

# How Section 508 Accessibility Helps People with Disabilities Webinar

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## Moderator:

Dr. Carla Lane, FGDLA Vice President, Higher Education Sector

## Speakers

Helen Chamberlain, Program Director, Government-wide Section 508, GSA  
Alexander Koudry, Director, Center for Information Technology Access, GSA

## Webinar Overview

Join this webinar by Section 508 and assistive technology experts from the U.S. General Services Administration. First assistive technology (AT), accessibility, and accommodation and how they relate will be explained. Participants will then be introduced to the kinds of AT used by persons with disabilities to access web content like distance learning. This will provide insight into the importance of creating accessible distance learning courses and learning management systems. Next will be a brief discussion of Section 508, and how to include accessibility in contracts. This will be followed by a discussion of how accessibility needs to be considered at each phase of the acquisition life-cycle. The presenters will also share some GSA resources available to help create contracts for accessible distance learning solutions.

## Biographies

### Helen Chamberlain

Program Director, Program Director, Government-wide Section 508, Office of Integration, Integrity, and Access, Office of Governmentwide Policy Helen Chamberlain is a Program Director for the General Services Administration's (GSA) Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), Information Resources Management Division. She is the central point of contact for the Federal Government Section 508 program providing technical assistance with the implementation of the Section 508 Standard within the Federal Government. Before assuming her current position, Helen served as an Information Technology Liaison and IT Security Officer for the Office of Personnel Management, Chief Information Officer's Office (OPM/CIO). She also serves as a member of the Federal CIO Council Accessibility Community of Practice and chairs

the Vendor/Acquisition Outreach Sub Committee.

**Alex Koudry**

Director, Center for Information Technology Access, General Services Administration Alexander Koudry, MS, ATP, PMP, RET is an information technology expert with over 25 years of experience in the areas of assistive technology, accessibility, and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. He is the Director of the U.S. General Services Administration's Center for Information Technology Access, a program focused on reducing barriers to information technology access by persons who have disabilities. Alex holds credentials as an Assistive Technology Professional and as a Rehabilitation Engineering Technologist, both from RESNA. He is also certified as a Project Management Professional. Alex has a Master's Degree in Information Technology, and the CIO University Certificate in Federal CIO Competencies, both from the University of Maryland University College.

**Carla Lane, EdD**

Dr. Carla Lane is recognized as a leading authority on distance education and teleconferencing. She has been extensively involved in the distance learning field through her professional experiences, research, evaluations, instructional design, and publications. Her work has been published in many research reports and journals and she co-authored the first textbook about distance learning. She has most recently been involved in projects for UCLA, PBS, U.S. Department of Justice, California State University Chancellor's Office, NASA, Capella University, and the California Community College System, the world's largest educational system. She was inducted into the USDLA Hall of Fame. She serves as the FGDLA vice-president of the Higher Education Sector and chairs the FGDLA Webinar Series.

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