

STATEWIDE TRAINING CONFERENCE

2023



September 13-15



Hilton Harrisburg

Pennsylvania | **50**
Legal Aid | YEARS
Network

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Agenda & Registration

GENERAL

07:30 AM – 08:30 PM | OUTSIDE LANCASTER/GETTYSBURG
Continental Breakfast

08:30 AM – 05:30 PM | LANCASTER/GETTYSBURG
Trial Advocacy Training

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM – 05:00 PM | YORK
Compliance Training

*see next page
for session
schedule*



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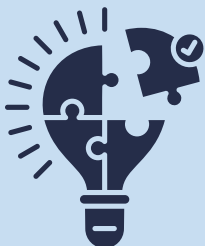


**TRIAL
ADVOCACY
TRAINING**

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**COMPLIANCE
TRAINING**



In addition to workshops tailored for legal aid staff, we're proud to offer sessions that specifically address issues faced by client board members as well as dedicated time and space for our Network's law groups to meet. For details on both the client board member sessions and law group meetings, please go to page 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Trial Advocacy & Compliance Trainings

TRIAL ADVOCACY

08:30 AM – 08:45 AM

Introduction to the Program

Speakers: Mariel Quiñones

08:45 AM – 09:45 AM

Effective Advocacy and Ethical Concerns

Speakers: Rebecca Dempsey, Nick Matash & Nancy Rimmer

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Opening and Closing Statements, Main Theme Focus & Demonstration

Speakers: Rebecca Dempsey, Nick Matash & Nancy Rimmer

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Direct Examination, Refreshing Recollection, and Introduction of Exhibits

Speakers: Nancy Rimmer

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

Cross Examination & Objections

Speakers: Rebecca Dempsey

02:15 PM – 05:15 PM

Roleplay Workshop with Critiques

Speakers: Rebecca Dempsey, Nick Matash & Nancy Rimmer

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM

Program Conclusion

Speakers: Mariel Quiñones

COMPLIANCE

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

Managing Attorneys Role in Compliance

Speakers: Jayme Cassidy, Elizabeth Griffith, Erik Hansen & Susan Lucas

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Using Legal Server and Other Tools to Support Compliance

Speakers: Jayme Cassidy, Elizabeth Griffith, Erik Hansen & Susan Lucas

03:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Funder Expectations and Requirements

Speakers: Jayme Cassidy, Elizabeth Griffith, Erik Hansen & Susan Lucas

04:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Implementation of New Demographic Selections & Case Sync Process

Speakers: Jayme Cassidy, Elizabeth Griffith, Erik Hansen & Susan Lucas

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Agenda & Registration

GENERAL

08:00 AM – 09:00 AM | HARRISBURG BALLROOM

Registration & Breakfast

*Registration will remain open until 5:00 PM on Thursday.

09:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Concurrent Sessions 1

10:45 AM – 11:45 PM

Concurrent Sessions 2

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | HARRISBURG BALLROOM

Lunch

12:45 PM – 01:45 PM (HYBRID) | HARRISBURG BALLROOM

Plenary: Raising Awareness in a Multicultural Workplace 2.0

Keva White

02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions 3

03:45 PM – 04:45 PM

Concurrent Sessions 4

05:30 PM – 07:30 PM | HARRISBURG BALLROOM

Dinner & Planned Activities

- *Music will begin at 6:00 PM, with Karaoke from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.*
- *Photobooth will be available from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.*
- *Trivia will run from 7:30 – 9:30 PM.*

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Concurrent Sessions 1 & 2

09:00 AM – 10:30 AM

COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT | SUSQUEHANNA

Mission Driven Media Production

Speakers: Amanda Berg

EMPLOYMENT LAW | LELAND

UC: Putting Humpty Dumpty Back Together Again

Speakers: Sharon Dietrich, Lina Klose & Julia Simon-Mishel

FAMILY LAW | JUNIATA

Negotiating Family Law Cases

Speakers: Laurie Baughman, Stephanie Longenberger, Marika Merritt, Christine Trotz-Cosgrove

HEALTH LAW | METRO A&B

Medicaid Eligibility 101

Speakers: Catharine Arranz & Kyle Fisher

HOUSING & LANDLORD-TENANT LAW (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

