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Six Additional Online Trainings Available

The New York State Bar Association 2010 Legal Assistance Partnership Conference took place on June 14-16. We were able to record several of the excellent presentations given by attorneys who have in-depth knowledge of the topics presented.

Six new trainings are available for viewing over the web by attorneys and staff. Everyone who wishes to view these trainings must register. There is no charge for viewing any of these training, but there is a processing fee for CLE credit. All of the trainings listed in this article will be available by July 15, 2010.

To view the trainings...

- Start up your web browser and go to this location:
<http://onlineresources.wnlyc.net>
- On the left side of the screen, click on "Online Training"

- Click on the desired training; a registration form will be displayed
- Fill out the registration form; then click on "Submit form"
- A link to the presentation will be sent to the email address provided in the registration form

If you are an attorney and wish to receive CLE credit, you must fill out the course evaluation and attorney affirmation forms and mail it to the address on the form along with



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payment for processing of the CLE credit request. New York State Bar Association rules require that the forms be mailed. They cannot be submitted electronically.

Newly admitted attorneys in New York State can not receive CLE credit for online training.

If you are an attorney who is not licensed in New York State and want CLE credit, please check to see if your state allows New York State CLE credits to be applied to your state's CLE requirements.

SSI Income and Resource Issues

Advocates who represent claimants in disability claims are frequently called upon to help them with eligibility questions following a favorable medical determination. This two-hour workshop will focus on "non-disability issues" involving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims that are not generally covered elsewhere, including income and resource rules, as well as living arrangements. Information learned in this session will enable advocates to better assist claimants in maximizing their benefits.

Date of original presentation:
06/15/2010

Viewing time: 1 hour 48 minutes

Presenters: Louise M. Tarantino, Esq., Empire Justice Center; Catherine M. Callery, Esq., Empire Justice Center

CLE credit: 2.0 Professional Practice

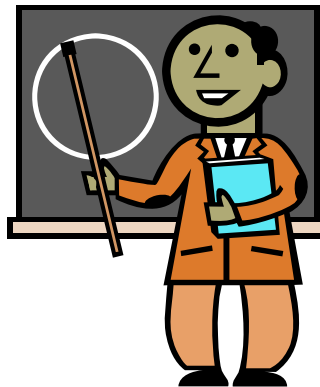
Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

Child Care: Legal Issues Affecting Low-Income Parents and Providers

This presentation will review the various types of child care assistance available to low-income families, including public assistance related child care, Transitional Child Care, and subsidies. In addition, participants will learn how to obtain and interpret child care plans from local social services districts, become familiar with the inequities in child care administration across districts, and review possible legal challenges to these disparities. The session also will cover the due process rights of applicants and recipients of child care services, the process for obtaining a higher rate for children with special needs, the treatment of overpayments, and new benefits available to providers under the recent Executive Order regarding unionization of home based providers. Many child care providers also are low-income and this session will address special issues faced by such providers.

Date of original presentation:
06/16/2010

Viewing time: 60 minutes





Presenters: Susan Antos, Esq., Empire Justice Center; Saima Akhtar, Esq., Empire Justice Center; Leslie Y. Kimball, Esq., Pro Bono Partnership; Louis Prieto, Esq., Legal Assistance of Western New York

CLE credit: 0.5 Professional Practice, 0.5 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$30.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$60.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

Public Assistance Issues for Teens and Young Adults / Housing Advocacy to Prevent Children from Languishing in Foster Care

This presentation will address some of the benefits and assistance available to teenagers, young adults and young families, approximately ages 16-22. Benefit areas covered will include cash assistance, Food Stamps, Medicaid and housing resources for teens and young adults who are living on their own or aging out of foster care. The session will also cover housing resources for families struggling to reunify with children in foster care, including eligibility rules and advocacy strategies. The treatment of benefit areas will include coverage of special rules regarding eligibility for assistance, household composition, and circumstances when or if the young adult may be treated as a separate household.

This presentation is intended for individuals who already have some familiarity and basic understanding of benefits eligibility and filing units.

