

## 2025 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Statewide Training Conference

**P** PLAN Program Training      **T** Trial Advocacy Skills Training

SEPTEMBER 8 • MONDAY		Pre-Conference Day	
7:30am – 8:30am	T	<b>Registration - Trial Advocacy Skills Training</b>	Outside of York/Lebanon
7:45am – 8:30am		<b>Breakfast for Trial Advocacy Participants</b>	Susquehanna Room
8:30am – 8:45am	T	<b>Introduction to Trial Advocacy Training</b> <i>Presenters: Mariel Quinones Mundo</i>	York/Lebanon
8:45am – 9:45am	T	<b>Effective Advocacy and Ethical Concerns</b> <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawnne Kilgus</i>	York/Lebanon
9:45am – 10:00am		<b>Morning Break</b>	TBA
10:00am – 11:00am	T	<b>Direct Examination, Refreshing Recollection, and Introduction of Exhibits</b> <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawnne Kilgus</i>	York/Lebanon
11:00am – 12:00pm	T	<b>Cross Examination (e.g., Impeachment by Contradiction, Omission in Prior Statements) and Objections</b> <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawnne Kilgus</i>	York/Lebanon
12:00pm – 1:00pm		<b>Lunch Break</b>	Allegheny/Susquehanna
1:00pm – 2:00pm	T	<b>Workshop with Critiques</b> <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawnne Kilgus, Michele L. Kluk</i>	Breakout Rooms - Lochiel, William Penn, Metropolitan A & B,
1:00pm – 4:30pm	P	<b>2025 PLAN Bi-Annual Statewide Compliance Training</b>	
2:30pm – 2:45pm		<b>Afternoon Break</b>	TBA
2:45pm – 5:15pm	T	<b>Workshop with Critiques</b> <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawnne Kilgus, Michele L. Kluk</i>	Breakout Rooms - Lochiel, William Penn, Metropolitan A & B,
5:15pm – 5:30pm	T	<b>Program Wrap-Up</b> <i>Presenters: Mariel Quinones Mundo</i>	York/Lebanon

- C** Client Board Member Track   
 **N** Communications and Development   
 **E** Elder Law   
 **Y** Employment Law  
**F** Family Law   
 **G** General   
 **H** Health Law   
 **W** Home Ownership and Consumer Rights   
 **O** Housing Law  
**L** Language Access   
 **B** Public Benefits   
 **S** Social Security/SSI   
 **U** Utility Law

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## SEPTEMBER 9 • TUESDAY

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<b>PINNED</b> 8:00am – 9:00am		<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Harrisburg Ballroom
9:00am – 10:30am	C	<b>Client Session 1</b>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	N	<b>Policy Communications &amp; Legislative Campaigns</b> <i>Presenters: Morgan Plant</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	Y	<b>Seal a Conviction! Change a Life!</b> <i>Presenters: Sharon Dietrich</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	W	<b>Responding to the Growth of Non-Judicial Foreclosures</b> <i>Presenters: Rachel Labush, Tiffany Thornton, Mary Jacob</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	L	<b>Preserving Language Access in Changing Times: Law, Policy, and Practice</b> <i>Presenters: Chi-Ser Tran, Peter Zurflieh, DeJonna Bates, Bridget Hylak</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	S	<b>SSI/Social Security Non-Disability Topics</b> <i>Presenters: John Whitelaw</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	U	<b>Utilities 101: Keeping the Lights On</b> <i>Presenters: Lauren N. Berman, Maggie Lind</i>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 10:30am – 10:45am		<b>Morning Break</b>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	C	<b>Client Session 2</b>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	N	<b>Media Training for Legal Advocates</b> <i>Presenters: Slowey McManus Communications</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	E	<b>Nursing Home Discharge Cases: Resident Advocacy</b> <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Judy Weimer</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	F	<b>The Myth of Parental Alienation and the False Promise of Reunification Therapy</b> <i>Presenters: Katherine Guzzi, Addison Cropper</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	G	<b>Strategies for Effective and Client-Centered Outreach: Lessons from Farmworker Programs</b> <i>Presenters: Mary Ortiz-Herrera, Lerae Kroon, Jillian Aguilar</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	O	<b>Manufactured Homes 101: The Basics on Mobile Home Ownership in Pennsylvania.</b> <i>Presenters: Dan Vitek</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	B	<b>Threats to Medicaid and SNAP: Federal Update, Timeline, and Potential Impact on Pennsylvania</b> <i>Presenters: Lydia Gotttesfeld, Maripat Pileggi, Amy Lowenstein, Louise Hayes</i>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 11:45am – 12:45pm		<b>Lunch Buffet</b>	Harrisburg Ballroom
12:45pm – 1:45pm		<b>Plenary Session -</b> <i>Presenters: April Frazier Camera</i>	Harrisburg Ballroom

