

## **How to Create and Maintain a Special Education Law Practice**

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**Speaker Bio:** Attorney Jennifer Laviano is in private practice in Connecticut. Ms. Laviano holds an undergraduate degree from Skidmore College, and she earned her Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Quinnipiac University School of Law. Ms. Laviano has dedicated her law practice entirely to the representation of children and adolescents with disabilities whose families are in disagreement with their public school districts. Her representation of children with special needs encompasses the full spectrum of advocacy under the IDEA, from attendance at IEP Team meetings and Mediation, to zealous and experienced litigation in Due Process Hearings and Federal Court. Ms. Laviano is a regular presenter, locally and nationally, on the subject of the special legal rights of children with disabilities and their entitlement to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education. In addition to being the Executive Committee of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), which is the leading national voice on disability advocacy, she serves on several disability-related boards, committees, and task forces. Ms. Laviano is also the author of the popular blog [www.SpecialEdJustice.com](http://www.SpecialEdJustice.com).