

Dr. Robert Closson, Ed.D. (A brief biography)

First, and foremost, I am an advocate and an outspoken activist for special needs students throughout California. I am a political aficionado who promotes effective school board governance and innovative charter schools' curricula. I hold a B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of San Francisco ("USF"), I hold a Doctorate in Education from the University of the Pacific ("UOP").

I am married to Judith Stoddard-Closson, who holds an M.A. in Special Education and has been my best friend for more than 23-years. We have a 16-year old son, Connor, who like me is blessed with ADD and a belief that we are our brother's keeper.

A major theme in my life has always been fighting for those among us that are the most vulnerable and who are preyed upon by the powerful, indifferent or unscrupulous. Over the years, I have written more than 40 articles of scholar on behalf of organizations as diverse as The California Bar Association, The American Marketing Association, The Society of Industrial Organization Psychology and The National Association of Home Builders.

I am currently writing two books dealing with special education advocacy and public school expulsions. I have been writing a fictional novel that was scheduled to be "completed" in 2006, whose conclusion and final draft continues to elude me. "Writing fiction is tougher than I first thought."

My biggest weakness is an inability to give up on "anything," which also happens to be my biggest strength! I am a passionate advocate for students with special needs and I live that passion every day of my life. Tell me how I can help you.