



BRIEF ADVICE CLINICS: Poverty Law Topics for Pro Bono Attorneys

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

9:00 AM– 2:30 PM

Huntington Bank, 41 S. High Street, Columbus, OH

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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**—*Melissa Will*
- 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*) *Brandon Borgmann and Andrew Marvin*
- 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*
- 1:15-1:35 **Tax Issues Impacting Low-income Individuals**—*Megan Sullivan and Melissa Skilliter*
- 1:35-2:30 **Clinic resources and Referral Guidance**—*Dianna Howie*

FACULTY

Brandon Borgmann joined Carlile Patchen & Murphy in September of 2008 and practices in the areas of estate planning, business succession planning, probate, elder law, and tax. Brandon represents individuals, business owners, and closely held businesses with respect to estate planning, tax planning, and business succession planning. He received his undergraduate degree from Ohio University and his law degree from Capital University Law School

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 and SEOLS Pro Bono Program and has been with LASC since 2007. Dianna received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and her law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She 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.

Andrew Marvin joined Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP in 2018. His practice is centered around estate planning for individuals and business owners. He focuses in the areas of estate planning and trust & estate administration, handling complex estate and tax planning matters and business succession planning matters. He received his undergraduate degree from Kent State University and his law degree from The University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

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. She has been a staff member at LASC since June 2006, when she began addressing children's advocacy and education issues.

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.

Melissa Will attended the University of Dayton and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2002. She received her J.D. from the Moritz College of Law in 2006. After law school, Melissa worked for two years as an Equal Justice Works fellow at the Ohio Poverty Law Center. Following her fellowship, Melissa worked as a Staff Attorney at the Newark office of Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). Melissa became the Pro Bono Coordinator for SEOLS in February, 2017.

Registration

This training is free to any attorney currently participating in (or committed to participate in) the LASC and SEOLS Pro Bono Program. All others should submit a \$110.00 fee.

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