

# PRO BONO MARCH MADNESS

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## **NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2010!**

**See inside for dates, CLE credit, registration fees and location details.**



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## **Hall of Fame: Litigation Section**

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Labor & Employment Section**

**Starting Lineup: Estate Planning & Probate Section, Family Law Section and Intellectual  
Property Section**

**First Round Pick: Elder Law Section**

**Sixth Man: Judicial Section**



**March 3, 2010**

**Promoting Economic Stability for Low-Income Families --  
The Saturday Lawyer Program**



**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by AVL F (Learn more at [www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org).)**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. • 5.5 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P total credit (Registration for individual sessions is available.)**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

The Saturday Lawyer Program has been improved and restructured both to focus on legal representation that promotes economic stability in the client community and to give attorneys more options for how they wish to volunteer. Cases available through this program will focus on (1) securing unpaid wages (2) defending clients against debt lawsuits and garnishments (including zombie debt and debt that includes unlawful fees and penalties) and (3) promoting habitable and safe housing and ensuring return of security deposits. This training will give volunteers the resources they need to provide assistance in these substantive areas. Participants may choose to attend one, two or all three sections of this program, depending on the types of cases they are most interested in handling.

Poor and working class people are struggling now more than ever to maintain housing and financial security for their families. Please get involved in this program so that you are equipped to provide much needed legal assistance.

9:00 - 11:30: Part 1 -- Promoting Habitable and Safe Housing (2.5 CLE)

11:30 - 12:15: Working lunch and discussion of volunteer opportunities through the Saturday Lawyer Program

12:15 - 1:45: Part 2 -- Defending Debt Lawsuits and Garnishment Actions (1.5 CLE)

2:00 - 3:30: Part 3 -- Securing Unpaid Wages (1.5 CLE)

**Heir Property in Georgia**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by Georgia Appleseed (Learn more at [www.gaappleseed.org](http://www.gaappleseed.org).)**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. • 3 CLE/1 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

Heir Property consists of real property that has been passed through generations of owners without proper estate planning. The result is title that is clouded and fragmented. The Heir Property In Georgia seminar will instruct practitioners on providing low income landowners of heir property with the necessary tools to protect and preserve their property from land loss and to generate wealth and economic value. The seminar will increase the capacity of these practitioners to offer pro bono services in Georgia to address and remedy the problems associated with heir property.



**Seminar Location Information**

⇒ State Bar of Georgia • 104 Marietta Street • Atlanta GA 30303 • 404-527-8700 • [www.gabar.org](http://www.gabar.org)

⇒ Fulton County Juvenile Court • 395 Pryor Street • Atlanta GA 30312 • 404-224-4401

⇒ Sutherland • 999 Peachtree Street • Atlanta GA 30309 • 404-853-8000 • [www.sutherland.com](http://www.sutherland.com)

⇒ King & Spalding • 1180 Peachtree Street • Atlanta GA 30309 • 404-472-4600 • [www.kslaw.com](http://www.kslaw.com)

***Each Pro Bono March Madness registrant is encouraged to volunteer for the organization the seminar training supports. A registration list for each seminar will be provided to the presenting organization for purposes of contact and volunteer recruitment. We sincerely hope that each of you will take a pro bono case in 2010 to show your support for Atlanta's pro bono legal community and to help someone in need. Thank you!***

**March 5, 2010**

### **Representing Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff  
**Presented by GAIN and Tapestri (Learn more at [www.georgiaasylum.org](http://www.georgiaasylum.org) and [www.tapestri.org](http://www.tapestri.org).)**

**8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. • 3 CLE/0 E/1 TP/1 P • Lunch provided for those who also register for The Asylum Project**

#### **At King & Spalding**

Many immigrants are involved in violent relationships or have been trafficked against their will to the United States. Most immigrants are afraid to leave these relationships or report the perpetrators to law enforcement because they do not have proper immigration status. Fortunately for them there are laws to protect them and help them gain status so they no longer need to be afraid. The Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network (GAIN) and Tapestri work closely together in representing and assisting these victims of violence. Through this training you will learn the basics of pertinent immigration law and how to work with a social services organization to effectively and compassionately represent these clients pro bono.



### **The Asylum Project**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff  
**Presented by GAIN (Learn more at [www.georgiaasylum.org](http://www.georgiaasylum.org).)**

**12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • 4 CLE/0 E/1 TP/1 P • Lunch provided**

#### **At King & Spalding**

The Asylum Project pairs volunteer attorneys with applicants for political asylum and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. Opportunities for attorneys and paralegals include brief writing, legal research, collecting country and human rights reports, and representation of clients in brief and discrete credible fear interviews, as well as more involved proceedings in the U.S. Immigration Court. Training includes information on detainees (who they are, why they are being held, grounds for exclusion, where they are detained); bond and parole; asylum; immigration court practice and procedure; and forensics.



