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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For Educators and Professionals

# Legal Issues: 504, IDEA and Employment Law

March 7, 2012

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Light Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Legal Issues in Special Education</b> ..... <b>Mary Ellen Sowyrda</b>
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:15	<b>Legal Issues in Education Employment</b> ..... <b>Regina Tate</b>
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:30	<b>504 Law</b> ..... <b>Thomas J Nuttall</b>

**LOCATION:** Wylie Inn and Conference Center at Endicott College, 295 Hale Street, Beverly, MA 01915

**REGISTRATION:** \$100 for registration by February 28; \$115 for registration after February 28

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:** 6 PDPs, Certificates of Attendance available

### PRESENTERS

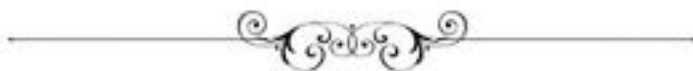
**MARY ELLEN SOWYRDA** is a partner and head of the Special Education Department within Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane, LLP, which currently represents approximately 160 school districts and educational collaboratives in the field of Special Education Law. She is involved in all aspects of litigation including hearings, mediations, pre-hearing conferences with the Bureau of Special Education Appeals and court cases. She conducts workshops for clients on such special education topics as discipline, inclusion, procedural issues, strategies to avoid hearings and to prepare for hearings, recent trends in the law, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and ongoing changes in regulations.

**REGINA TATE** has been a partner at Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane since 1987. She practices primarily in the areas of labor and education law. Ms. Tate's practice in the area of labor law includes collective bargaining, representation of employers before the MCAD and EEOC and advocacy in labor-related litigation. She has argued labor cases before the federal district court, the United States Court of Appeals and the appellate courts of Massachusetts, and has represented numerous companies and public entities in negotiations before administrative agencies on issues ranging from unfair labor practice to unemployment compensation. A member of the Committee on Discrimination of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association, Mrs. Tate has conducted seminars and workshops on discrimination, affirmative action and collective bargaining, and has written numerous articles for businesses on discrimination concerns.

**THOMAS J NUTTALL** is a founding partner of Sullivan, Nuttall & MacAvoy, P.C., located in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He is experienced in special education litigation including hearings, mediations, and pre hearing conferences. Mr. Nuttall has represented numerous clients before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals and state and federal courts for the past twenty-six years. In addition, he has lectured extensively throughout the Commonwealth regarding special education, discipline, and other related educational issues

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