

NOTICE OF HEARING IN P.B. v. BRUMLEY

To: All families with students with disabilities in New Orleans schools

The Federal District Court in New Orleans has scheduled an informal hearing in *P.B. v. Brumley* on November 12 and 13, 2025 at 9:00 am in Judge Zainey's courtroom at 500 Poydras St.

The Judge will allow parents and guardians of students with disabilities attending New Orleans schools to address the Court directly about the experiences of their students who are receiving special education services.

You can contact Class Counsel at the Southern Poverty Law Center ("SPLC") to learn more about the informal hearing and how to participate.

SPLC may be contacted by: emailing PBvBrumley@splcenter.org; calling or texting 504-526-1570; visiting <https://www.splcenter.org/resources/civil-rights-case-docket/pb-et-al-v-brumley/>, or by scanning the following QR Code:



More about P.B. v. Brumley

In 2010, the SPLC, Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law, and other partners filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court, claiming that the Louisiana State Department of Education ("LDOE") allegedly failed to effectively coordinate, monitor, and oversee the delivery of special education services across schools in New Orleans. The Orleans Public School Board ("OPSB") also became a defendant in the lawsuit pursuant to an order by Judge Zainey.

With approval of the Judge, the parties settled the case with the entry of a Consent Judgment in 2015. As part of the Consent Judgment, LDOE and OPSB agreed to hire Independent Monitors (the "IMs") to monitor New Orleans schools in the areas of child find, related services, discipline, and enrollment. The IMs have issued regular reports on compliance with the Consent Judgment in each of the monitoring areas for nine consecutive years. The reports are available on the case's docket.

Earlier this year, LDOE and OPSB asked to be released from the Consent Judgment arguing that for eight of the last nine years, the IMs have found LDOE and OPSB to be in substantial compliance with the Consent Judgment. Class Counsel objected to this request and Judge Zainey has not yet ruled on it.

Prior to deciding whether to release the LDOE and OPSB from the Consent Judgment, Judge Zainey wants to hear from the parents and guardians of students with disabilities attending New Orleans schools regarding their experiences in New Orleans schools at an informal hearing on November 12 and 13, 2025.