

# LOUISIANA JUSTICE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Thursday October 18th and Friday October 19th, 2018  
Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

## *Fighting For Justice*

Welcome to the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference. This is a time to focus on supporting access to justice through training, networking, and collaborations. **This year's conference theme is Fighting for Justice. The conference will highlight the ways in which the justice community is working to protect the rights of Louisianans, regardless of income, through the provision of critical civil legal aid.** Additionally, we will recognize the outstanding work of our public interest peers at the civil legal aid awards ceremony. Through your continued work and effort, the access to justice community will make access to legal services and assistance for Louisianans, regardless of their economic circumstance, a reality.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018 (4 credit hours)

- 10:30 – 11:30 am**      **Statewide Website Stakeholders' Meeting – Chairman's Library**  
By Invitation
- 11:30 – 12:15 pm**      **Conference Registration and Networking Lunch – Premier 3**
- 12:15 – 12:30 pm**      **Welcome Remarks – Premier 3**  
*Barry H. Grodsky, Louisiana State Bar Association*  
*W. Michael Street, Louisiana Bar Foundation*
- 12:30 – 12:45 pm**      **Keynote Address**  
*Alanah Odoms Hebert, American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana*
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm**      **Professionalism: Disability Consciousness in the Nonprofit Legal World**  
(1.0 Prof.)      **Premier 3**  
*Debra Weinberg and Ashley Volion, Advocacy Center*  
Almost everyone will experience impairment and/or disability themselves or indirectly through coworkers, clients, family, or friends. The session will discuss how to interact with clients and coworkers with disabilities and you will learn about disability appropriate language to use in conversations, legal proceedings, and legal writing.
- 1:55 – 2:55 pm**      **Substantive Law Track: Preserving Issues on Appeal in Domestic**  
(1.0 CLE)      **Violence Cases – Premier 3**  
*Prof. Becki Kondkar, Tulane Law School*  
*Richard Ducote, Richard Ducote, PC*  
This session will provide tips and strategies for preserving issues in domestic violence cases for appeal. This topic is particularly timely as the Tulane Domestic Violence Clinic opens its new statewide Appeals Project for domestic violence victims. Additionally, this session will provide an overview on the domestic violence legislation passed in 2018.
- (1.0 Prof.)      **Professionalism: The Practice of Law and Quality of Life: How Lawyers**  
**Can Avoid Burnout – Premier 2**  
*Eleanor McAuliffe, LPC, Mental Health Counseling and Education, LLC*  
This presentation will explain concepts of vicarious traumatization in the workplace. It will provide strategies and suggestions to help professionals prevent or deal with burnout for themselves and/or colleagues. The session will benefit those who look to identify and treat burnout, especially those who work in high stress work environments.

**3:05 – 4:05 pm**  
(1.0 CLE)

**Recent Developments in Successions, Donations, and Trusts - Premier 3**

*Prof. Sandra Varnado, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law*  
*Mona Joseph, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services*

In this session, Prof. Varnado and Mona Joseph will provide an overview of Successions, Donations Mortis Causa, Donations Inter Vivos, and Trusts in addition to recent development and updates under these topics. You will also learn about funding opportunities for Legal Service Corporation Programs that assist disaster affected victims in matters involving property and succession.

(1.0 CLE)

**Substantive Law Track: Emerging Issues in Housing Law - Premier 2**

*Hannah Adams and Alexis Erkert, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services*  
*Cashauna Hill, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center*

Presenters in this session will discuss legislative updates including the new security deposit legislation designed to give tenants more recourse when they have a security deposit unlawfully kept by a landlord, issues surrounding low income housing tax credit units and permanent supportive housing. A policy update on criminal background checks as it pertains to the Fair Housing Act will also be provided.

**4:15 – 5:15 pm**  
(1.0 CLE)

**Equal Protection for LGBTQ+ in Foster Care and Beyond – Premier 3**

*Stephen Dixon and Christina Wilson Remlin, Children's Rights*  
*M. Currey Cook, Lambda Legal*

*Dylan Waguespack, Mercury Media LLC & LA Budget Project*

A panel of national and local child advocates will examine issues faced by LGBTQ youth out-of-home care and suggest steps to overcome barriers to affirmance and acceptance of these youth in child welfare, juvenile justice, and runaway and homeless youth systems. The panel will review legal requirements and professional standards of care, current research and data regarding LGBTQ youth, outcomes, and community resources to work toward guaranteeing fundamental rights for LGBTQ youth in care.

