## Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Unemployment Compensation/Employment Meeting

## Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Dauphin County Bar Association 213 Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

## **AGENDA**

9:30 am - 9:50 am Registration and coffee

9:50 am - 10:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00 am - 11:00 am Developments in Unemployment Compensation Law

Gerard Mackarevich, Deputy Chief Counsel, Dept. of Labor & Industry Carol J. Mowery, Assistant Chief Counsel, Dept. of Labor & Industry Update of important judicial developments in Unemployment Compensation.

11:00 am - 11:30 am Changes to Anticipate in the new Administration

*Kathy Manderino, Secretary of the Department of Labor and Industry* 

11:30 am -12:15 pm State of Administering the UC system

Kevin Cicak, Deputy Secretary of Unemployment Compensation Programs Susann Morrison, Director of the Office of UC Benefits Policy

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm The UC Appeals System

Brian Parr, UC Appeals System Assistant Administrator - Referees

Members of the UC Board of Review: John T. Poprik - Chair, Board of Review

Richard W. Bloomingdale - Member, Board of Review

The panel will offer remarks and engage in dialogue about the appeals system

and other operational issues.

1:45 pm - 2:15 pm Legislative Updates : UC & Criminal Records

Patrick S. Cawley, Executive Director and Counsel to PA Senate Judiciary

Committee

Sharon Dietrich, Litigation Director, Community Legal Services

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm Criminal Records Updates

Suzanne J. Young, Supervising Attorney, Community Legal Services

Sharon Dietrich, Litigation Director, Community Legal Services

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm BREAK

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Ethics for Claimants' Counsel

Phil Rosenthal, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) This presentation will review an ethical approach to client and witness preparation for a Referee's Hearing; confirm how to properly conduct a "telephone hearing" when the claimant and his representative are not in the presence of the Referee; and suggest an alternative, but ethical and proper (with citation to legal authority) approach to representing claimants in matters involving discharge for "willful misconduct" where the employer has the burden of proof.

4:00 pm Adjourn