**March 10, 2010**

### **Family Law Pro Bono Adoption Initiative**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

Atlanta Bar Association  
Family Law Section

**9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. • 3 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P**

#### **At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

The Atlanta Bar Family Law Section is teaming up with Bethany Christian Services, a highly regarded, non-profit 501(C)(3) adoption organization, to offer adoption services to its clients who cannot otherwise afford counsel. The seminar will focus on training any interested attorney in adoption law and the handling of a simple adoption proceeding. This is one of the few joyous occasions for both the practicing attorney and family, as well as the judge. By signing up for this pro bono opportunity, an attorney will agree to undertake one adoption referral from Bethany. Attorneys must have malpractice insurance coverage in order to participate. Sherry Neal, of Neal & Wright LLC, will conduct the training with the assistance of other expert adoption counsel.

### **Lost Lessons from Groundhog Day - A Brown Bag Lunch & Learn**

**Open to all: Come and be inspired!**

**Presented by Georgia Justice Project (Learn more at [www.gjp.org](http://www.gjp.org).)**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. • 1 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P • Also offered on March 31**

#### **At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

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**March 12, 2010**

### **One Child, One Lawyer**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by AVL F** (Learn more at [www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org).)

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. • 6 CLE/1 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the Fulton County Juvenile Court • Lunch provided**

This program offers a unique opportunity for meaningful pro bono advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children. Volunteer lawyers are appointed to represent a child throughout the entirety of a deprivation case in juvenile court. Volunteers are essential in achieving a stable, loving and permanent placement for the children they represent. Training includes how children come into foster care; an overview of child welfare law; representing the foster child; ethics; the best interests of the child; understanding child protective services; and the mechanics of juvenile court. Ongoing support, including case consultation, is provided by AVL F.

**AVL F** Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation  
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**March 17, 2010**

### **Immigration Relief for Juveniles**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by Catholic Charities Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project**

**8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • 4 CLE/0 E1 TP/1 P • Lunch provided for those who also register**

**for The Ins and Outs of Immigration Court**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

Each year more than 11,000 undocumented youngsters find themselves in the U.S. alone, abandoned or abused, and often in immigration deportation proceedings. The ICAP program works to ensure representation for all children by pairing them with volunteer attorneys to secure resolution in the best interest of the child. Children eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a federal benefit allowing them to remain legally in the U.S., desperately need legal representation to navigate a complicated State and Federal legal system. ICAP's mission is to train and support pro bono attorneys as they take on these cases and truly change lives. This training will give you the foundation and tools needed to get involved.



### **Wills and Advance Directives Project**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by AVL F** (Learn more at [www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org).)

**9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. • 3.5 CLE/0.5 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

AVL F's Wills and Advance Directives Project has provided hundreds of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other low-income individuals the help of a volunteer attorney to write a Last Will and Testament and Health Care Advance Directive at no cost. This very practical training presents the nuts and bolts of drafting these important documents and provides helpful guidance for successfully representing elderly clients or those with disabilities.

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### **Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Adoption Project**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by Atlanta Legal Aid Society** (Learn more at [www.atlantalegalaid.org](http://www.atlantalegalaid.org).)

**1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • 3 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

The Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Project trains private attorneys to conduct adoptions for the growing number of grandparents and other relatives who are raising children in the place of absent or deceased parents. Relative caregivers, many of whom are retired and living on fixed incomes, often struggle to care and provide for the new members of the household. This training will provide the information and forms needed in an adoption from the first meeting with the client through the final adoption hearing. Paralegals and law students may volunteer for the project but are responsible for finding a trained attorney with whom to work.



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**March 17, 2010**

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## **The Ins and Outs of Immigration Court: Local Rules and Court Procedures**

**Open to all!**

**Presented by American Immigration Lawyers Association, Atlanta Chapter**

**1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. • 3 CLE/0 E/3 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

The Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) adopted uniform rules for all Immigration Courts nationwide. These rules went into effect on July 31, 2008. The purpose of this seminar is to expose the members of our Bar to these rules, provide helpful advice and to attempt to clarify possible conflicts and ambiguities. Any practitioner appearing before the Immigration Court must be familiar with these rules and their applications. The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), the highest court in the EOIR scheme, has its own set of rules; this seminar does not cover those rules as they have been in existence and used by practitioners for many years. This training is essential for those who practice in Immigration Court. We also encourage those who are attending The Asylum Project, Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking and/or the Immigrant Children trainings to take this additional course on Immigration Court rules and procedures. This seminar will be presented by the Honorable Wayne K. Houser Jr., Immigration Judge, Atlanta-EOIR (speaking in his personal capacity) and Carolina Colin-Antonini, Esq.



**March 24, 2010**

## **Representing Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence in Civil Temporary Protective Order Hearings**



**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by AVLF (Learn more at [www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org).)**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. • 3.5 CLE/0 E/1 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

The Domestic Violence Project trains attorneys to represent victims of domestic violence in obtaining temporary protective orders. The Georgia Family Violence Act provides for civil relief to victims of domestic violence through ex parte hearings, followed by second hearings after service upon the respondent. This Project helps to level the playing field for victims who would otherwise have to face their batterer and possibly their batterer's attorney in court alone.

