

CONSUMER
Monday, October 5, 2009
Lansing Community College – West Campus

TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Lorry Brown
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9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (choose one)

◆ **Fair Credit Reporting Act: Adverse Actions in Employment cases**

Presenter: Julie Petrik, Lyngklip & Associates Consumer Law Center, PLC

◆ **Fair Debt Collection Practices Act: Bringing an Affirmative FDCPA Lawsuit**

Presenter: Ian Lyngklip, Lyngklip & Associates Consumer Law Center, PLC

10:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Defending Collection Suits Against Debt Buyers: Assignments, Standing and Proof Issues

Presenter: Ian Lyngklip, Lyngklip & Associates Consumer Law Center, PLC

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

◆ **Autofraud: Rebuilt Wrecks and Yo-Yo Sales**

Presenter: Dani K. Liblang, Liblang & Associates, P.C.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (choose one)

◆ **Bankruptcy 101: Nuts & Bolts of Chapters 7 & 13**

Presenter: Shirley Johnson, Legal Aid and Defender Association

◆ **New Foreclosure Law**

Presenter: Lorry Brown, MPLP

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Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Lansing Community College – West Campus

TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Alison Hirschel
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- 9:00- 9:30** **Registration**
- 9:30 – 10:45** **Capacity and the Aging Client: Handling Tricky Ethical and Practical Issues in Representing Elders with Cognitive Impairments, Charles Sabatino, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, Washington, D.C.**
- 10:45-11:00** **Break**
- 11:00-12:15** **Concurrent Sessions:**
- a. **Primer on Reverse Mortgages, Lorry Brown, MPLP**
 - b. **Capacity Workshop with Charles Sabatino**
- 12:15-1:15** **Lunch**
- 1:15-2:30** **Administrative Advocacy: Strategies for Top Notch Representation of Clients in Administrative Hearings, David Shaltz, Private Practice, Okemos, MI**
- 2:30-2:45** **Break**
- 2:45-4:15** **Concurrent Sessions:**
- a. **Basic Medicaid Planning and Medicaid Update, Doug Chalgian or another attorney from Chalgian &Tripp, and Alison Hirschel, Michigan Poverty Law Program**
 - b. **The ABC's of Veterans Benefits, Michael R. Viterna, Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC**

PUBLIC BENEFITS
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Lansing Community College – West Campus

TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Lisa Ruby
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9:00-9:30 am –

REGISTRATION

GENERAL SESSIONS

9:30 –10:45am

MEDICAID AND MEDICARE
-Rebecca Kinney-Phillips, Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

10:45-12:15pm

ONLINE FOOD ASSISTANCE APPLICATION AND UPDATE ON BRIDGES
-Don Mussen and Lewis Roubal, Michigan Department of Human Services

12:15 – 1:15pm -

LUNCH

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

1:15-2:30pm –

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC BENEFITS
-Amy Meilink, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

OR

IMMIGRATION AND BENEFITS: PUBLIC CHARGE, SPONSORSHIP AND OTHER
RELATED ISSUES
-Susan Reed, Immigrant Attorney, Michigan Poverty Law Program

2:30-2:45pm -

BREAK

GENERAL SESSION

2:45-4:15pm

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE AND PRACTICE TIPS
-Lewis Seward, Seward Tally and Piggott

HOUSING

Thursday, October 8, 2009
Lansing Community College – West Campus

TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Jim Schaafsma
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9:00- 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 - 11:15 am – Split Session

BASIC TRACK	ADVANCED TRACK
<p>An Overview of Summary Proceedings Eviction Defense Practice <i>Tish Lee and Paul Sher</i> <i>Legal Services of South Central Michigan</i></p>	<p>Challenging Section 8 Voucher Terminations Administratively and Judicially <i>Jim Schaafsma, MPLP</i></p>

11:20 am - 12:30 pm - Plenary Session

**Homelessness in Michigan, and Recent Significant Developments
in the HUD Homelessness Assistance Programs**

Jason Weller
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

12:30 – 1:20 pm – LUNCH

1:20- 2:30 pm – Split Session

BASIC TRACK	ADVANCED TRACK
<p>An Overview of Subsidized Rental Housing Programs <i>Marilyn Mullane</i> <i>Michigan Legal Services</i></p>	<p>Emerging Issues and Advocacy Opportunities in Low Income Housing <i>Jim Schaafsma, MPLP</i></p>

2:35 – 3:45 pm - Plenary Session

The Low Income Housing Year in Review
Jim Schaafsma, MPLP

FAMILY
Friday, October 9, 2009
Lansing Community College – West Campus

TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Rebecca Shiemke
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- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Legislative Update**
Stephanie Johnson; Capitol Services
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Update on QDRO/EDRO Issues**
Family Law Section QDRO Committee Speaker
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Family Law Update**
Hon. Marilyn Kelly
Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Concurrent Sessions

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| 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Basic Divorce and Custody Practice
<i>Sarah Prout; Lakeshore Legal Aid</i>
<i>Rebecca Shiemke; MPLP</i> | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Immigration and Family Law
<i>Susan Reed</i>
<i>Michigan Immigration Rights Project</i> |
| | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Bankruptcy and Family Law
<i>Scott Zochowski; attorney</i> |
| 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break | |
| 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. LGBT Issues in Family Law
<i>Jay Kaplan; ACLU</i> | |

TECHNOLOGY
Friday, October 9, 2009
DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY
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TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Scott Ellis
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Additional MPLP trainers: Steve Gray and Benefo Ofosu-Benefo

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

Morning (9:30 – 12:00):

1. Google Apps workshop. Hands-on practice of the best of the old and the new.
2. Taming you inbox. How to better manage your inbox in Thunderbird and Gmail.
3. Introducing the new and improved MPLP brief bank.
4. Legal Services and blogging / micro-blogging. A demonstration and discussion of how we could use blogs, Twitter and Facebook in the legal services context.

Lunch (12:00- 1:00)

Afternoon (1:00- 4:00):

5. Using the LSNTAP Survey Tool
6. Using GoToMeetings
7. Tips and tricks for posting and editing content on MPLP's Zope/Plone websites.
8. Pika update.