

2026 ALACASE Fall Legal Conference

Conference Agenda • October 4–7, 2026

Sunday • October 4, 2026

Time	Session	Location / Notes
3:30–4:30 PM	Registration	Registration Desk
4:30–5:30 PM	Executive Board / ALA-CASE Board Meeting	Board Room
5:30–7:30 PM	Board Dinner Sponsored by Goalbook	Voyagers

Monday • October 5, 2026

Time	Session	Location / Notes
7:45–8:45 AM	Registration & Breakfast Buffet Sponsored by ALA-CASE	Registration Desk / Foyer
8:45–9:00 AM	Welcome & Introduction of Speaker <i>Dr. Bruce A. Prescott, President of ALA-CASE</i>	Grand Ballroom
9:00–10:00 AM	General Session 1 Finding & Maintaining Your Joy <i>Jarad Baria</i>	Grand Ballroom
10:00–10:15 AM	 Beverage Break (coffee, soda & water)	Grand Ballroom
10:15–11:30 AM	General Session 2 Parent Attorney / School Attorney <i>Deb Madison & Leslie Allen</i>	
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	 Lunch Buffet — Sponsored by ALA-CASE	
12:30–1:45 PM	General Session 3 Hearing Officer <i>TBD</i>	Grand Ballroom
1:45–2:00 PM	 Beverage Break (tea, water & soda)	
2:00–3:00 PM	General Session 4 Hear Ye, Hear Ye — Legal Panel <i>Parent Attorney • School Attorney • Hearing Officer</i>	Grand Ballroom
3:00–3:30 PM	ALA-CASE General Membership Meeting & Regional Meetings	
4:30–5:30 PM	Bailey's Beach Bash Social 	

Tuesday • October 6, 2026

Time	Session	Location / Notes
7:45–8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast Buffet Sponsored by ALA-CASE	<i>Foyer</i>
8:30–9:30 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions A ▶ From Advocacy to Action: A Strategic Plan for Advancing Change for Students with Disabilities in Alabama <i>Dr. Richard Templeton & Dr. Annie Spike</i> <i>Ballroom A</i> ▶ SPED Responsibility of Mental Health <i>Leslie Allen</i> ▶ IEP Compliance with Transportation <i>Kelly McCollough</i> ▶ Legal Pitfalls in Eligibility Decisions <i>Christy Jackson</i> <i>Ballroom F</i>	
9:30–10:00 AM	 Beverage Break (coffee, soda & water)	
10:00–11:00 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions A (Repeated)	
11:00 AM–12:30 PM	 Lunch on Your Own	
12:30–1:30 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions B ▶ Mediation vs. Due Process: When to Use and How to Prepare for Each <i>Erika Tatum</i> ▶ Parent Advocate Toolbox <i>Dr. Richard Templeton & Dr. Elizabeth Long</i> ▶ Managing High-Conflict IEP Meetings <i>Lana Tew</i> ▶ Diagnosis vs. Disability <i>Dr. Charla DeLeo & Alison Todd</i>	
1:30–2:00 PM	 Beverage Break (tea, soda & water)	
2:00–3:00 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions B (Repeated)	

Wednesday • October 7, 2026

Time	Session	Location / Notes
7:45–8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast Sponsored by ALA-CASE	<i>Foyer</i>
8:30–9:30 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions C ▶ Behavior Manifestation & BIPs <i>Zach Roberson</i> ▶ Thinking Outside the Box: Addressing Mental Health — Creative LRE Placements <i>Kim & Missy Brooks</i> ▶ GA CASE President <i>Dr. Damita James</i> ▶ 3 Bs To Prevent and/or Overcome Burnout <i>Dr. LaKeshya Russ</i>	
9:30–10:00 AM	 Beverage Break (soda, coffee & water)	
10:00–11:00 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions C (Repeated)	
11:00 AM	 Conference Dismissal	