

About ABLE



Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) was founded in 1969 by a group of Toledo attorneys and community leaders. Its mission is to provide free, high-quality legal services in civil matters to low-income individuals, families, and groups to help them achieve equal opportunity, equality, and self-reliance within the community. In addition to serving individuals, ABLE remains dedicated to its original purpose of legal advocacy to promote systemic change that benefits large groups of low-income people. ABLE serves 32 counties in western Ohio from offices in Dayton and Toledo.

About LAWO



Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO) is a non-profit law firm that provides free, high quality legal services in civil matters to low income individuals, families, and groups to help them achieve equal opportunity, equality, and self-reliance within the community.

Serving 32 counties in western Ohio, from offices in Dayton, Defiance, Fremont, Lima, Mansfield, Sandusky, Springfield, and Toledo, LAWO provides a full range of legal services, including negotiation, litigation, and community education. Special projects serve domestic violence victims, senior citizens, and migrant farm workers.



About Marathon Oil Joe Simmons Pro Bono Program

Started in 2007, the Joe Simmons Pro Bono Program gathers the assistance of its corporate legal department to provide free civil legal services to individuals and non-profits that would not otherwise be able to afford them. Attorney and paralegals based in Marathon's Findlay and, Enon Ohio offices, and their, Houston, Texas and Cody, Wyoming offices participate in the program, taking pro bono cases and staffing advice clinics throughout the year. The program has received recognition as the Marathon Oil Corporate Social Responsibility Project of the Year in 2008.

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Professionalism, Ethics & Substance Abuse Seminar: Working with Legal Aid Clients

\$175 per person*

**No charge to attorneys agreeing to staff at least one Hancock County Pro Bono Clinic per year.*



Wednesday, February 24, 2010

1:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC

539 S. Main Street

Findlay, Ohio 45840

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About the Presenters

E. JANE TAYLOR is the Associate Director for Pro Bono at Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation where she serves in a statewide leadership role to energize and expand pro bono participation by attorneys, and to serve as a catalyst and source of support for the development of local pro bono programs by bar associations, law firms, law schools, and corporations. Taylor received her B.A. from Kent State University in 1977 and her J.D. from the University Of Akron School Of Law in 1980.

R. EDWARD MARKS is Deputy Director for Advocacy for Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO), a program that serves 32 counties in northwest and west central Ohio. Marks is a presenter at national legal aid trainings and a technology consultant for legal services programs across the country. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, and began his legal services career in 1988 as a staff attorney with DNA Legal Services on the Navajo and Hopi Nations in Arizona.

DEBRA JENNINGS is the Managing Attorney of Legal Aid Line for Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE). Legal Aid Line provides intake and brief service for ABLE and its partner law firm, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO), the Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Legal Services Program and The Western Ohio Volunteer Lawyers Project. Jennings participates in the Ohio statewide intake task force. Prior to joining ABLE, Debra was in private practice in Ohio and has also practiced law in Connecticut and New York.

MELISSA LAROCO is a 2005 graduate of Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. Following graduation she began working with Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. as an AmeriCorps attorney handling civil housing cases. In 2007, she became a full-time staff attorney for LAWOW. LaRocco handles civil cases including social security, unemployment, public benefits, and domestic relations issues. She is currently working from the Fremont and Findlay LAWOW offices and is an active member of the Hancock, Sandusky and Seneca County Bar Associations. LaRocco is the chair of the Legal Aid Services Committee for the Hancock County Bar Association.

PRECIA SHENK STUBY is Executive Director of the Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from Ohio State University in 1988. In 2009, Stuby was elected as President of the Executive Council for the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities.

Seminar Schedule

12:45	Registration & Welcome <i>Marathon Oil Corporation</i>
1:00–2:00	Pro Bono Ethics <i>E. Jane Taylor, Assistance Director of Pro Bono Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation</i>
2:00–2:15	BREAK
2:15–3:15	Working with Legal Aid's Client Population <i>R. Edward Marks, Deputy Director for Advocacy, LAWOW</i> <i>Debra M. Jennings</i> <i>Managing Attorney, Legal Aid Line, ABLE</i> <i>Melissa LaRocco, Staff Attorney, LAWOW</i>
3:15–3:45	Substance Abuse and Poverty <i>Precia Shenk Stuby, Executive Director Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services</i>

CLE Credit Hours:

This course is pending approval from the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 2.5 credit hours, including 1.00 of ethics, 1.00 of professionalism, and 0.5 of substance abuse

Coordinated by LAWOW, the Hancock County Pro Bono Legal Clinic is held the first Wednesday of each month at the Findlay Family Center. From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., pro bono attorneys provide free legal advice to community residents in need. The clinic is made possible through the corporate legal department of Marathon Petroleum Company's Joe Simmons Pro Bono Program. Individuals in need of additional services can apply for extended representation through LAWOW. In 2010, Marathon Oil and LAWOW have partnered with the Findlay Hancock County Bar Association and invite all area attorneys to volunteer their time and give back to the community.

Clinic dates for 2010 include:

Feb. 3, 2010	June 2, 2010	Oct. 6, 2010
March 3, 2010	Aug. 4, 2010	Nov. 3, 2010
April 7, 2010	Sept. 1, 2010	Dec. 1, 2010
May 5, 2010		

To register for clinic dates, please contact Anneliese Gryta of LAWOW at 419-930-2380 or agryta@lawolaw.org

Registration Form

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Registration deadline:

Friday, February 19, 2010