CONSUMER

Monday, October 15, 2012
Lansing Community College
5708 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Agenda
Session Coordinator: Lorray S.C. Brown
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9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Defending Collection Suits Against Debt Buyers: Assignments, Standing, Proof Issues, and FDCPA issues.**
Presenters: Frederick L. Miller, UAW-GM Legal Services Plan; Carolyn Bernstein, UAW-GM Legal Services Plan; Attorney Michael Nelson.

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **BREAK**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 **Auto Repossession: Notice Requirements, Deficiency Issues, etc.**
Presenter: Dani K. Liblang, The Liblang Law Firm, P.C.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Debt and Taxes: 1099s and Other Tax Issues Arising from Debt Reduction, Judgments and Settlements.**
Presenter: Professor Nicole Appleberry, Director of the University of Michigan School of Law Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic.

2:40 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **Consumer Privacy Issues at the FTC: Facebook, Google, and Other Cases Where the FTC Is Applying Its Enforcement Powers to Consumer Privacy Issues.**
Presenter: Michael Milgrom, FTC, East Central Region, Cleveland, Ohio

3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. **BREAK**

3:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **TILA-RESPA – New Rules - New Origination Laws - Higher Priced Loans, etc**
Presenter: Karen Tjapkes, Legal Aid of Western Michigan

HOUSING
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Lansing Community College West Campus

TENTATIVE AGENDA (i.e., subject to change)

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

9:30 - 10:35 am

Getting in the Door: Advocating for Applicants to the HUD rental housing programs
Jim Schaafsma, MPLP and others

10:35-10:45 - Break

10:45–Noon

The MSHDA Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) program
(presentation and discussion)
Sally Harrison, Manager, Rental Service and Homeless Solutions, MSHDA (invited)

Noon – 1 – LUNCH

1- 2:30

Effective Trial Advocacy Skills for Summary Proceedings
Marjorie Russell, Cooley Law School and Trial Lawyers College

2:30-3:20

They Haven't Gone Away: Approaches to Cases Involving Bed Bugs
Interactive Session (with people, not bed bugs)

3:20-3:30 – Break

3:30-4:15
The Low Income Housing Year in Review
Jim Schaafsma, MPLP

FAMILY

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Lansing Community College – West Campus

Tentative Agenda

Session Coordinator: Rebecca Shiemke
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9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	**Registration**
9:30 – 9:40 a.m.	**Welcome and Logistics**

Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

9:40 – 11:00 a.m. **Basic Divorce Practice** *Rebecca Shiemke; MPLP*	9:40 – 11:00 a.m. **Human Trafficking: Intersection with Domestic Violence** *Elizabeth Campbell; U of M, Human Trafficking Clinic*

Plenary Sessions

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	**Recent Research on Custody Evaluations in Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence: Implications for Assessing Evaluators and Evaluations** *Daniel Saunders; Univ. of Michigan, School of Social Work*
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	**Lunch**
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	**Tax Remedies for Domestic Violence Survivors** *Nicole Appleberry; U of M, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic*
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	**Family Law Update** *Justice Marilyn Kelly; Michigan Supreme Court*
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	**Break**
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	**Best Interest Factors and Domestic Violence** *Sarah Prout; Safe Horizons*

PUBLIC BENEFITS

Lansing Community College – West Campus

Tentative Agenda

Session Coordinator: Lisa Ruby

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9-9:30am **Registration**

9:30-10:30am **SOCIAL SECURITY ADVOCACY – BEST PRACTICE TIPS FROM AN ALJ**
Beth Contorer, Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration

10:30-11:30am **FEDERAL VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR LEGAL SERVICES ADVOCATES**
Joon Sung, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

11:30-12:00pm **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' UPDATE**
Melissa Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Michigan League for Human Services

12:00-1:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00-2:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS – PLEASE CHOOSE ONE**

MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: A YEAR IN REVIEW- WHAT HAVE THEY GONE AND DONE?!
Amy Tilchen and Adrienne DeFord, Michigan Unemployment Insurance Project

OR

TROUBLESHOOTING A FACT PATTERN FOR BENEFIT'S ISSUES
Amy Meilink, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

2:00-3:00pm **TIME LIMITS ON CASH ASSISTANCE (FIP) AND MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS - UPDATE AND TIPS FOR ADVOCATES**
Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice

3:00-4:00pm

IMMIGRATION ISSUES:

- BEM 220 – Residency for Medicaid
- Food assistance (FAP) eligibility under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- SSI Eligibility and refugees

Katie D'Adamo, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

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Friday, October 19, 2012
Lansing Community College – West Campus

TENTATIVE- Agenda

Session Coordinator: Alison Hirschel
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9:00- 9:30 **Registration**

9:30-10:45 **Plenary Session: Medicaid Update—*David Shaltz, Of Counsel, Chalgian & Tripp***

10:45-11:00 **Break**

11:00-12:15 **Concurrent Sessions (Choose One):**
Housing Rights of Older Tenants in Public Housing—
Jim Schaafsma, MPLP

OR

Successful Use of Mediation and Conflict Resolution Coaching in Elder Law Cases –
Roxanne Chang, attorney and licensed psychologist in private practice and Susan Hartman, attorney and mediator in private practice

12:15-1:15 **Lunch**

1:15-2:30 **Concurrent Sessions (Choose One):**
Legal Issues at the End of Life—
Andrew Broder, Payne, Broder & Fossee, P.C.

OR

Responding to Elder Abuse: Practical Tips and Case Examples—*Katy Graham, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Elder Law Center*

2:30-2:45 **Break**

2:45-4:00 **Plenary Session: Ethical Issues in Elder Law Practice—*Keith Morris, Elder Law of Michigan and speakers to be announced***

TECHNOLOGY

Friday, October 19, 2012
DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY
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Lansing, MI 48933
Room 108

Agenda

Session Coordinator: Angela Tripp
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9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Michigan Legal Help Website Update

- Demonstration of website and automated document interviews
- Discussion and brainstorming session about how this website can be used in Legal Services practices for clients, people we cannot fully represent, and advocates!

10:30–11:00 Videoconferencing and other Options for Connecting with Clients and Other Advocates Without Travelling

- Skype
- Go To Meetings and Webinar
- Google Plus Hangouts

11:00–12:00 Uses of Technology in Legal Services I – Why do we use what we do? What are the other options?

- Google Drive – risks and benefits
- Effectively using social media to promote a legal services project

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 Pika Document Storage

- How is it being used in your offices? (Q&A)
- Tips and instructions for efficient usage of Pika Document Storage

1:30 – 2:30 Uses of Technology in Legal Services II – Why do we use what we do? What are the other options?

- ISPs; Office File Storage Solutions; Cloud Computing; Remote Access Solutions

2:30 - 3:00 Wrap up and questions