



Monday, May 14, 2018 - Today the LRP family mourns the loss of one of our own former employees and longtime National Institute Chair Melinda Jacobs. On Saturday, Melinda died in her home.



She devoted her entire legal career to the field of special education law, starting as an attorney with the Tennessee Department of Education's Division of Special Education. She then came to LRP Publications as the editor of *Individuals with Disabilities Education Law Report®* (IDELR). Melinda was the author of numerous LRP books and videos and became the Associate Publisher of Education products and Chair of LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities®. Since 1996, Melinda had been in private practice in Tennessee. Melinda was a sought-after national, state, and local speaker, combining her legal knowledge with humor and song to bring legal issues to life. She provided hundreds of on-site presentations to educators nationwide.

“Melinda touched the lives of thousands of people, and her passing will leave an enormous void for many. She was a skilled attorney and a loving friend, and she loved to make people laugh,” said Ken Kahn, President of LRP Publications.

Melinda will be deeply missed.