

IDS' **ACCESS for ALL** project is hosting an audio conference for administrators and providers of services on campus.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Changing Laws and Regulations:
What Do They Mean for Disability Support Services?
September 11, 2008, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Attendees Who Will Benefit From This Audio Conference Include:

- Postsecondary Disability Service Providers
- Postsecondary Student Affairs Staff (especially Residence Life)
- College and University Administrators
- ADA Coordinators/Compliance Officers

Description:

In one week in June, the Department of Justice posted updated ADA regulations for public comment and the ADA Amendments Act, reached through compromise between disability and business communities, started on the fast-track for Congressional approval. This kind of significant movement in legislative and regulatory guidance is unusual in the world of disability services. How will the changes impact higher education? What matters - and what doesn't!

Learning Points To Be Answered:

- How proposed changes to service animal regulations will help to resolve many of the recent questions faced by postsecondary service providers.
- How new language regarding demands for documentation by testing agencies may work to the benefit of students pursuing graduate and professional education.
- What has been added to the definition of a "person with a disability," and why.
- Why the higher education community has been resistant to these changes, and how to respond to concerns of administrators.

Speakers:

Jane E. Jarrow, Ph.D., is the President of Disability Access Information and Support (DAIS). Dr. Jarrow was a full-time faculty member at The Ohio State University in Speech/Language Pathology for seven years before assuming a position as the Executive Director of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). (AHEAD is an international professional membership organization providing technical assistance, information, and support to individuals involved in issues of disability access in higher education.) Dr. Jarrow is a skilled presenter and speaks knowledgeably about the legal and educational mandates surrounding the participation of persons with disabilities in postsecondary settings. Throughout her 14-year tenure with AHEAD, and in her current position with DAIS, Dr. Jarrow has traveled extensively presenting workshops and training sessions focused on these issues. Through DAIS, Dr. Jarrow also provides technical assistance, online professional development courses, participates in grant writing and editing, and is the author/publisher of a number of significant resource materials.

Michael R. Masinter has been a Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University's Sheppard Broad Law Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida since 1978 and a member of the Florida Bar since 1973. He teaches, writes and speaks about, and litigates disability rights and compliance issues including those relating to therapy pets, companion animals and service animals. Before joining the NSU faculty, Professor Masinter was director of litigation for Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. He is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Stanford University.

Location:

The University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies
Bond Hall, Room 412

Registration:

If you wish to attend, please e-mail charles.hughes@usm.edu or call 601.266.6037. There is no charge to attend. I will send you a map to the location and handouts a couple of days before the meeting.

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