



## Tentative Training Sessions for Equal Justice University 2013

October 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, Tennessee

*(The following is a draft listing of most of the sessions that will be presented at this year's conference. We'll be publishing a more final schedule – with dates and times for sessions – in the coming weeks.)*

**Opening Plenary Session** on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and its impact on legal aid services and practice.

### Ethics & Professional Sessions

- **Compassionate, Mission and the calling of service** – Cathy Self, CEO of Baptist Healing Trust
- **Mindfulness** – Dr. Lyle Cooper, LCSW & Professor at UT College of Social Work
- **I'm a Lawyer not a Social Worker** - collaboration b/w social workers & attorneys – Martie Lafferty and Angela Webster from TN Disability Law & Advocacy Center
- **Working with clients with mental illness**– presented by Paula Foster, LCSW
- **Understanding contempt** – presented by Ronald Krelstein, Memphis Attorney
- **Expunging criminal convictions** – Jim Hawkins, Gallatin attorney
- **Diversity and Title VI** – Kathryn Ellis, Legal Aid of East TN
- **The Top 10 Chancery Practice Principles** – presented by Russell Fowler, Legal Aid of East TN
- **Bridges out of Poverty “Economic Class: Us & Them”**– presented by Susannah Shumate
- **New Attorney skills session** – presented by Jackie Dixon, past-president Tennessee Bar Association, TALS Board member and Nashville attorney
- **Legislative update** – presented by Stewart Clifton and Mike Murphy
- **Impact of the Repeal of the Attorney Fees Ban** – Frank Cantrell, Chief Counsel, Memphis Area Legal Services
- **Nexus Between Volunteering and Donating: A Case Study in Promoting Legal Services** – presented by Linda Seely, Memphis Area Legal Services
- **Ethics and social media** – presenter TBA
- **Cultural competency** – presenter TBA

### Health/Benefits Law Sessions

- **Affordable Care Act implementation** – beginner
- **Affordable Care Act implementation** – advanced
- **TennCare CHOICES** – including updated level of care rules and a discussion of the appeal process– presented by Tim Takacs, Certified Elder Law Attorney
- **A presentation from the perspective of the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities** – presented by David Super, tenured professor at Georgetown University and former general counsel for the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities. This session may also include Families First, TennCare and Food Stamps update.

### Senior Law Session

- **Erik Carlson** – with National Senior Citizen Law Center – involuntary discharge

### Consumer & Housing Law Sessions

- **How bankruptcy interacts with other areas of consumer law, such as FDCPA, FCRA** – presented by Bruce Ralston, private attorney in Memphis
- **Fair housing/Fair lending update** that will include selected, pertinent case law – presented by Carol Gish and Kathy Trawick, West TN Legal Services
- **Defending Against Debt Buyers** – presented by Mary Mayham and Cedric Harris, Memphis Area Legal Services
- **Don't Punish the Victim – a guide to protecting the housing rights of victims of domestic violence** – presented by Sapna Raj, Tim Wilson and Milandria King, Memphis Area Legal Services

### Employment Law Sessions

- **Application of Performance and Conduct Standards to Employees with Disabilities** – presented by Latosha Dexter, Memphis attorney
- **Criminal record checks, credit checks and other inquiries by employers** – presented by Jesse Nelson, private attorney in Knoxville

### Family Law Sessions

- **The intersection of immigration and family law** – presented by Stephanie Henry, Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence.
- **TN Criminal Injuries Compensation, Safety Planning and Order of Protection for and against Juveniles.** Deborah Yeomans and Erin Frizzell, Legal Aid of East Tennessee
- **The use and misuse of social media in family law**, particularly in DV cases. Of particular interest are evidentiary issues, such as objections to admission of certain forms of social media as well as how to get items admitted. Presented by Michael Casey and Kortney Simmons, Jackson attorneys
- **How to interview clients of DV & the philosophy of domestic violence** - explaining myths/reality – presented by Darkenya Waller, Legal Aid Society of Middle TN; Pamela Sessions and Tami Walker, YWCA in Nashville

### Immigration & Refugee Law Sessions

- **New immigration legislation** – VAWA 2013 and Immigration reform (if it passes) – presented by Chay Sengkhounmany, Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Middle TN.
- **Introduction to Immigration Benefits for Survivors of DV and Sexual Assault** – presented by Shayla Purifoy, Memphis Area Legal Services; Johnna Bailey & Sally Joyner, Community Legal Center in Memphis
- **Working with refugee communities and their special legal issues** – presented by Samuel Gowin, attorney in Chattanooga
- **Labor trafficking and labor protections for non-citizen workers** –Spring Miller, Southern Migrant Legal Services

### Special Ed and Juvenile Justice Law Sessions

- **Understanding Disabilities** - understanding the different types of disabilities and tips for working with them – presenter TBA
- **How to Effectively Advocate for Children with Disabilities in Public Schools** – presented by Craig Barnes, Memphis Area Legal Services

*Do you have questions or comments about the training schedule? Email [Anne Fox](#) at TALS.*

Equal Justice University is hosted by the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services and co-sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association. Read more about this year's event in Nashville [here](#).

