

NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK
Virtual Annual Conference
Due Process Hearing Skills Institute
June 8-12, 2020

Presenters:

Erica Molina, Director, CAP & PABSS, Disability Rights New York
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AGENDA

Day 1, June 8

- Welcome and introductions
- Review of factual hypothetical
- Factual investigation, including witness interviewing—lecture and demonstration
- Participants will practice off line in teams of three

Day 2, June 9

- Case development
- Legal research
- Developing a theory of the case
- Use of a Proof Chart
- Settlement

Day 3, June 10

- VR group meets to discuss hearing strategies and sticky wicket issues
- Education group meets to discuss hearing strategies and sticky wicket issues

Day 4, June 11

- Direct and cross examination of lay and expert witnesses—lecture and demonstration
- Participants will practice off line in teams of three

Day 5, June 12

- Debrief on direct and cross examination role plays
- Opening statements
- Closing arguments