

### **Event Report: “Let’s Talk About Special Education”**

On Thursday, April 6, 2017, the Florida International University Disability Rights Law Association hosted the “Let’s Talk About Special Education” event. For the event, the Disability Rights Law Association brought in Ms. Kimberly Spire-Oh, Esq. as a speaker. Ms. Spire-Oh’s presentation broke into two parts: an overview of what encompasses special education law, and what Ms. Spire-Oh, as a practitioner, typically experiences in working with clients; and a question and answer session. In the initial portion, Ms. Spire-Oh discussed the typical process in seeking accommodations for special-needs students, ranging from litigation, to meeting with school administrators, or to finding private resources for the students, depending on the circumstances. Ms. Spire-Oh also discussed the state of the special-education legal field in South Florida, and briefly discussed some of the aspects of special education law. In the question and answer segment, several students asked thought-provoking questions, with Ms. Spire-Oh giving informative and engaging answers.

While we had initially anticipated at least fifty students, there was a class cancellation which ultimately led to approximately half of the first-year class being off-campus. When planning the event, we had not foreseen this cancellation, and had anticipated a large amount of these first-year students to attend the event. Ultimately, we had 26 attendees.

For the event, the Executive Board bought trays of chicken nuggets from Chick-Fil-A, as well as fresh fruit, soda, and desserts from Sam’s Club and Publix. Ultimately, this cost \$299.49. As a brief note, for the receipt titled “EPSON014,” only the item “Dessert Pac” was for the event, the other items in the receipt were not used for the event, and do not count toward the total expenditures provided. The event brought no revenue to the Association.

Overall, the event was success. Several attendees commented to executive board members that they thought the event was well-ran, informative, and impactful. They particularly enjoyed the

refreshments served at the event, and stated that they enjoyed learning more about special education law.

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Join DRLA and special guest  
Kimberly Spire-Oh, Esq. for  
Chick-fil-A lunch as we  
discuss issues in special  
education law!

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