Defenses to Breach of Lease/Evictions Cases in Private and Subsidized Housing

Speakers: Kariri Kiambuthi & Matthew Rich

PUBLIC BENEFITS LAW | ALLEGHENY

TANF Child Support Cooperation and Distribution

Speakers: Louise Hayes, Laura Handel Schwartz & Peter Zurflieh

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT | DELAWARE

Legal Aid Self-Help Resources

Speakers: Brianna Bosak, Hank Leone & Mariel Quiñones

EMPLOYMENT LAW | JUNIATA

Smoothing the Way: How to Advise Pro Se UC Claimants on Claims & Appeals

Speakers: Luis Bravo, Rachel Miller & Julia Simon-Mishel

HEALTH LAW | METRO A&B

Medicaid Unwinding: Five Months In

Speakers: Louise Hayes, Amy Lowenstein, Bill McLaughlin & Megan Williams

HOUSING & LANDLORD-TENANT LAW | ALLEGHENY

Mobile Home Park 101

Speakers: Dan Vitek

UTILITY LAW | LELAND

How to Keep your Clients Connected

Speakers: Lauren Berman, Joan Motz

PRO BONO ADVOCACY (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

'Why Does Pro Bono Matter?' Matters to You... What You Need to Know

Speakers: Janine Dunlap-Kiah, Judy Hale, Megan Lovett & Jennifer Pierce

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Concurrent Sessions 3 & 4

02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT | SUSQUEHANNA

Communications as an Advocacy Strategy

Speakers: Caitlin Nagel

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

Learning for Justice - Strategies for Responding to 'Everyday' Microaggressions

Speakers: Keva White

FAMILY LAW | METRO A&B

Appellate Practice in Family Law

Speakers: Schawne Kilgus, Hon. Maria McLaughlin & Arly Smith-Pearson

HOME OWNERSHIP & CONSUMER LAW | LELAND

Loss Mitigation Updates: HAF, FHA, and More

Speakers: Julie Foster, Rachel LaBush & Joanne Werdel

SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI LAW | JUNIATA

Social Security & SSI for the Non-Practitioner

Speakers: Mark Maher & Alicia Merrill

UTILITY LAW | ALLEGHENY

'Why is My Bill So High?' Understanding Utility Insecurity

Speakers: Patrick Cicero & Elizabeth Marx

03:45 PM – 04:45 PM

COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT | SUSQUEHANNA

Leveraging Google & Microsoft Ad Grants for Outreach, Marketing & Fundraising

Speakers: Terrika Tate

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

Creating a Positive Workplace for Staff with Disabilities

Speakers: Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz

ELDER LAW | JUNIATA

I Never Thought of That: Unconventional Strategies to Increase Recovery

Speakers: Kevin Boswell & Roseanne Milanes

HOME OWNERSHIP & CONSUMER LAW | METRO A&B

Building Your Tangled Title Practice to Help Preserve Family Homes

Speakers: Anna Brickman, Rachel Gallegos & Dot Goldberger

IMMIGRATION LAW | ALLEGHENY

Immigration Relief for Victims of Crime

Speakers: Lisa Hurlbutt & Evy Tolentino

PUBLIC BENEFITS LAW | LELAND

Effective Advocacy: Working w/ CAO, Appeal Units & Bureau of Hearings and Appeals

Speakers: Bill McLaughlin & Maripat Pileggi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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07:30 AM – 08:30 AM | HARRISBURG BALLROOM

Breakfast

08:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Concurrent Sessions 1

10:15 AM – 11:15 PM

Concurrent Sessions 2

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions 3

12:30 PM – 01:00 PM

Grab Your Boxed Lunch & Adjourn

12:30 PM – 03:00 PM

Law Group Meetings

*Law groups should pick up their boxed lunch prior to meeting.

Concurrent Session 1

08:30 AM – 10:00 AM

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

LGBTQ Issues in Legal Services

Speakers: Michelle Dempsky & Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz

EMPLOYMENT LAW | ALLEGHENY

Employment Law Basics: Wage Theft & Workplace Discrimination

Speakers: Sam Datlof, Rhiannon DiClemente & Chelsea Edwards

HEALTH LAW | SUSQUEHANNA

Challenging PAS Denials in CHC

Speakers: Jake Lee & Pam Silver

HOUSING & LANDLORD-TENANT LAW | JUNIATA

Filing and Engaging in Affirmative Litigation When Landlords...

Speakers: Dan Vitek & Eileen Yacknin

SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI LAW | METRO A&B

The Nuts and Bolts of SSI/SSDI Non-Disability (Financial Eligibility) Cases

Speakers: Kate Vengraitis & John Whitelaw

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Concurrent Sessions 2 & 3

10:15 AM – 11:15 PM

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING | ALLEGHENY

Robust Supervision as Client Advocacy

Speakers: Jenna Collins

ELDER LAW | METRO A&B

How to Handle Situations Where a Client's Cognitive Capacity is in Question

Speakers: Victoria Beard & Pam Walz

HOME OWNERSHIP & CONSUMER LAW (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

Preparing for the End of the Student Loan Payment Pause

Speakers: Kerry Smith

INSTITUTIONAL LAW | SUSQUEHANNA

The Intersection of Incarceration and Civil Legal Services

Speakers: Julianna Brown, Su Ming Yeh, Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz, Terrell Mosley, & Evangeline Wright

