

SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICERS

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Note: In Virginia, special education due process hearings which are held pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, are conducted by attorneys who meet standards set by the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Education, including completion of on-going training requirements. **Please be advised that the Supreme Court provides the LEA with the name of a currently approved hearing officer for a special education matter at the time a request for a hearing is made.**

Year in parentheses indicates the year the hearing officer was certified to hear special education cases.

HEARING OFFICER	BACKGROUND/EXPERIENCE
Richard M. Alvey (1996) 2063 Jefferson Davis Highway Stafford, VA 22554 (540) 720-6992 FAX (540) 720-6996	Practicing attorney since 1980. Graduate of University of Miami, B.A., University of Richmond, J.D. Served as hearing officer since 1996.
Frank G. Aschmann (1994) Aschmann and Aschmann 209 South Alfred Street Alexandria, VA 22314-3638 (703) 683-1142	Practicing attorney since 1988. Graduate of University of Virginia, B.A., 1982; Nova Southeastern University, J.D., 1988. Experience in employment law, small business matters, wills and estates, criminal law and juvenile cases. Virginia Supreme Court certified Guardian ad litem for children.
Morgan Brooke-Devlin (1993) 121 S. Washington Street Falls Church, VA 22046 (703) 533-9099 FAX (703) 533-9880	Practicing attorney since 1978; graduate of Old Dominion University, 1975, B.A.; William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe, 1978; experience in administrative law in labor, employment, immigration, EEOC; Represented clients in matters of education and special education law.
Lorin A. Costanzo (1995) 714 Dale Avenue, Suite A Vinton, VA 24179 (540) 344-8679 FAX (540) 343-4858	Practicing attorney since 1978. Graduate of University of Tennessee, B.S.; South Texas College of Law, J.D. Some administrative proceeding experience. Hearing officer since 1994.
Cecil H. Creasey, Jr. (1993) Two Rivers Law Group 1508 Willow Lawn Drive Suite 210 Richmond, VA 23230 (804) 477-8666 FAX (804) 835-6698	Practicing attorney since 1983. Graduate of College of William and Mary, B.B.A., 1980; J.D. 1983. Experience in administrative law, risk management, business, corporate and real estate law, practice experience in civil trial and appellate litigation.
W. J. Dangoia (1999) P. O. Box 437 Occoquan, VA 22125 (703) 690-3223 (703) 491-4129	Practicing attorney since 1981. Graduate of West Virginia Institute of Tech., B.S., Central Michigan University, M.A., George Mason School of Law, J.D. Background in federal administrative law and involved in development and publication of federal regulations in administrative law issues.
Raymond E. Davis (1989) 1001 Lakewater Drive Richmond, VA 23229-6011 (804) 740-0374	Practicing attorney since 1969. Graduate of Roanoke College, B.A., 1965; University of Richmond, J.D., 1969; and Wake Forest University, M.B.A., 1976. Extensive administrative law experience. Hearing officer since 1989.

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<p>Alan Dockterman (1997) 1513 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 525-4798 FAX (703) 548-9756</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1970. University of Illinois, B.S., J.D. Hearing officer in discharge cases for Cook County Hospital employees. Taught and handled special education cases at Antioch Law School in Washington, D.C.</p>
<p>William S. Francis, Jr. (1985) 7110 Forest Avenue, Suite 206 Richmond, VA 23226-3787 (804) 288-4004 FAX (804) 288-4006</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1967. Graduate of College of William and Mary, A.B., 1964; Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D., 1967. Administrative and education law experience. Special education due process experience. Hearing Officer since 1981. Practice concentrated in civil litigation, criminal defense, home improvement defense, and legal malpractice.</p>
<p>Sarah S. Freeman (1989) 500 East Plume Street, Suite 800 Norfolk, VA 23510 (757) 961-5400 FAX (757) 962-5979</p>	<p>General practicing of law since 1982. Hearing Officer since 1989. Graduate of Sweet Briar College, B.A., 1975; George Mason University School of Law, J.D., 1981.</p>
<p>Robin S. Gnatowsky (1997) P.O. Box 4066 Glen Allen, VA 23058-4066 (804) 364-5071 FAX (804) 364-6387</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1989. Hearing officer since 1998. J.D., Washington & Lee, 1989.</p>
<p>Robert J. Hartsoe (1999) Hartsoe & Morgan, PLLC 4084 University Drive, Suite 100-A Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 591-3100 FAX (703) 273-7292</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1987. Graduate of College of William and Mary B.A., University of Richmond School of Law, J.D. 1987. Counsel of record in suits involving actions against Fairfax County. Hearing officer experience since 1999.</p>
<p>Ternon Galloway Lee (2001) 215 McLaws Circle Building 3, Suite A Williamsburg, VA 23185 (757) 253-1570 FAX (757) 253-2534</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1989. Graduate of College of William and Mary, J.D. Member of the Virginia State Bar. Former clerk for the Supreme Court of Virginia. Experience as an Assistant Attorney General (1990-93). Former educator in public school system.</p>
<p>James Michael Mansfield (1999) Mansfield & Payne 10560 Main Street, Suite 511 Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 359-2760 FAX (703) 359-2809</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1987. Graduate of Colgate University, B.A., 1982; University of Richmond, J.D., 1987. Legal assistant, Virginia State Board of Medicine. Law clerk, Virginia Supreme Court. Volunteer, Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.</p>
<p>Brian K. Miller (1986) 2119 West Main Street Richmond, VA 23220 (804) 359-4902 FAX (804) 353-8218</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1974. Graduate of University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law, J.D. Hearing officer experience since 1982.</p>

