

2008 Statewide Training Conference  
**Conference-at-a-Glance**

Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey  
Hotel  
4650 Lindle Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Pre-conference – May 12  
Main Conference – May 13 - 14

*Conference Theme*

**Promoting Equal Justice For ALL – Public Interest Lawyering in a Diverse World**  
Pre-Conference Institutes

**8:30 - 10:00am Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 - 11:00am Pre-Conference Registration**

**Attorney Trial Skills**

**8:45am - 5:45pm**

8:45-9:00am Welcome and Introductions  
9:00-10:00am Lecture on Theory of the Case and Opening Statements  
*Prof. Gary S. Gildin, The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University*  
10:15am-12:15pm Workshop on Opening Statements  
12:15-1:00pm Lunch  
1:00-2:00pm Lecture on Cross-Examination—*Prof. Gary S. Gildin*  
2:15-4:15pm Workshop on Cross Examination  
4:30-5:15pm Lecture on Direct Examination, Refreshing Recollection and Introduction of Exhibits  
*Phil Rosenthal, Esq. – Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP)*  
5:15-5:30pm Question and Answer Session  
*Dinner on your own*

**Fiscal Staff Training**

**9:30am - 5:30pm**

9:30am-10:45pm Changes in Tax Form 990  
11:00am-12:15pm New Audit Standards  
12:15-1:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm-2:00pm New Audit Standards (*continued*)  
2:00pm-3:00pm Cost allocations  
3:15pm-4:30pm Benchmarking  
4:30pm-5:30pm Roundtable Discussion on Legal Services Financial Issues  
**\*\*Fiscal training continued on Tuesday, May 13 – Dinner on your own**

**Mortgage Foreclosure Training 10:00am - 5:00pm**

**A comprehensive training on defending foreclosure actions in Pennsylvania**

Will cover all phases of foreclosure:

- Notice under Act 6/ Act 91, HEMAP process , preliminary objections, answer, discovery, summary judgment, trial preparation and settlement.
- Will provide sample pleadings, discovery requests, motions
- Extended focus on four substantive defenses: predatory sub-prime loans; failure to provide FHA servicing; abusive servicing; failure to comply with Act 6/ Act 91.

*Dinner on your own*

**Client Council of Pennsylvania (CCOP) quarterly meeting**

**2:00pm - 5:00pm**

**(Agenda to be determined)**

**Conference Reception**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

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Tuesday, May 13

**7:30 - 9:00am Breakfast**

**7:30 - 5:00pm Conference Registration**

**9:00am - 10:30am Concurrent Sessions**

1. **Disability Law** - Cross-examination of Vocational and Medical Experts at Administrative Hearings (*Part One*)
2. **Housing Law** - Defending Evictions with Bankruptcy in Spite of BAPCPA
3. **Topical** - Challenging Local Immigration Ordinances - The Hazleton Experience
4. **Topical** - Ethical Traps in the Use, Non-Use and Misuse of Interpreters (*ethics session*)
5. **Topical** - Broad Based Advocacy: Yes You Can Do Impact Work
6. **Technology** - Practical Technical Tips and open Technical Q & A Forum (session intended for all field staff)
7. **Fiscal** - Changes in 403B Pension Plans

**10:30 - 10:45am Morning Break**

**10:45am - 12:15pm Concurrent Sessions**

8. **Disability Law** - Cross-examination of Vocational and Medical Experts at Administrative Hearings (*Part Two*)
  9. **Housing Law** - Housing Potpourri
  10. **Public Benefits/Family** - Public Benefits Access for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Their Children
  11. **Topical** - The Gift of Stress (*ethics session*)
  12. **Topical** - Celebrating Difference While Maintaining Identity
  13. **Topical** - ProBono and Legal Aid: Partnerships That Work
  14. **Fiscal** - Investment Strategies/Policies
- Civil Rights Theater:** Soul of Justice - the Thelton Henderson Journey, a documentary (*length :60 minutes*)

**12:15pm - 1:15pm LUNCH**

**1:15pm - 2:15pm - Conference Keynote Address**

**2:25pm - 3:55pm Concurrent Sessions**

15. **Health Law** - Basic Medical Advocacy - 101 (*Part One*)
  16. **Consumer Law** - Consumer Law Review
  17. **Public Benefits** - "What Every Legal Services Advocate Needs to Know About Benefits"
  18. **Topical** - Electronic Discovery (*60 minute session*)
  19. **Topical** - Retaining Legal Aid Staff: An Intergenerational Partnership
  20. **Technology:** PowerPoint for Advanced Users
  21. Effective Communications with Diverse Clients and Co-worker
- Civil Rights Theater:** Brick by Brick - a documentary about a contemporary American battle for Civil Rights (*length 60 minutes*)

**3:55pm - 4:10pm Afternoon Break**

**4:10pm - 5:40pm Concurrent Sessions**

22. **Health Law** - Basic Medical Advocacy - 101 (*Part Two*)
23. **Consumer Law** - Defending Debt Collection Cases
24. **Institutional Law** - Insights and Procedures for the Pardon Process
25. **Topical** - Civil Rights Issues for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgendered Communities
26. **Topical** - A Management Roundtable for Pennsylvania Executive Directors and Managers
27. **Topical** - Basic Skills for Paralegals

**6:15pm - 8:15pm Outdoor BBQ**

**9:00pm Hospitality Suite Open**

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Wednesday, May 14

7:30 - 9:00am Breakfast

7:30 - 12:00pm Conference Registration

**9:00am - 10:30am Concurrent Sessions**

- 28. **Family Law** - Custody Evaluations and Expert Cross Examination in a Domestic Violence Case
- 29. **Elder Law** - Dementia and Assessing Incapacity in the Elderly
- 30. **Topical** - Proper Telephone Intake Procedures
- 31. **Employment Law** - Representing Immigrant Workers
- 32. **Topical** - Practical Solutions for Leveraging Diversity and Creating Productive Work Cultures
- 33. **Topical** - Disability Awareness
- Civil Rights Theater:** Brick by Brick - a documentary about a contemporary American battle for Civil Rights  
*(length: 60 minutes)*

**10:30 - 10:45am Morning Break**

**10:45am - 12:15pm Concurrent Sessions**

- 34. **Family Law** - How Children and Youth Services Affects Custody Matters
- 35. **Elder Law** - Ethical Implications When Representing Elderly, Mentally Challenged or non-English speaking Adult Clients Who Have Adult Children or Adult Grandchildren (*ethics session*)
- 36. **Topical** - Resource Development: What's Working In PA
- 37. **Employment Law** - The Family and Medical Leave Act: Helping Low-Wage Workers Keep Their Jobs
- 38. **Technology** - Outlook Contacts: What Are They and How Can They Make Me More Organized and Productive?
- 39. **Topical** - Effective Advocacy with Challenging Clients
- Civil Rights Theater:** Soul of Justice - the Thelton Henderson Journey, a documentary *(length :60 minutes)*

**12:15pm - 1:15pm LUNCH**

**1:15pm - 2:45pm Concurrent Sessions**

- 40. **Consumer Law** - Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - Pennsylvania ICAN Initiatives
- 41. **Topical** - Ethics Committees: Why Each Program Needs its Own (*ethics session*)
- 42. **Utility Law** - Utility Case Studies for Local Office Practice
- 43. **Topical** - PLAN Internet Resources: How They Can Help You Represent Your Clients
- 44. **Topical:** Understanding Audits

**2:00pm - KEMPS Work Group Meeting**

**2:45pm Conference Adjourns**

**Thursday - May, 15**  
**Annual Technology Summit**  
*Agenda to be determined*