

MPLP
Joint Task Force Meetings
May 21 - 22, 2019
Higgins Lake, MI

Agenda

Tuesday: May 21st
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Joint Meeting of the Family and Consumer Task Force – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: *Manistee*

Session 1 - TBA

Session 2 - Approaches to Residual Tax Issues in Family Law and Consumer Cases: Innocent Spouse, Claiming-the-Kid Audits, Cancelled Debt Exclusions, and Refund Statutes of Limitations
Presenter: Anastassia Kolosova, Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellow, Accounting Aid Society Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Consumer Breakout Session (Lorray Brown: lorryb@mplp.org) - 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: *Straits*

1. Consumer Law Update (include legislative update)
2. Cases and Issues Discussion
 - *This is your opportunity to discuss your cases with other consumer attorneys –so please bring that difficult or interesting case you have been wrestling with*

Family Breakout Session (Rebecca Shiemke: rshiemke@mplp.org) - 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: *Manistee*

1. Family Law Updates – appellate decisions, legislative initiatives, court rules
2. Cases and Issues Discussion
 - *This is your opportunity to discuss your cases with other family law attorneys, so please bring difficult or interesting cases, issues or questions*

5:30 pm Cocktail Reception **Location: *Resource Lounge***

6:00 pm Dinner
(Pay on your own if not staying overnight)

7:30 pm Bonfire by the Lake

Wednesday: May 22nd

7:15 am - 8:00 am *Breakfast*

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Elder Breakout Session (Alison Hirschel: hirschel@meji.org) - 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: *Straits*

1. Legal Issues and Strategies for Clients who are Hoarders—Tish Lee, Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Washtenaw County office.
2. Goals and Discussion of the Attorney General's/Supreme Court Task Force on Elder Abuse—Alison Hirschel & Dan Wojciak, Michigan Elder Justice Initiative and Emily Miller, Crime Victims Legal Assistance Program-Elder
3. Proposal for New Hearing Procedure for Appeals of Insufficient Hours of Service in Home and Community Based Services Cases—Alison Hirschel & Dan Wojciak, Michigan Elder Justice Initiative
4. Discussion: Celebrating the Wins! -- All
 - a. Involuntary Nursing Facility Discharges
 - b. Guardianship cases
 - c. Financial Exploitation
 - d. DV/SA
 - e. Home and Community Based Services
 - f. Ombudsman Collaborations
 - g. Collaborations with Local Elder Abuse Task Forces or Local Agencies
5. Cases, Question, Discussion

Public Benefits Breakout Session (Lisa Ruby: lruby@mplp.org) - 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: *Manistee*

The Gift of the MAGI and Other Income Issues for Public Benefits

Anastassia Kolosova, Accounting Aid Society, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

- Income counting rules for the Healthy Michigan Plan
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Debt collection via the IRS

Top Ten Advocacy Tips and Legal Updates

Lisa Ruby, Michigan Poverty Law Program

Case/Matters Discussion

Please bring your cases/questions to discuss.

Joint Meeting of the Elder and Public Benefits Task Force – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: *Manistee*

News and Developments at MDHHS—Universal Caseload, Work Requirements, Managed Long Term Care, Policy Updates, Director Gordon’s new vision for the Department, and more!

Terrence Beurer, Deputy Director of Field Operations, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm *Lunch*

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Housing (Jim Schaafsma: jschaafs@mplp.org)

Location: *Manistee*

- I. Gathering and using eviction data to inform and improve policy and advocacy
Libby Benton, Legal Services of South Central Michigan (and P.I., Michigan Evictions: Assessing Data Sources and Exploring Determinants)
- II. Recent judicial and administrative developments in fair housing
- III. Recent judicial developments
- IV. Recent federal and state legislative and administrative (HUD & MSHDA) developments
- V. Housing News Briefs - reports about other developments and upcoming events in the realm of low income affordable housing
- VI. Case and issue reports & discussion