MPLP
Joint Task Force Meetings
May 22, 2012
Lansing, MI

MPLP will be hosting our spring joint task force meetings at the State Bar of Michigan. We have combined it all into one day to help save program funds this year!

We have two noteworthy highlights at this year's joint task force meetings. First, we will have Ron Pollack, Founding Executive Director of Families USA, as our luncheon speaker. Second, we will show the documentary film "Hot Coffee" in the afternoon.

MPLP is honored to present Ron Pollack, Founding Executive Director of Families USA, as our luncheon speaker. Families USA, a Washington, D.C. advocacy organization, is one of the most respected national voices on behalf of low and moderate income health care consumers. Its work is frequently cited at Congressional hearings, in state legislatures, by the media, and by consumer organizations. Prior to his tenure at Families USA, Ron served as Dean of Antioch Law School and as the Founding Executive Director of the Food, Research and Action Center (FRAC), the leading national policy and advocacy organization on hunger issues. While at FRAC, Ron argued two successful cases on the same day in the U.S. Supreme Court to secure food aid for low-income Americans, and he brought the successful federal litigation that resulted in the creation of the WIC program for malnourished mothers and infants. ***Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of the country's most influential and accomplished advocates for low income consumers!***

Hot Coffee is a 2011 documentary film that analyzes and discuses the impact of tort reform on the United States judicial system. The title is derived from the Liebeck v. McDonald's Restaurants lawsuit in which the plaintiff Liebeck was severely burned by hot coffee purchased from a McDonald's.

Materials will be provided. Please see agenda below and attached detailed agenda's for each substantive area..

No confirmation letters will be sent. **Please submit your registration no later than May 11, 2012.**
For more logistical or registration information contact Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100 x151 or email kdr@lsscm.org . For more substantive information contact Lorray Brown at x113 or lorrayb@lsscm.org .

Schedule for May 22nd

9:30- 11:30
Elder & Public Benefits
Housing

11:30- 12:00 Demo of new Statewide website

12:00- 1:30 BBQ Lunch and special guest speaker Ron Pollack

1:30 -3:30
Consumer
Family

Movie – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Showing of the Movie – "Hot Coffee"
(open to all task force attendees)

PUBLIC BENEFITS / ELDER LAW JOINT TASK FORCE
AGENDA

9:30am-11:30am

Mini –Seminar: Best Practices in Representing Clients at Administrative Hearings
David Shaltz, Chalgrin and Tripp Law Offices

State Budget Update
Stephanie Johnson, Capitol Services

Update on Smith v. Corrigan, Cash Assistance Time Limits Case
Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice

Case Discussion, Comments and Questions

HOUSING TASK FORCE
AGENDA

9:30am- 11:30am

I. The new rules for appeals to circuit court (MCR 7.101-.115, and 7.119 – APA appeals)

II. Public Housing Resident Participation

III. Developments in Advocacy about Bedbug Issues

IV. Recent federal and state legislative and administrative (HUD & MSHDA) developments

V. Recent judicial developments

VI. Housing News Briefs - report about other developments in the realm of low income affordable housing

VII. Case and issue reports & discussion

12:00 pm- 1:30 pm LUNCH & GUEST SPEAKER

FAMILY TASKFORCE
AGENDA

1:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Presentation: "The Ins and Outs of Child Protective Services and How to Advise a Client through the Preliminary Hearing"
Speaker: Elizabeth Warner, a Jackson attorney who represents parents in child welfare cases, will reprise her presentation at the Children's Law Section Annual Conference.

Updates

- Lease termination brochure
  - New client resource regarding MCL 554.601b, which permits a tenant with a reasonable apprehension of danger from domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault to terminate a lease early.
- Cases and legislation
  - Recent published decisions regarding third party rights, annulment actions, and change of domicile
- 2013 Michigan Child Support Formula Manual
  - Review of new changes to the formula effective Jan 1, 2013
- Relocation and UCCJEA
  - Attorney and advocate checklists for advising survivors who wish to relocate, provided by the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women

Case Discussions

- Please bring cases, issues and questions to discuss with the group

CONSUMER TASKFORCE
AGENDA

1:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Part I – Presentation/Discussion – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

1. Payday Lending - Revisited

2. Legislative Update – Consumer issues

3. Consumer Law Update

Part II – Movie – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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NAME:_____

PROGRAM:_____

EMAIL:_____

DIETARY REQUESTS:_____

❏ Yes! Please count me in for lunch!

Sessions you plan to attend (please check all boxes that apply): ❏ Public Benefits
❏ Consumer ❏ Elder ❏ Housing ❏ Family

RETURN APPLICATION NO LATER THAN May 11, 2012 TO:

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