent schools, as well as education vendors, throughout the country. John has litigated hundreds of IDEA and Section 504 cases. In addition to his practice, John serves as an adjunct professor of law, and lectures to and consults with educational professionals across the country. His Special Education, Section 504, and COVID-19 webinars have been viewed by tens of thousands of educators in all 50 states. His engaging and entertaining delivery, always advancing educational best practices, is widely sought for convention keynotes, professional conferences, and in-school professional development.

Speaker Disclosure:

Financial: John Comegno II is president of Comegno Law Group PC. He receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

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General Education Teachers • Special Education Teachers • School Administrators  
School Psychologists • Licensed Psychologists • Counselors • Social Workers • School Nurses  
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