



## BRIEF ADVICE CLINICS: Poverty Law Topics for Pro Bono Attorneys

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Court of Ohio for

5 CLE Credits (2.5 Professional Conduct, marked with \*)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017**

**9:00 AM– 2:30 PM**

**Nationwide Insurance, Nationwide Plaza 1, Columbus, OH**

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to train attorneys with limited poverty law experience who volunteer their time at brief advice clinics sponsored by LASC. Presenters will focus on the services attorneys can provide within the scope of Rule 1.2 (c) (Limited Scope) and Rule 6.5 (Short Term Limited Legal Services). Sessions will also address how pro bono attorneys can meet the obligations of Rule 1.1 (Competence) and Rule 1.3 (Diligence) in order to provide effective assistance to their clinic clients—who, after clinic consultations, will be navigating the legal system as pro se litigants.

### AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15 **\*Brief Advice Clinics, Unbundled Legal Services, and Serving Pro Se Clients**—*Dianna Howie*

9:15-10:00 **\*Issues Impacting Self-represented Litigants in Domestic Relations Cases** (*Includes discussion of available pro bono programs*) *Stuart Itani*

10-10:45 **\*Issues Impacting Self-represented Litigants in Landlord-Tenant Cases** (*Includes discussion of available pro bono programs*) *Ben Horne*

10:45-11:00 *Break*

11-11:45 **\*Issues Impacting Self-represented Litigants in Probate and Estate Planning Matters** (*Includes discussion of available pro bono programs*) *Brittany Pace*

11:45-12:30 **Consumer Law Issues impacting Low-Income Individuals** ——*Melissa Linville*

12:30-12:45 *Break*

12:45– 1:15 **The ABCs of Public Benefits Programs**—*Jamie Shier*

1:15-1:30 **Tax Issues Impacting Low-income Individuals**—*Megan Sullivan or Melissa Skilliter*

1:30-2:30 **Misc. Issues, Clinic resources and Referral Guidance**—*Dianna Howie*

## FACULTY

**Benjamin Horne** is the Managing Attorney of the Housing Team at LASC. Prior to joining LASC, Ben worked at the Chillicothe, Newark, and Lancaster offices of Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). He is a graduate of Carleton College and Notre Dame Law School.

**Dianna Howie** is currently the Managing Attorney for the LASC Pro Bono Program and has been a staff attorney with the program 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.

**Stuart Itani** has been the Managing Attorney of the Domestic Team at LASC since 2011. He worked for SEOLS from 2004-2011, primarily in the Athens area office as a staff attorney and litigation support attorney. He is a graduate of The University of Pennsylvania, and received his law degree from The George Washington University Law School in 2002.

**Melissa Linville** is a bankruptcy attorney with the LASC Consumer Team and coordinates the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project. The year prior to attending The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Melissa was an AmeriCorps VISTA at LASC.

**Brittany Pace** is a member of Carlile Patchen & Murphy's Family Wealth and Estate Planning practice group and focuses on estate planning, probate, and elder law. She received her undergraduate degree from the Ohio State University (B.S.B.A. 2011) and her law degree (J.D.) from the Moritz College of Law at the Ohio State University. Brittany is a member of the ABA, OSBA, the Ohio Women's Bar Association, and the Columbus Bar Association. She is also an accredited attorney with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

**Jamie Shier** is a 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Jamie currently manages the LASC Public Benefits Team, where she advocates for low-income individuals and families

**Melissa D. Skilliter** is the Pro Bono Coordinator and Director of the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). Ms. Skilliter joined SEOLS in 2005 as a staff attorney in the Zanesville office, where she was a general practitioner. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Megan L. Sullivan** is a managing attorney at LASC. As Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Megan has been representing taxpayers through the Clinic for eleven years. She is admitted to practice in the state of Ohio. She obtained her J.D. and Master's degree in Social Work at The Ohio State University.

## Registration

This training is free to any attorney currently participating in (or committed to participate in) the Tenant Advocacy Project. All others should submit a \$110.00 fee.

To register, please complete an online form here: <https://oslsa.wufoo.com/forms/w12nt7qx0mx5o5y/>

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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