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<b>PINNED</b> 1:45pm – 2:00pm		<b>Afternoon Break</b>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	N	<b>Storytelling Through Data: From LegalServer to Impact Materials</b> <i>Presenters: Travis Southard, Ron Ayler, Emma Wennberg</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	G	<b>AI and the Future of Legal Work: Rethinking Justice in a Machine Age</b> <i>Presenters: Sateesh Nori</i>	
2:00pm – 3:30pm	G	<b>Yes You CAN Do That! Advocacy Within the LSC Restrictions</b> <i>Presenters: Julia Simon-Mishel, Chris Buerger</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	H	<b>Medicaid Waivers 101: Understanding Eligibility, Access, and Impact</b> <i>Presenters: Pamela Silver, Miguel Strunk</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	O	<b>Tenants' Rights Under MHCRA - Issue Spotting and Defenses</b>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 3:30pm – 3:45pm		<b>Late Afternoon Break - Snack Included</b>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	C	<b>Client Session 3</b>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	N	<b>Creating Accessible and Impactful Client Materials with Canva</b> <i>Presenters: Marion Fraley, Julie Marasco, Giselle Martinez</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	H	<b>Hot Topics in Medicare &amp; Medicaid</b> <i>Presenters: Kyle Fisher, Jessica Lippert</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	W	<b>Student Loan Updates: What Legal Aid Staff Need to Know for Themselves and Their Clients</b> <i>Presenters: Kerry Smith, Tamar Hoffman</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	O	<b>The Changed Landscape for "Rent to Own" Agreements Post Zanicky v. Skopow.</b> <i>Presenters: Brandon Copeland</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	S	<b>SSI/SSDI Applications, Forms and How to Complete Them</b> <i>Presenters: Mark Maher</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	U	<b>From Policy to Practice: Emerging Issues in Energy, Water, and the Environment</b> <i>Presenters: Elizabeth Marx, Joline Price</i>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 5:30pm – 7:30pm		<b>Dinner</b>	Harrisburg Ballroom

**N** Communications and Development    **D** Disability    **E** Elder Law    **Y** Employment Law    **F** Family Law  
**G** General    **H** Health Law    **W** Home Ownership and Consumer Rights    **O** Housing Law    **M** Meetings  
**R** Pro Bono    **B** Public Benefits    **S** Social Security/SSI

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## SEPTEMBER 10 • WEDNESDAY

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<b>PINNED</b> 7:30am – 8:30am		<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	Harrisburg Ballroom
8:30am – 10:00am	N	<b>Communications Strategy for Small Teams</b> <i>Presenters: Anabel Sweeney, Nora Davenport</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	D	<b>Disability Rights Behind Bars</b> <i>Presenters: Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz, Terrell Mosley, Stina Stannik, Sarah Bellos</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	H	<b>From Denial to Approval: Legal Strategies for Securing Personal Assistance Services</b> <i>Presenters: Meggie McCarthy-White, Rieko Shepard</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	W	<b>Mortgage Caselaw Update 2025</b> <i>Presenters: Michael Froehlich, Rachel Labush</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	B	<b>Digital Identity Authentication: How Our Clients are Navigating New De Facto Eligibility Requirements in Government Programs</b> <i>Presenters: Julia Simon-Mishel, Jennifer Burdick</i>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 10:00am – 10:15am		<b>Morning Break</b>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	E	<b>Navigating Romance Scams: Challenges, Best Practices, and Collaborative Approaches</b> <i>Presenters: Roseanne Milanese</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	Y	<b>A Conversation with PA Labor and Industry Secretary Nancy Walker</b> <i>Presenters: Sharon Dietrich, Nancy Walker, Julia Simon-Mishel</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	F	<b>Collateral Consequences of Family Law Orders</b> <i>Presenters: Alexandra Yates, Arly Smith-Pearson</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	O	<b>Tenants' Rights in Privatized Public Housing</b> <i>Presenters: Kevin Quisenberry</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	M	<b>CAUSE-PA Meeting</b>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 11:15am – 11:30am		<b>Late Morning Break</b>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	G	<b>PA Lobbying Disclosure: What a Legal Services Program Needs to Know.</b> <i>Presenters: Sharon Dietrich</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	R	<b>Clinics and Outreach: Closing the Rural Justice Gap</b> <i>Presenters: Judy Hale, Megan Lovett, Meghann E. Mikluscak-Hewitt, Melissa L. Evans</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	B	<b>Protecting Your Clients from the SNAP Three-Month Time Limit</b> <i>Presenters: Louise Hayes, Makenzie Libbey</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	S	<b>SSI/SSDI for the Non Practitioner - A 101 Review</b> <i>Presenters: Mark Maher</i>	TBA
<b>PINNED</b> 12:30pm – 1:15pm		<b>Box Lunch Pickup</b>	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom

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