

2024 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Statewide Training Conference

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SEPTEMBER 19 • THURSDAY

PINNED		Continental Breakfast	TBA
8:00am – 9:00am			
9:00am – 10:30am	N	Client Board Member Track: Session 01	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	M	Storytelling with Care <i>Presenters: Zakya Hall</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	Y	Clean Slate Expands to Felonies! <i>Presenters: Sharon Dietrich</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	F	Social Media Exhibits in Family Law <i>Presenters: Marika Merritt</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	H	Medicaid and Waiver Eligibility 101	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	G	A Collaborative Approach to Combating the Criminalization of Homelessness <i>Presenters: Charles Burrows, Marielle Macher, Erica Briant, Mark Boorse</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	O	Solitary Confinement in Pennsylvania: The Harm, Trauma, and Legal Challenges <i>Presenters: Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz, Matthew Feldman, Sierra Shamer, Terrell Mosley</i>	TBA
PINNED		Morning Break	TBA
10:30am – 10:45am			
10:45am – 11:45am	N	Client Board Member Track: Session 02	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	M	What if it's not a crisis? <i>Presenters: Dr. Duane Hagelgans, Janet Kacskos</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	E	Pennsylvania Improves Access to Justice and Guardianship Monitoring for Older Adults <i>Presenters: Rhodia D. Thomas, Honorable Paula Francisco Ott, Amy Whitworth, Keith Hinkel, Sara Planthaber</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	Y	A Conversation with the Department of Labor and Industry <i>Presenters: Maria Macus, Christopher S. Hallock, Sharon Dietrich, Julia Simon-Mishel</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	A	Dealing with Difficult Clients: Practical and Ethical Approaches <i>Presenters: Nicole Sipe, Esq., Sandra Dolan</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	V	Tools & Tricks for Legal Server Data <i>Presenters: Erik Hansen</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	U	Keeping the Lights On: Emerging Issues in Utility Law and Why They Matter to Legal Services <i>Presenters: Joline Price, Ria Pereira</i>	TBA
PINNED		Lunch Buffet	TBA
11:45am – 12:45pm			
12:45pm – 1:45pm	D	Plenary Session - Dr. Stephanie Wright <i>Presenters: Dr. Stephanie Wright</i>	TBA
PINNED		Afternoon Break	TBA
1:45pm – 2:00pm			
2:00pm – 3:30pm	B	Past the Basics: Intermediate Issues in Using Chapter 13 Bankruptcy to Save the Home <i>Presenters: Monty Wilson, Cathy Martin, Alfonso Madrid, John Byrd</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	M	Building a Better Legal Aid Resource List <i>Presenters: Jessica Durkin, Nora Davenport</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	D	Dr. Stephanie Wright Workshop <i>Presenters: Dr. Stephanie Wright</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	P	Housing and Public Benefits <i>Presenters: Peter Zurflied, Matt Rich</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	S	Social Security and SSI for the Non-Practitioner <i>Presenters: Alicia Merrill, Kristen Dama</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	U	How to Keep Your Clients Connected <i>Presenters: Lauren N. Berman, Charlotte Edelstein</i>	TBA

Late Afternoon Break		TBA
PINNED 3:30pm – 3:45pm		
3:45pm – 4:45pm	N Client Board Member Track: Session 03	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	M Grants 101 <i>Presenters: Ann Tydeman-Solomon</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	D Name Changes: Fundamentals, Challenges and the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community <i>Presenters: Michelle Dempsey, Connor Marcum, Nicky Ripley (Invited)</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	H Accessing Behavioral Health Services	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	W Student Loan Debt Relief Updates <i>Presenters: Kerry Smith, Autumn Wynde</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	G Representing Mobile Home Park Residents: Park Closures, Rent Increases, Homeowner Rights Following Eviction, and Other Common Problems <i>Presenters: Dan Vitek, Kevin Quisenberry</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	P Public Benefits Appeals: Effective Advocacy with the CAO, Appeal Units, and Bureau of Hearings and Appeals <i>Presenters: William McLaughlin, Maripat Pileggi, Megan Williams</i>	TBA
Dinner		TBA
PINNED 5:30pm – 7:30pm		

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PINNED		Breakfast Buffet	TBA
7:30am – 8:30am			
8:30am – 10:00am	M	Systemic Advocacy: Strategies for Effective Messaging	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	E	Nursing Home Discharges 101: Preventing Unlawful Discharges and Holding Nursing Homes Accountable <i>Presenters: Pam Walz, Sarah Martinez, TBD - long term care ombudsman</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	G	The Many Faces of the Fair Housing Act: Issue Spotting, Administrative Enforcement, and Litigation <i>Presenters: Keirstyn Marcucci, Jaime Cameron, Dan Vitek, Kevin Quisenberry</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	I	Intersection of Workplace Abuse and Immigration Relief <i>Presenters: Amy Chin-Arroyo, Hannah Comins</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	A	Artificial Intelligence for Lawyers: Legal Ethics and Best Practices <i>Presenters: Devin Chwastyk, Jordan Fischer, Esq, Dr. James L. Norrie, Jamison Rotz</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	S	Hot Topics in SSI/SSDI Law and Policy under SSA Commissioner O'Malley <i>Presenters: Katharine Vengraitis, Jennifer Burdick</i>	TBA
PINNED		Morning Break	TBA
10:00am – 10:15am			
10:15am – 11:15am	C	Community Lawyering <i>Presenters: Robert Damewood, Kris Bergstrom, Ariel Morales, Jaime Kinder, Ellie Horvath</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	Y	Employment Law Basics: Common Issues in Low-Wage Pennsylvania Workplaces <i>Presenters: Lerae Kroon, Chelsea Edwards, Rhiannon DiClimente, Mariel Mussack</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	F	Navigating the Tender Years Hearsay Exception: Understanding 42 Pa.C.S 5985.1 and Its Application in Civil Proceedings <i>Presenters: Schawne Kilgus</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	W	Fundamentals of Foreclosure Defense <i>Presenters: Joanne Werdel, Rachel Labush</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	L	Best Practices When Working With Interpreters <i>Presenters: Vanessa Griffith</i>	TBA
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11:15am – 11:30am			
11:30am – 12:30pm	C	Advocacy In and Outside the Courtroom: How to Zealously (& Creatively) Advocate for Your Client <i>Presenters: Julie Karabin, Logan Lewis</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	H	Health Care for Older Adults in PA <i>Presenters: Erin Guay</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	R	How to Attract and Keep Talented Attorneys in Legal Aid <i>Presenters: Megan Lovett, Dr. Tevis Bryant, Elise Wilson-Coles</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	P	Family Law and Public Benefits <i>Presenters: Peter Zurlieh, Pamela Fleck</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	U	Advocating for Equitable Treatment of Tenants as Utility Consumers <i>Presenters: John Sweet, Vikram Patel</i>	TBA
PINNED		Box Lunch Pickup	TBA
12:30pm – 1:15pm			
PINNED		Law Group Meetings	TBA
12:30pm – 1:15pm			