## **Employment Law Review**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta and the Labor & Employment Law Section of the Atlanta Bar (Learn more at [www.pbpatl.org](http://www.pbpatl.org).)**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. • 3 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

To help prepare future volunteers for labor and employment-related pro bono opportunities, the employment law seminar covers general employment laws affecting non-profit organizations. Topics also include guidance on the creation or review of employee handbooks, proper compensation of employees and volunteers under the Fair Labor Standards Act and classification of workers as either independent contractors or employees.



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Labor & Employment  
Law Section

## **Family Law for Low-Income Families**



**Volunteers needed:** ☒Attorney ☒Paralegal ☒Law Student ☒Legal Support Staff

**Presented by AVLF (Learn more at [www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org).)**

**12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. • 3.5 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

One of the largest unmet legal needs for low-income individuals is assistance in family law matters. This training is designed for the non-family lawyer who wishes to assist in simple domestic issues for low income families.



**March 26, 2010**

### **Advocating for the Truant Child**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒ Attorney ☒ Paralegal ☒ Law Student ☒ Legal Support Staff

**Presented by** TIP Georgia (Learn more at [www.truancyproject.org](http://www.truancyproject.org).)

**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • 4 CLE/1 E/1 TP/1 P**

**At Sutherland**

The Truancy Intervention Project serves children involved with the Fulton County Juvenile Court in pending truancy and educational neglect cases, as well as in early intervention cases in metro Atlanta elementary schools. Volunteers work with the children and their families to provide the necessary guidance and resources to help ensure their attendance and success in school. Training includes how TIP works; role of the TIP volunteer; ethics and advocacy; courtroom procedures; and a mock hearing.



**March 31, 2010**

### **Tax-Exempt Law 101 for Non-Tax Lawyers Providing Pro Bono**

#### **Advice to Tax-Exempt Entities**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒ Attorney ☒ Paralegal ☒ Law Student ☒ Legal Support Staff

**Presented by** Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta (Learn more at [www.pbpatl.org](http://www.pbpatl.org).)

**9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. • 3 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

Despite the inference in the designation, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entities are not fully exempt from taxation. In fact, there are many taxes they may be subject to and the failure to understand and obey the tax rules can be devastating for an unsuspecting charity. This interesting and informative program will educate non-tax lawyers who represent tax-exempt organizations pro bono about the taxes that affect their clients' day-to-day operations, including the tax on unrelated business income, employment, property, sales and use, and excise. Participants will gain a basic understanding of these taxes in order to assist their pro bono clients in identifying and avoiding potential pitfalls. For attorneys representing Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta clients, once they spot a potential tax issue, they can then refer their clients back to the Partnership for expert tax assistance. Paralegals may volunteer for the Partnership but are responsible for finding a trained attorney with whom to work.



Atlanta Bar Association  
Tax Section

### **Guardian ad Litem Training**

**Volunteers needed:** ☒ Attorney ☒ Paralegal ☒ Law Student ☒ Legal Support Staff

**Presented by** AVL F (Learn more at [www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org).)

**8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • 7.5 CLE/1 E/0 TP/1 P • Lunch provided**

**At the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center**

The Guardian ad Litem Program provides the judges of Fulton Superior Court with trained Guardians ad Litem to represent the best interests of minor children who are the subject of contested custody actions in their courts. Training includes presentations on the nuts and bolts of family law; the role of a Guardian ad Litem; the stages of child development; the pros and cons of various custody arrangements; the effects of domestic violence on children; the ethical issues faced by a Guardian ad Litem; and how to present findings to the court. One trained, lawyers will be qualified for service as a Guardian ad Litem in Fulton Superior Court.



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**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. • 1 CLE/0 E/0 TP/1 P • Also offered on March 10**

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## Check the session(s) you want to attend. “Member” refers to Atlanta Bar membership.

☐ Promoting Economic Stability: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members (Attorneys only)

☐ Heir Property: \$30 for members; \$40 for non-members (Attorneys only)

☐ Representing Victims of Trafficking: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals/law students/legal support staff

☐ The Asylum Project: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals/law students/legal support staff

☐ Family Law Pro Bono Adoption Initiative: \$30 for members; \$40 for non-members (Attorneys only)

☐ Lost Lessons from Groundhog Day: \$20 for members; \$30 for non-members; FREE for all others

**Select the date you want to attend:** ☐ March 10 ☐ March 31

☐ One Child, One Lawyer: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals/law students/legal support staff

☐ Immigration Relief for Juveniles: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals/law students/legal support staff

☐ Wills/Advance Directives: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals (Attorneys & paralegals only)

☐ Grandparent/Relative Adoption: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals and law students

☐ Ins & Outs of Immigration Court: \$30 for members; \$40 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals/law students/legal support staff

☐ Intimate Partner Violence: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members (Attorneys only)

☐ Employment Law Review: \$30 for members; \$40 for non-members (Attorneys only)

☐ Family Law for Low-Income Families: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members (Attorneys only)

☐ Advocating for the Truant Child: FREE to anyone not seeking CLE credit; \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members

☐ Tax-Exempt Law 101: \$30 for members; \$40 for non-members; \$10 for paralegals (Attorneys and paralegals only)

☐ Guardian ad Litem: \$55 for members; \$65 for non-members, \$10 for paralegals (Attorneys and paralegals only)



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