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Justice For All

The History and Future of Legal Aid in Connecticut

Quinnipiac University School of Law
North Haven, CT (New Campus)
Friday, October 17, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00- 9:20 a.m. **Introductions and Welcome**

Jennifer Gerarda Brown, Dean
Quinnipiac University School of Law

Peter Arakas, President
Connecticut Bar Foundation

Luke Bronin, General Counsel
Office of the Governor

Hon. Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice
Connecticut Supreme Court

9:20 - 10:30 a.m. **History of Legal Aid in Connecticut**
Connecticut played a unique role in the creation of the modern legal aid program. Attorneys and paralegals who worked for legal aid when it grew out of the anti-poverty movement will discuss establishment of the neighborhood law office model, the reaction of the client community to the establishment of legal aid, the reaction of the private bar to legal aid and early significant cases.

Moderator

Norman K. Janes

Co-Chair, Legal Aid Symposium Planning Committee
Board Member, Connecticut Bar Foundation

Miguel Ayala, Paralegal

Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut

Francis X. Dineen

Senior Counsel, New Haven Legal Assistance
Clinical Lecturer, Yale Law School

Joanne Lewis, Managing Attorney

Connecticut Legal Services

Sydney T. Schulman

Schulman and Associates

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Contemporary Issues in Legal Services**

This panel will explore the growing justice gap and how legal aid has adapted to address the gap and evolving needs of the client community. Panelists will discuss collaborations with other advocacy organizations, expansion into new practice areas, policy advocacy and creating educational resources to help self-represented parties.

Moderator

Cecil Thomas, Staff Attorney

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

David S. Udell, Executive Director

National Center for Access to Justice

Nancy Boone, CABHN (Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs) and Pamphlet Coordinator

Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut

Enelsa Diaz, Managing Attorney

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

Nieka Thompson, Staff Attorney

Connecticut Legal Services

11:45-1:00 p.m. **The Future of Legal Aid**

Presenters will each share their vision on what the future holds for legal aid: expanding access to civil legal counsel, strategic partnerships with non-legal organizations, and using technology to deliver legal services and increase access to justice.

Moderator

Alexis Smith, Deputy Director

New Haven Legal Assistance

William H. Clendenen, Jr.

President-Elect, Connecticut Bar Association

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Karen Lash, Acting Senior Counselor for Access to Justice

United States Department of Justice

Glenn Rawdon, Program Counsel

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