LEGAL ETHICS | JUNIATA

Ethics Rule 4.2: Communicating with Someone Who May Be Represented

Speakers: Cathy Martin

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CLIENT ADVOCACY | METRO A&B

Don't Let Me Down: Serving Rural & Suburban Communities

Speakers: Nicole Coleman-Hammett, Rebecca Graban & Logan Lewis

FAMILY LAW | ALLEGHENY

Tax Law for The Family Practitioner

Speakers: Robert Hamilton

HOUSING & LANDLORD-TENANT LAW | SUSQUEHANNA

Screening Eviction Records & Eviction Sealing Efforts

Speakers: Holly Beck, Lisa Disabella Brown & Dominique Wiggins

PUBLIC BENEFITS LAW | JUNIATA

Rights of Children with Disabilities in a Childcare Setting

Speakers: Marissa LaWall & Marielle Macher

UTILITY LAW | LELAND

Utilities – Regulation 101

Speakers: Joline Price & John Sweet

VETERANS LAW (HYBRID) | DELAWARE

Legal Services for Veterans: Cultural Competency, Issue Spotting & Development

Speakers: Richard Prebil

CLIENT BOARD MEMBER

Agenda

THURSDAY

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM | PENN HARRIS

Removing Barriers to Employment: Criminal Record Clearing Advocacy in Philadelphia & Pennsylvania

Speakers: Brandon DeSheilds

03:45 PM – 4:45PM | PENN HARRIS

Spotlight on PA-OAG: Public Protection and Civil Rights

Speakers: Corbett Anderson

FRIDAY

08:30 AM – 10:00 AM | PENN HARRIS

Importance of Utility Advocacy in PA

Speakers: Elizabeth Marx

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM | PENN HARRIS

CAUSE-PA Meeting

Moderators: Elizabeth Marx

LAW GROUP MEETINGS

Rooms will be provided when available, check back for updates.

12:30 PM – 03:00 PM

Consumer Law

ROOM: LELAND

Disability Law

ROOM: HARRISBURGER

Elder Law

ROOM: JUNIATA

Family Law

ROOM: DELAWARE

Health Law

ROOM: PENN HARRIS

Housing Law

ROOM: METRO A&B

Public Benefits Law

ROOM: SUSQUEHANNA

Utility Law

ROOM: ALLEGHENY

Thanks for joining us at the Statewide Training Conference! We are committed to supporting each and every employee in our Network, and we want to ensure that everyone has the resources and backing they need to thrive. As we wrap up, we invite you to explore other ways we can help champion your professional growth & success.

AFFINITY & PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

The PLAN Network Staff Affinity & Professional Groups are an important part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. The groups are open to all staff in our Network, regardless of their position, who self-identify as being a member of the group. Their purpose is to create a safe and confidential space for participants to share their experiences and build relationships with colleagues around the state.

- Ally Affinity Group
- Asian Pacific American Affinity Group
- Black Staff Affinity Group
- Client Advocate Professional Group
- Diverse Ability Affinity Group
- Latinx Staff Affinity Group
- LGBTQ+ Staff Affinity Group
- New to Practice Professional Group

Learn more at <https://palegalaid.net/plan-staff-affinity-groups>. You can also reach out to deib@palegalaid.net.

BRIEF AND INFORMATION BANK

PLAN maintains a Brief and Information Bank that contains recordings of all trainings and materials. This repository is password protected and only accessible to PLAN Network staff through a member account on the PLAN website. To request access to your member account, visit <https://palegalaid.net/request-member-account>.

EMAIL DISCUSSION (LISTSERVS)

PLAN Network staff can join the following listservs to stay updated on substantive areas of law, including:

- Disability Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Homeownership and Consumer Rights Law
- Housing and Community Development Law
- Limited English Proficiency/Language Access
- PA Medical-Legal Group
- SSI Non-Disability Issues
- Utility/Energy Law
- Welfare and Public Benefits Law

PLAN Network staff can also join these email groups:

- Managing Attorney*
- PA Legal Aid Network (General Information)
- Technology

These listservs are helpful for reaching out to colleagues around the state for advice and questions on cases and practice. To be added to a listserv, visit <https://palegalaid.net/discussion-groups> and follow the directions to subscribe.

**Membership for this group is restricted to managing attorneys.*

PLAN WEBSITES

PALAWHELP.ORG

Our website, PALawHelp.org, offers comprehensive legal information and resources for individuals seeking legal assistance. The website covers a wide range of civil legal issues and provides links to government agencies and other legal aid providers. The site also features an array of self-help resources and information on the operation of Pennsylvania Courts and county law libraries.

Learn more: <https://www.palawhelp.org/>

PAPROBONO.NET

PAProbono.net is our website that supports the provision of pro bono legal aid in Pennsylvania. It features a comprehensive Pro Bono Program Directory, connecting advocates with organizations where they can volunteer their services. It also offers news and updates on pro bono developments in Pennsylvania, an event calendar showcasing relevant trainings and events, and a members-only section with exclusive resources for advocates.

Check it out: <https://www.paprobono.net/>