

An immersive introduction to the practice of
seeking broad-based institutional reform.

AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION



Dates/Locations:

MARCH 5-23, 2012 ONLINE

MARCH 27-29, 2012 IN-PERSON

San Francisco Area, CA

OCTOBER 1-19, 2012 ONLINE

OCTOBER 23-25, 2012 IN-PERSON

Greater New York City Area, NY

Learn how to effectively prosecute a complex case impact litigation in federal or state court. Delivered online and in-person, Affirmative Litigation includes a mix of interactive sessions, webinars, and multimedia lectures, as well as practical exercises on complaint drafting, discovery, motion practice, and emergency relief. You will gain a solid foundation for strengthening your legal aid practice and the skills necessary to engage in high-impact, change-oriented advocacy.



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WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION:

“Simply put, Affirmative Litigation was the best legal training I have ever had. It taught me skills to do this work, revealed strategies for increasing the impact of Legal Aid work, and inspired me to press on with the mission for social change..”

–Jason Dodson
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

“Affirmative Litigation is a comprehensive and hands-on training that clearly presents the heart and mission of legal services work. It is by far the best continuing legal education course I have ever taken.”

–Suzanne Estrella
Florida Legal Services

TOPICS COVERED IN THIS COURSE

- **Affirmative Litigation in the Legal Aid Context**
- **Pre-filing Considerations**
- **Nuts and Bolts of Major Litigation**
- **Jurisdiction, Causes of Action, and the Use of 42 U.S.C. §1983**
- **Sovereign Immunity and the Eleventh Amendment**
- **Exhaustion, Preclusion, Absention, and Removal**
- **Case Analysis for Complex Litigation**
- **How to Argue a Motion to Dismiss**

SAMPLE IN-PERSON AGENDA

DAY ONE

- **Complaint Drafting**
- **Seeking Emergency Relief**

DAY TWO

- **Exhaustion, Standing, and Mootness**
- **Damages and Attorney Fees**
- **Non-Monetary Relief**

DAY THREE

- **Discovery**
- **Securing Broad-Based Relief**
- **Motion Practice**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Shriver Center's Affirmative Litigation training is a truly immersive introduction to the practice of seeking broad-based institutional reform through complex affirmative litigation. Substantive lectures and exercises on fundamental affirmative litigation justiciability issues are coupled with practice opportunities on emergency injunctive relief, surviving a motion to dismiss, and engaging in complex class-based discovery.

Affirmative Litigation training is delivered in two parts: online and in-person. Over the course of the three online weeks of the training, participants plan litigation and then draft a federal complaint to initiate. This work is supported by video lectures on practice issues like sovereign immunity, exhaustion, preclusion, and standing and mootness that participants review on their own time. After the complaint is drafted, participants come together for the in-person training, where they complete a host of interactive practice exercises associated with the case.

Between small group practice and strategy sessions, participants learn the practical nuts and bolts of litigating in the state or federal courts, from e-filing to case cover sheets. Explicit attention is paid to the special needs of Legal Services Corporation-funded advocates and to alternatives to class action litigation. Participants leave with a clear understanding of the importance of impact-oriented affirmative litigation to the pursuit of equal justice for low-income clients.



Who Should Enroll?

Advocates seeking to expand their practice to include effective impact advocacy designed to make fundamental changes for their clients. Typically, these attorneys will have some previous litigation experience.

What You Will Learn

- How to begin an affirmative litigation practice
- Pre-filing considerations
- Nuts and bolts of major litigation
- Case analysis in complex litigation
- Jurisdiction, causes of action, and the use of 42 U.S.C. § 1983

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Yes! Please sign me up for Affirmative Litigation training.

LOCATION

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ☐ \$895 Early Bird/Clearinghouse Review subscriber (*received by February 3 (CA) or August 31 (NY)*)
☐ \$995 Early Bird/nonsubscriber (*received by February 3 (CA) or August 31 (NY)*)
☐ \$1,500 Basic Registration (*registration deadline February 24 (CA) or September 14 (NY)*)

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YEARS IN PRACTICE _____ YEARS IN LEGAL AID _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (E.G., DIETARY, ACCESSIBILITY) _____

I WILL REQUIRE CLE CREDITS FOR THIS COURSE: ☐ NO ☐ YES (IF YES, WHICH STATE: _____)

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

CLE credit is available. Program fees are not refundable. Registered participants who cannot attend may send substitutes or request a credit toward a future training as long as 7 days advance written notice is given.

For questions, please contact us at training@povertylaw.org.

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