



## OHIO CRIMINAL RECORD-SEALING & CQE

Ohio's Record Sealing Law Changed!

*Application has been made to the Supreme Court of Ohio for 3 hours CLE Credit*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

**1:30 PM– 4:45 PM**

**Choose from Two Locations:**

**The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, 1108 City Park Ave., Columbus (live)**

**OR**

**Scioto County Welcome Center, 342 2nd Street, Portsmouth (live-fed)**

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to prepare volunteer attorneys who provide representation to low-income clients at the Clean Slate Clinics offered by the Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) and Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). Attorneys will learn how to screen clients for record-sealing and CQE eligibility. The program will also cover how to complete basic pro se forms and online applications.

This program is intended to familiarize new volunteers with record-sealing and CQE laws *and* update experienced volunteers on changes to the laws. A Clean Slate Pro Bono Clinic will immediately follow the CLE in both Columbus and Portsmouth. The CLE is free for any attorney who agrees to volunteer at the Clean Slate Clinic or at other LASC and SEOLS sponsored clinics.

### AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Criminal Record Sealing Eligibility & Process**
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Human Trafficking and Juvenile Expungement Intro**
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Break**
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - Certificates of Qualification for Employment**
- 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Screening Clients' Criminal Records for Eligibility**
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - CLEAN SLATE CLINIC**



## FACULTY

**Patrick Higgins** is a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus. He was previously an Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Justice for All Fellow at the Ohio Poverty Law Center. As a Fellow, he focused on removing barriers to employment, particularly those created by criminal records. Patrick received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and his B.A. from New York University.

**Megan O'Dell** joined the Ohio Poverty Law Center in June 2018 and focuses on issues related to barriers to employment, reentry, and housing. Prior to joining OPLC, Megan spent four years as a Staff Attorney at the Franklin County Public Defender's Office where she provided criminal defense to indigent individuals. In addition to her regular docket, Megan was the Attorney Coordinator for CATCH Court, representing victims of human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and prostitution. Megan graduated from the Ohio State University in the spring of 2014 with her law degree and master's degree in public policy and management. She spent her time in law school as a certified legal intern at the Moritz College of Law Justice for Children Clinic and at the Public Defender's Office, as a Staff Editor on the Journal of Dispute Resolution, and as the Director of Operations for SPEAK, a student-led diversity outreach organization.

**Ann Roche** is a staff attorney and Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Justice for All Fellow at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. Her fellowship focuses on removing barriers to restored citizens through record sealing, Certificates of Qualification for Employment, and driver's license reinstatement. Ann received her J.D. from Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law and her B.A. from Ohio State University.

**Kathi Schear** is a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus working on the domestic and reentry teams. She also serves as the legislative liaison with the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation. After graduating from the University of Akron law school in 1978, Kathi worked as a bailiff for Stark County's Juvenile Court and in Washington D.C. as a lobbyist for the Rural Electric Cooperatives before moving to Columbus in 1980 and joining LASC in the fall of 1980. Throughout her distinguished career at LASC, she has worked with almost all of LASC's programs, including the pro bono, housing, public benefits, senior citizens, and domestic violence teams. Her current work focuses on domestic relations, and reentry of restored citizens.

## REGISTRATION

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

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