

LEARNING DISORDERS that have a profound effect on a child's education include:

- Asperger's Disorder
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Non-Verbal Learning Disorders
- Verbal Learning Disorders



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Paul Epstein, a native of Hull, graduated Hull High School in 1971. He continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with a B.S. in Criminology. Mr. Epstein also has an M.S. in Criminal Justice from American International College, and a J.D. from Franklin Pierce Law Center.

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Education Law

Every child counts.

Every child is entitled to an education.

All children are entitled to sufficient support services to enable them to make effective progress within the education program.

EDUCATION LAW

The Firm assists parents and guardians in obtaining compliance with various state and federal laws affecting the School District's relationships with its students and parents, including the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), private tutoring, private school, special education, mediation and the State hearing process, disability accommodations, and matters related to suspension and expulsion hearings.

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Introduction

Is your child not doing as well in school as you think he or she should be doing? Sometimes we believe that our child just isn't trying hard enough, and sometimes that is the case. But other times there are reasons that are beyond your child's control. He or she may have a problem with reading comprehension, writing or spoken languages or reasoning ability.

At times these problems may show up in uneven test scores. At times we can see this manifest itself as hyperactivity, or inattention, frustration or impulsiveness. You may see your child having problems dealing with family or friends.

Many times these are signs of some type of learning disability that may not show up until your child is in junior high school or high school. If identified the school has a legal obligation to meet the educational needs of all of its students with any type of disability that may affect their ability to learn. This obligation may be anything from allowing a child extra time to finish taking a test to having the child attend a day or residential program at a therapeutic school.

Overview of Capabilities

Epstein, Lipsey & Clifford, P.C. represents parents and students in various areas of Education Law, including:

- Special Education, including IEP's and related appeals and litigation;
- Disability Issues, including "504" plans and related appeals and litigation;
- Representation in student discipline issues.

We are highly sensitive to the often emotional and complicated nature of education issues, and take great pride in the care and attention we give to the needs of parents and students. We strive not only to achieve the best possible results, but we also make every effort to make the process as painless as possible.

There are few things more important in our society than giving your child a chance to get the best education he or she can. If you do not believe that is happening, call us. *We can help.*

<p>Special Education services may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational therapy • Speech and language therapy • Resource specialist programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modification of the regular education programs • Special day classes • Non-public schools • Residential treatment, and many more
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The Law is on Your Side

Help is available-- and the law is on your side. Its promise is simple: *Every child counts. Every child is entitled to an education.* Every eligible child with a disability is entitled to a "special" education - one that confers "meaningful benefits." That is what Congress has said. That is what the United States Supreme Court has said.

The law protects every child. The law protects you as your child's parent.

Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
Every special-education student must have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) developed by a team that includes parents, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals. An IEP establishes educational goals and describes the special services that will be provided to the student. Epstein, Lipsey & Clifford, P.C. helps parents assert their child's right to an IEP that truly serves the child's needs.

Due Process

Special-education law provides many due-process hearing and appeal procedures. Lawyers at Epstein, Lipsey & Clifford, P.C. protect the rights of parents and students by appearing as advocates in legal proceedings.

"Section 504"

Classroom accommodations are available to many students (K-12 and college) who have disabilities. The firm helps parents and students develop the accommodation plans necessary to remove obstacles to success.