



ASSISTING CLIENTS WITH DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019

1:00 PM– 4:45 PM

**JUDICIAL SERVICE BUILDING
369 SOUTH HIGH STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to prepare volunteer attorneys to provide critical representation to low-income clients at driver's license reinstatement clinics. Attorneys will learn how to identify a client's specific barriers to obtaining a valid driver's license and how to advise clients on overcoming those barriers.

AGENDA

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Tour of Courthouse (optional—no CLE Credit)**
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative & Overview of Resources Available at Clinics**
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Common Driver's License Issues at Clinics**
- 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - Break**
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - What to Expect in Traffic Court**

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.

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.

Jeffrey Stavroff is the owner and managing attorney of The Stavroff Law Firm, located in Columbus, Ohio. Jeffrey holds a bachelor's in music from Berklee College of Music. Jeffrey attended the Capital University Law School, where he earned his law degree, served on the Law Review Executive Board, and graduated with honors. After receiving his law degree, he worked as a prosecuting attorney in the Columbus City Attorney's Office, serving both the trial unit and the domestic violence unit. Before starting the Stavroff Law Firm, Jeffrey worked in a small criminal defense firm, where he focused his practice in OVI defense and general criminal defense.

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.

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