

This training is free to any attorney currently participating in a Pro Bono program through The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services or the Columbus Bar Association. All others should include a \$110.00 fee with the registration form.

You may register by email at

cle@columbuslegalaid.org

or by mail to Marsha Evans, The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, 1108 City Park Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43206.

Unless a hard copy is specifically requested, materials will be e-mailed to participants in advance of the training. Thank you for helping us save resources.

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Pro Bono Program in which you participate:

This program is sponsored by The Ohio Poverty Law Center and The Legal Aid Society of Columbus.

Pro Bono attorneys help to reduce the amount of unmet need for civil legal services among low-income residents in our community. If you are not already a member of a Pro Bono program, contact Dianna Parker at dparker@columbuslegalaid.org or complete an online application: www.columbuslegalaid.org/index.php/probono/pbapp.

Chapter 7 Pro Bono Project

Representing low-income debtors in Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

Volunteer Resource Center (VRC)

Representing tenants facing eviction and individuals sued for credit card debt in Franklin County.

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Representing taxpayers with controversies before the IRS.

Brief Advice & Referral Clinics

Providing brief advice at clinics located at local churches and homeless shelters.

PACO Wills Clinic and Seniors Project

Assisting seniors with drafting and executing wills and advanced directives.

Legal Aid Referral Project (LARP)

Handling reduced fee and pro bono simple divorces and Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC)

BRIEF ADVICE AND REFERRAL CLINICS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PART 1:

CLINIC TIPS, PUBLIC BENEFIT BASICS, CONSUMER DEBT ISSUES, AND SERVING CLIENTS WITH DISABILITIES

(VIDEO REPLAY)

Application has been made with the Ohio Supreme Court for:

3.0 CLE Credits

**October 22, 2013
1:00 pm – 4:15 pm**

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS

1108 City Park Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43206

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to assist attorneys who volunteer their time at brief advice clinics sponsored by The Legal Aid Society of Columbus and the Columbus Bar Association. Our 2013 training will be divided into two sessions:

Part 1 (May 30th) Attorneys will receive instruction on issues unique to low-income clients and tips on how to best meet the needs of clients in a clinic setting. We will provide basic issue spotting and information about the array of public assistance programs available to low-income individuals. The training will also focus on serving clients with disabilities and the legal issues impacting low-income consumers.

Part 2 (June 12th) Attorneys will receive basic instruction on domestic legal issues facing low-income families, landlord-tenant law basics, and record sealing requirements and procedures.

Dianna Parker has been a staff attorney at LASC since 2007. A 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Dianna has practiced in the areas of education and housing law and is now the Pro Bono Coordinator.

Jamie Shier is a 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She joined LASC in 2006, originally practicing with the Child and Youth Law Program. Since that time, Jamie transitioned into the Public Benefits unit, where she advocates for low-income individuals and families in the areas of SSI, Ohio Works First, and Medicaid.

Kerstin Sjoberg-Witt is the legal director for Disability Rights Ohio (formerly Ohio Legal Rights Service). Prior to January 2009, Sjoberg-Witt was an associate in the Trial Practice Group at Jones Day, where she represented business and other organizational clients in civil issues. She also participated in pro bono matters, including a fair housing action that resulted in a jury verdict of \$10.8 million for a group of residents outside Zanesville.

Dorian Baum is owner and sole practicing attorney for Baum Law Office in Lancaster, Ohio. A 2009 graduate of the University of Akron School of Law, Dorian handles cases in criminal defense, divorce/dissolution, child custody, civil litigation, collections, landlord-tenant, commercial leases, and oil & gas law. Dorian is a member of both the Washington State Bar and the Ohio State Bar and an active attorney representative for the Fairfield County Pro Bono Task Force, providing leadership and assistance for Consumer clinics offered to low-income consumers facing lawsuits for credit debt.

AGENDA

1:00-1:30

Tips for Assisting Low-Income Clients in a Clinic Setting

*Dianna Parker
LASC Pro Bono
Coordinator*

1:30-2:00

Public Benefits and Community Programs

*Jamie Shier
LASC Staff Attorney*

2:00-3:00

Clients with Disabilities

*Kerstin Sjoberg-Witt
Legal Director
Disability Rights Ohio*

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15-4:15

Common Consumer Legal Issues

*Dorian Baum
Baum Law Office, LLC*