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<p>Rhonda J.S. Mitchell (2001) 5001 Lippingham Drive Chester, VA 23831 (804) 765-1132 FAX (804) 765-1502</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1980. Graduate of Dickenson School of Law, Carlisle, PA. Administrative experience in military administrative law, federal liaison activities, law enforcement, social services and educational law.</p>
<p>Kryisia Carmel Nelson (2001) P.O. Box 66 Keswick, VA 22947 (434) 979-0053 FAX (434) 977-7323</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1995. Graduate of Dartmouth College, B.A., 1992; Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 1995. Practiced special education law 1997-98. Hearing officer experience since 2001.</p>
<p>John V. Robinson (1997) 7102 Three Chopt Road Richmond, VA 23226 (804) 282-2987 FAX (804) 282-2989</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1986. Graduate of University of Oxford, England, B.A., T C Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, J.D. Extensive experience covering administrative law.</p>
<p>William E. Rollow (1996) Rollow & Giroux 1004 Evonshire Lane Great Falls, VA 22066 (703) 759-7470 FAX (703) 759-7470</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1986. Graduate of Yale University B.A., 1950, University of Virginia, LLB, 1953, Dr. of Laws, 1964. 45 years experience in administrative law.</p>
<p>Jane Schroeder (1999) 11710 Plaza America Drive Suite 2000 Reston, VA 20190 (703) 709-6695 FAX (703) 953-3239</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1991. B.A. and M.A. in Special Education, Arizona State University, 1969. J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, 1990. Prior contract attorney for the former Department of Rights for Virginians with Disabilities. Special Justice for mental commitment hearings in Loudoun County. Special education teacher for 20 years prior. Hearing Officer since 2000.</p>
<p>David R. Smith (2000) 3527 Laurel Leaf Lane Fairfax, VA 22031 (703) 204-1719 FAX (703) 204-1443</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1975. Graduate of Ohio Central State University, B.A., 1969; DePaul University, J.D., 1974. Handled administrative claims for federal government for 11 years. Hearing officer handling special education due process hearings for Washington D.C. schools.</p>
<p>George C. Towner, Jr. (1993) 5275 Lee Highway, Suite 102 Arlington, VA 22207-1619 (703) 538-6300 FAX (703) 538-6400</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1957. Graduate of Princeton University, A.B., 1952; Harvard University, LL.B., 1957. Hearing officer since 1992.</p>
<p>Peter Vaden (1996) P.O. Box 5045 Charlottesville, VA 22905-5045 (434) 923-4044 FAX (434) 923-4045</p>	<p>Practicing attorney since 1990, Graduate of University of Virginia, B.A., 1975; J.D. 1990. Virginia Supreme Court Hearing Officer since 1996. Contract Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer for the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education since 2009.</p>

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Anthony C. Vance (1987) 1809 Briar Ridge Court, Suite 100 McLean, VA 22101 (703) 241-4199 FAX (703) 241-5856	Private attorney since 1960. Graduate of George Washington University, J.D., 1960; Georgetown University, LL.M., 1962. Administrative law experience since 1960. Hearing officer experience since 1983.