(1.0 CLE)

**Substantive Law Track: Legislative Updates in Elder Law – Premier 2**

*Jane Thomas, Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs*

*Betty Raglin, Legacy Estate and Elder Law of Louisiana, LLC*

Members of the Statewide Elder Law Task Force will provide a legislative update on laws passed in 2018 affecting senior citizens, including the Nursing Home Camera Act, Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Financial Exploitation Act, the Tutorship amendments, and other minor legislative changes.

**5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Statewide Substantive Law Task Force Meetings – Premier 3**

CINC, Elder Law, Family Law, Housing & Consumer and Public Benefits

**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvres Reception**

Join us for a networking and celebration event at Juban's, hosted by the LSBA.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018 (5 credit hours available)**

**8:00 – 8:45 am**

**Buffet Breakfast – Premier 3**

**8:30 – 11:45 am**  
(3.25 CLE\*)

**Louisiana Bar Foundation's PRIME Options Seminar – Mississippi Delta**

*James Spencer, Kemp's Case Works, Inc.*

The latest release of the Kemp's CMS is cloud based and offers many improvements and efficiencies over prior versions. James Spencer will provide training on the new available options, including the PBI web portal, automated email, texting and reporting services.

**8:55 – 9:55 am**  
(1.0 CLE)

**Substantive Law Track: Family Law Updates – Premier 3**

*Professor Monica Wallace, Loyola College of Law*

This session will cover the latest case law developments and legislative changes in family law, including divorce, visitation, custody, and child support.

(1.0 CLE)

**Substantive Law Track: Advanced Social Security Disability Law – Premier 2**

*Hon. Glynn F. Voisin, Social Security Administration*

This presentation is an advanced follow up to last year's SSDI Basics and will cover topics under Social Security Disability law including: new laws, medical source statements, and working with attorney adjudicators, among other topics.

**10:05 – 11:05 am**  
(1.0 CLE)

**Understanding Addiction – Helping Clients and Colleagues – Premier 3**

*Suzanne Bourgeois and Charlie Picou, Attorney General's Office – Gaming Division and Buddy Stockwell, Judges & Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.*

Understanding addiction can be instrumental to help guide your clients and his or her case. This session will discuss how to address both drug and gambling addiction for clients as well as colleagues and provide you with resources to help assess their needs.

(1.0 CLE)

**Income Tax Issues that Every Public Interest Attorney Needs to Know Premier 2**

*Maureen Morrow and Paul Tuttle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services*

This presentation will cover federal income tax issues that arise in non-tax practice areas, especially family law, consumer law, and public benefits law. All attorneys should be familiar with these tax concepts, so they can correctly advise their clients about the tax implications of their own work.

**11:15 – 12:15 pm**  
(1.0 CLE)

**Effective Advocacy: Practicing Preventative Law Through Community Legal Education – Premier 3**

*Gregory Landry, Acadiana Legal Service Corporation*

This session will focus on the aspects of delivering effective community legal education presentations, from scheduling considerations through preparation of materials and delivery of the presentation, as a way of educating client communities about their legal rights and obligations.

(1.0 CLE)

**Effective Communication Skills for Trial and Beyond – Premier 2**

*Jude Bourque, Louisiana Dept. of Justice: Attorney General's Office*

Effective communication is fundamental to success as an attorney, such as in opening and closing arguments, in meetings with colleagues, when testifying before legislative bodies, when requesting funding, and in civic group presentations. This session will be interactive and provide techniques and a recipe for success when delivering any persuasive speech.

**12:15 – 1:00 pm**      **LUNCH – Legal Service Awards Presentation**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm**      **Access to Justice Jeopardy – Premier 3**  
(1.0 CLE)      *Hardell Ward, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services*  
*Rachael Mills, Louisiana State Bar Association*

Do you know who's who and who's doing what in Louisiana's Justice Community? If you do, you may have what it takes to win Access to Justice Jeopardy! Be prepared to participate in this highly interactive, jeopardy-style session.

**2:10 – 3:10 pm**      **Ethical Considerations When Working with Difficult Clients - Premier 3**  
(1.0 Ethics)      *Betty Raglin, Legacy Estate and Elder Law of Louisiana, LLC*

Join this highly interactive session in which presenter Betty Raglin will use stories provided by the audience to teach ethical strategies that will help you manage client expectations and avoid difficulties in the future.

**3:10 – 3:20 pm**      **CLOSING REMARKS – Premier 3**

\*CLE course number and credit for the PRIME training is separate from Louisiana Justice Community Conference programming. Forms for this session should be completed and submitted immediately following the session end.

**Total Available CLE Credits: 9** (including one ethics credit and two professionalism credits)