Agenda at Glance (Times listed are Central Daylight Time)

Wednesday, September 9

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Wellness Exercise Chair Yoga – Harper Grace Niedermeyer, Tennessee Alliance of Legal Services

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Plenary Building Resilience and Managing Change in a Turbulent World – Dr. Linda Hoopes (1.42 GEN)

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Access to Justice Janice M. Holder Award Presentation and 10-minute Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Basic Skills: Effective Presentation and Use of Exhibits at Trial: The Basics – Daniel M. Schaffzin and Brigid Welsh, University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (1 GEN)
- Paralegal Track (Open to all): Removing Barriers to Legal Representation with Help from Social Workers – Anne Sweeney, Maria Smith, Chloé Sudduth, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (Ohio) (1 DUAL)
- Implicit Bias in Special Education – Joe Jarret, University of Tennessee (1 DUAL)

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Access to Justice B. Riney Green Award Presentation and 50-minute Break

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Basic Skills: Let’s Talk Ethics – Susan Kay, Vanderbilt University Law School and David Kozlowski, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (1 DUAL)
- Tax Implications in Wake of Coronavirus – Mary Gillum, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands | Anidra Lomax and Sukita Johnson, Memphis Area Legal Services (1 GEN, 1 CME General Continuing Education)
- The New Public Charge Rule: What Is It and Why It Matters Even If You Don’t Practice Immigration Law – Chay Sengkhounmany, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (1 GEN, 1 CME General Continuing Education)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Trivia Night on Facebook Live

Thursday, September 10

8:15 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Wellness Exercise Mindfulness Tools We Can Use to Build Resilience – Kristi Arth, Belmont University

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Basic Skills: Issue Spotting in Family Law Cases: Practice Pointers and Potential Pitfalls – Tara Drewry and Jacob Horn, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (1 GEN, 1 CME Family Law)
- Ethics and Access via Video Mediation – Sara Figal, Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (1 DUAL, 1 CME General Mediation Issues and General Continuing Education)
- Clearing Criminal Records, Gaining Employment – Deven Wilson, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands and Danielle Woods, Memphis Area Legal Services (1 GEN)

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators Award Presentation and 8-minute Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
• Basic Skills: Employment Issue Spotting 101 – Cindy Ettingoff, Memphis Area Legal Services (1 GEN)
• Spotting and Addressing Financial Exploitation of Older Adults – Sarah Galvan and Kate Lang, Justice in Aging (1 GEN, 1 CME Family Law)
• Katie Beckett Waiver: How Client Stories and Collaboration Made it Happen – Carol Westlake, Tennessee Disability Coalition and Stewart Clifton, Clifton Government Relations (1 DUAL)

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Access to Justice New Advocate Award Presentation and 55-minute Break

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Closing Plenary Racial Justice – The Path Forward: Tools for Advancing Racial Justice – Beverly Watts, Tennessee Human Rights Commission | Bill Kennedy, Shriver Center’s Racial Justice Institute | Rashad Rayford, Elevate Your Vibe, LLC (1.33 GEN)

Prerecorded Sessions

The prerecorded sessions will be available during EJU and up to 30 days later. The live sessions, other than the plenaries, will also be recorded and available up to 30 days after EJU.


3. Asset Protection for the Blended Family – Barbara McGinnis, Takacs McGinnis Elder Care Law (0.75 GEN)

4. Defending Nursing Home Evictions or Discharges – Chasity Grice, Peppel, Grice & Palazzolo, P.C. (1.03 GEN)

5. Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans for Students: Regulations and Best Practices – Joanna Bivins, Tennessee Department of Education (1.10 GEN)

6. Representing Immigrant Clients in an Anti-immigrant Era – Stephanie Henry, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands and Bethany Jackson, Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (1.02 GEN)

7. Review of 2020 Legislative Update – Stewart Clifton, Clifton Government Relations (1.12 GEN)

8. Representing Nonprofit Corporations: Why It’s Important to Them and to Legal Services Providers – Neil McBride, Rae Anne Smith and Beth Tarter, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (1.57 GEN)


10. The Top Ten Tennessee Litigation Mistakes – Russell Fowler, Legal Aid of East Tennessee (1.57 GEN)

11. Paralegal Track (Open to All): Getting the Most Out of Your Time on Westlaw – Tony Desmond, Thomson Reuters Westlaw (0.78 GEN)

*Sessions designated as “Paralegal Track” were designed with our paralegal and non-attorneys in mind, but are applicable and open to all attendees.

Agenda as of 9/3/2020, slight changes may occur.