

## **Meet Jane E. Jarrow, Ph.D. President of DAIS**

Jane E. Jarrow, Ph.D. has established a reputation for being knowledgeable and articulate in understanding and presenting the issues of importance related to disability in the higher education arena. She is a prolific author and an acknowledged leader in the field. Her professional involvement in this field spans more than 35 years and includes her long tenure as the Executive Director of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Those who have turned to her for technical assistance or who have heard her speak have remarked on Jane's comfortable presentation style, her down-to-earth approach to the subject, her ready availability and willingness to assist, and her ability to relate general legal principles to the specific situations encountered in the postsecondary setting.

In Dr. Jarrow's own words:

"I am not an attorney, and I think that is an advantage in the work that I do. I provide technical assistance, never legal advice, and thus I don't have to couch my statements too carefully. I can -- and do -- 'call 'em as I see 'em' based on my understanding of the law and my extensive experience in the field."

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President  
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## **Introductory Biography**

Jane E Jarrow, Ph.D., is the founder and President of Disability Access Information and Support (DAIS). Through her consulting company, Jane provides technical assistance and professional development activities to various segments of the higher education community surrounding issues of accommodation and support for students with disabilities. A recognized authority in this area for more than 35 years, Jane has made hundreds of presentations on college campuses and for groups such as the Association on Higher Education and Disability, the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU), and the Online Learning Consortium. She has authored or co-authored numerous articles and books focusing on the legal and practical issues surrounding federal mandates for nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, and provided professional development training for hundreds of postsecondary personnel through her online courses. Most recently, Dr. Jarro has become a primary resource for service providers in sorting out issues of service animals and emotional support animals on campus.

Jane received her academic training in Speech Pathology at Purdue University (BS, MS) and Wichita State University (Ph.D.), and taught at Ohio State University before beginning her 14-year tenure as the Executive Director of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). In 1996 she became a private consultant, providing support and training to colleges and personnel in their efforts to support students with disabilities. The parent of a daughter with a significant disability, Jane knows these issues from both personal and professional perspectives.