Date of original presentation: 06/16/2010

Viewing time: 47 minutes

Presenters: Brooke J. Richie, Exec. Dir., Resilience Advocacy Project Emma Alpert, Esq., Brooklyn Family Defense Project; Nancy Rosenbloom, Esq., Legal Aid Society (NYC); Saima Akhtar, Esq., Empire Justice Center

CLE credit: 0.5 credit Professional Practice

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$30.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$60.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

Attorney's Fees: Substantive Law, Practice and Procedure

This session will provide the substantive law regarding entitlement and calculation of fee, the practical knowledge and materials needed to successfully obtain attorney's fees in cases eligible for fee shifting, as well addressing some of the ethical issues that arise in these cases.

Date of original presentation: 06/16/2010

Viewing time: 2 hours 4 minutes



Presenters: Bryan Hetherington, Esq., Empire Justice Center; Scott Rosenberg, Esq., Legal Aid Society (NYC)

CLE credit: 1.5 credits Professional Practice; 0.5 credits Ethics

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

The Ins and Outs of Social Security Overpayments

This two hour training will cover overpayment basics, as well as more advanced issues: who has the burden of proof, how to challenge overpayments by reconsideration requests, the waiver standard and its application, including the concepts of equity and good conscience. Also covered are topics on liability to repay, recovery of overpayments, and alternatives to repayment.

Date of original presentation:
06/15/2010

Viewing time: 1 hour 55 minutes

Presenters: Catherine M. Callery, Esq., Empire Justice Center; Louise M. Tarantino, Esq., Empire Justice Center

CLE credit: 2.0 credits Professional Practice

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

The ABC's of CDR's

Don't know much about Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs)? This training session will explain to viewers when SSA can question whether or not a client's disability has ended; what SSA must show before terminating benefits, and how to ensure that clients continue to receive disability benefits.

Date of original presentation:
06/15/2010

Viewing time: 51 minutes

Presenters: Catherine M. Callery, Esq., Empire Justice Center; Louise M. Tarantino, Esq., Empire Justice Center

CLE credit: 1.0 credits Professional Practice

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$30.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$60.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.





The Price is Right: Free Antivirus Protection

In this current period of shrinking budgets, not-for-profits are faced with difficult decisions about where to spend their money. Often, administrators must make difficult choices: Spend the money on items to keep the office running or use it to provide client services.

While we cannot help with the big ticket items, we can provide a means to reduce costs while keeping the computers in the office free of viruses and malware that could effectively shut the office down.

We have found three antivirus programs that provide good protection from viruses and the price is right: They are free.

Malwarebytes

This program will provide basic functionality necessary to locate and remove viruses and other threats from the computers in your office. Most reviewers give it high marks for thoroughness, speed and ease of use. The database used to identify viruses and other threats is updated daily.

The only drawback to this program is how it operates: It does not run automatically. Users must remember to run it. The free version does not have an automatic scheduling option.

For those of you who like Malwarebytes but are hesitant to use it because it doesn't automatically perform a scan of the computer for viruses or do real-time virus

protection, there is a version of the program available that will do all of that — for a small fee.

To obtain a copy of this program, go to www.malwarebytes.org.

Microsoft Security Essentials

Something free from Microsoft? Yes. And it is a full-featured application that will protect a computer against viruses, spyware and other nasty things in cyberspace.

Unlike Malwarebytes, this program runs in real-time, providing full-time protection to the computer. It automatically checks for the latest updates and will perform a scan of the computer according to a schedule set up by the user.

A copy of Security Essentials can be downloaded from: <http://www.microsoft.com/security/products/mse.aspx>.

AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition 9.0

Again, this is a full-featured anti-virus and anti-spyware application. It does a good job. This program does have one minor annoyance: It will nag the user to upgrade to the not-for-free, enhanced security package. We feel that most users will be willing to trade a little nagging for computer security.

To download a copy of AVG Anti-Virus, go to: http://free.avg.com/us-en/226285?cmpid=fs_hp_testb_226285



WNYLC Web Statistics For May 2010

Total Hits.....466,335
 Number of Pages Viewed.....77,108
 Total Visitors.....39,745
 Average Hits/Day.....15,043
 Average Pages /Day.....2,487
 Top Web Browsers Used:
 Internet Explorer 8.x.....21%
 Internet Explorer 7.x.....23%
 Internet Explorer 6.x.....15%
 Firefox.....15%
 Safari.....3%

Top 5 Operating Systems Used:

Windows 7.....7%
 Windows Vista.....13%
 Windows XP.....56%
 Mac OS.....3%
 Other.....10%



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