



2016 STATEWIDE TRAINING CONFERENCE

Pre-Conference – September 28

Main Conference – September 29 & 30

Hilton Harrisburg
One North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Conference-at-a-Glance

Wednesday, September 28

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
8:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Sessions

Continental Breakfast — [Allegheny/Susquehanna](#)
Trial Advocacy Skills Training — [Allegheny/Susquehanna](#)
Clients Council of PA (CCOP) Meeting — [Metro A](#)
CAUSE PA Meeting — [Metro A](#)
Lunch — [Lancaster/Gettysburg](#)

Main Conference

Thursday, September 29 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Friday, September 30 7:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Registration Open
Continental Breakfast — [Lancaster/Gettysburg](#)
General/Communications/Program Advancement Track
Concurrent Sessions
15 minute break
Concurrent Sessions
Lunch — [Lancaster/Gettysburg](#)
Plenary — A Dialogue Within PA's Legal Aid Community About Racial Justice — [Lancaster/Gettysburg](#)
15 minute break
Concurrent Workshops
15 minute break
Concurrent Workshops
Dinner/Dance — [Lancaster/Gettysburg](#)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

1. General/Communications/Program Advancement Track — Raising Money For Advocacy Positions — **Metro A**
2. Public Benefits Welfare to Work: New Developments & Old Strategies Revisited — **Delaware**
3. General The Synergy of Pro Bono & Legal Aid — **[ETHICS]** — **Juniata**
4. Consumer Defending Your First Mortgage Foreclosure Case — **Allegheny**
5. Housing Reducing Homelessness through Eviction Defense— **Susquehanna**
6. Elder Spotlight on the Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts — **Leland**
7. Client Session How to Be An Effective Board Member (Limited to Clients Only) — **Harrisburger**

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

8. General/Communications/Program Advancement Track — Find and Retain Donors — **Metro A**
9. Family Custody Law, Relocation and Standing — **Delaware**
10. Housing Manufactured Home Community Rights Act — **Juniata**
11. General LegalServer Discussion: Lessons Learned While Transitioning — **Allegheny**
12. Consumer Effectively using Discovery in Defending a Mortgage Foreclosure Case — **Susquehanna**
13. General Sealing the Record: New PA Law Allows Sealing of Old & Minor Misdemeanor Convictions — **Leland**
14. Client Session How to Read Financial Statements (Limited to Clients only) — **Harrisburger**

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LUNCH — **Lancaster/Gettysburg**

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

PLENARY — A Dialogue within PA's Legal Aid Community About Racial Justice — **[ETHICS]** — **Lancaster/Gettysburg**

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BREAK

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

15. General/Communications/Program Advancement Track — How to Write a Press Release That Gets Results — **Metro A**
16. General Direct Examination, Persuasion, and Effective Advocacy in the Courtroom — **Delaware**
17. Employment A Dialogue with PA Department of Labor & Industry Officials Concerning UC — **Juniata**
18. Housing Rent to Own: Strategizing Case Handling Options — **Allegheny**
19. Family Preventing Housing and Utility Insecurity for Victims of Domestic Violence — **Susquehanna**
20. Public Benefits I am Elderly and/or Disabled – What happened to my SSI? — **Harrisburger**

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

BREAK

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

21. General/Communications/Program Advancement Track- Legal Services as Healthcare: Leveraging LegalServer to Spur Investment in Medical-Legal Partnership & Beyond — **Metro A**
22. Health You're Eligible for Medicaid, Now What? — **Delaware**
23. Employment Background Checks in Employment and Housing: Remedies for Problematic Background Checks — **Juniata**
24. Family Understanding and Navigating the Protection from Sexual Violence & Intimidation Act — **Allegheny**
25. General Practicing Before a Magisterial District Judge: From the Judge's Perspective — **Susquehanna**
26. General How to Work with Clients Experiencing Substance Abuse Problems — **[ETHICS]** — **Leland**
27. Client Session Criminal Record? Overcoming Barriers to Employment (Limited to Clients only) — **Harrisburger**

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Dinner/Dance — **Hilton Harrisburg** — **Lancaster/Gettysburg**

Friday, September 30

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Registration Open |
| | Breakfast Buffet — Lancaster/Gettysburg |
| 8:30 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. | General/Communications/ Program Advancement Track — |
| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Concurrent Sessions |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | 15 minute break |
| 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Concurrent Sessions |
| 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | 15 minute break |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30p.m. | Concurrent Sessions |
| 12:30p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Box Lunch — PA Ballroom |
| 1:15 p.m. | Adjourn |

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

28. [General/Communications/ Program Advancement Track](#) — Client Stories: Take Them to the Bank — [\[ETHICS\]](#) — [Harrisburger](#)
29. [Employment](#) How to Help Victims of Tax Fraud & Clients Who Owe Federal Income Taxes — [Metro A](#)
30. [Consumer](#) Evaluating Whether Bankruptcy is Right for Your Client — [Juniata](#)
31. [Public Benefits](#) Public Benefits Primer: An Overview of the Safety Net — [Metro C](#)
32. [General](#) How to Effectively Work with Limited Proficient Clients & Interpreters — [Susquehanna](#)
33. [Utility](#) Utility Law Updates — [\[ETHICS\]](#) — [Delaware](#)
34. [Elder](#) Elder Justice: Preventing & Responding to Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation — [Allegheny](#)

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

35. [General/Communications/ Program Advancement Track](#) - How to Do Communications in 60 Minutes or Less — [Harrisburger](#)
36. [Health](#) Recognizing, Dealing with, & Representing Clients with Serious Mental Health Illness & With Impaired Insight into Their Circumstances — [\[ETHICS\]](#) — [Metro A](#)
37. [Utility](#) Utility Law for Housing Attorneys — [Juniata](#)
38. [Family](#) How Should Advocates Best Represent Clients in PFA Cases with Regard to Custody Issues — [Metro C](#)
39. [Employment](#) Defending Unemployment Compensation — [Susquehanna](#)
40. [Employment](#) Driver’s Licensing Issues for Legal Services Clients— [Delaware](#)
41. [Public Benefits](#) Welfare Reform at Twenty: What’s an Advocate to Do? — [Allegheny](#)

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

42. [Employment](#) Wage Claims for Low-Wage Workers — [Metro A](#)
43. [Public Benefits](#) The TANF Family Violence Option — [Juniata](#)
44. [Elder](#) Securing Home and Community Based Services for Seniors — [Metro C](#)
45. [Housing](#) Overview of Subsidized Housing — [Susquehanna](#)

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Box Lunch 1:15 p.m. Adjourn