

SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICERS
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Special education due process hearings are conducted by impartial private practice attorneys and Administrative Law Judges from the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) who meet the standards outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and additional standards set by the Texas Education Agency. Below are the names of the current special education hearing officers and descriptions of their professional experience.

HEARING OFFICER	PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texas practicing attorney since 2005• Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law• Full-time law professor since 2010 (teaching disability law, labor

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Ian Spechler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas practicing attorney since 2007 • Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law • Administrative Law Judge at SOAH since 2017 • In addition to special education law, experience in child welfare law, juvenile law, housing law, and Medicaid law • Special education hearing officer since 2017
Jacob Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas practicing attorney since 2007 • Graduate of Baylor University School of Law • Administrative Law Judge at SOAH since 2022 • In addition to special education law, experience in administrative law, consumer and commercial law, civil litigation, and mediation • Special education hearing officer since 2023
Kasey White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas practicing attorney since 2003 • Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law • Administrative Law Judge at SOAH since 2017 • In addition to special education law, experience in criminal and civil litigation, family law, and child support • Special education hearing officer since 2017
Amy Wright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas practicing attorney since 1991 • Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law • Administrative Law Judge at SOAH since 2024 • Former classroom teacher certified in Special Education and secondary Mathematics; National Board Certified in Early Adolescent Mathematics • In addition to special education law, experience in child welfare law, juvenile law, housing law, and Medicaid law

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