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Please register me for:

- Wills/Advance Directives: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Start-up Non-Profits: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Open House: FREE but please register to help us plan better for your attendance
- Guardian ad Litem: \$60 for members; \$70 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Asylum Project: \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Immigrant Children: \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Truancy Project: FREE to anyone not seeking CLE credit; \$50 for attorneys seeking CLE credit
- One Child, One Lawyer: \$50 for members; \$60 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Skills & Ethics: \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Housing Law: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Legal Needs of People with MS: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff
- Grandparent Caregiver: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$25 for students/legal support staff

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It's a slam-dunk for pro bono and your opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. In one month, Atlanta Bar CLE and the Pro Bono Committee offer attorneys and legal support staff twelve seminars PLUS a Pro Bono Open House supporting various Atlanta-based pro bono projects. It's your chance to score big for pro bono!

CLE Credit: Varies by seminar – see inside for details

Most sessions are at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center. Specific location details are inside.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
in March, 2008



March 5, 2008

**Wills and Advance Directives Project ♦ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
presented by Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation**

3 CLE hours, including 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
AVLF's Wills and Advance Directives Project has provided hundreds of eligible senior citizens and other low-income individuals the help of a volunteer lawyer to draft a will, power of attorney and advance directive for health care at no cost. Clients may visit the attorney's office, meet with the attorney at AVLF, or the attorney may meet at the client's home. This year the training will focus on the particular issues facing senior citizens and people with chronic or terminal illnesses. Training includes the drafting of Wills and Advance Directives.

**Advising the Start-Up Nonprofit: Pro Bono for Transactional Lawyers ♦ 12:30 pm - 3:45 pm
presented by Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta ♦ supported by the Business & Finance Section**

3 CLE hours, including 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta matches transactional lawyers with non-profits in need of free legal advice. No courtroom appearances required! Clients are community-based non-profit organizations that operate programs or activities that benefiting low-income individuals. Typical areas of advice and counsel include corporate governance; contracts and leases; intellectual property; real estate; employment; tax; and mergers. Participants will receive information on the nonprofit incorporation process and the application for 501(c)(3) tax-exemption as well as a general overview of operational legal issues for non-profits.

March 7, 2008

Pro Bono Open House ♦ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm ♦ A light lunch will be provided.

No CLE credit offered for this session ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
12:00pm - 1:30pm: Brief presentations will be made by the Georgia Justice Project, Georgia Appleseed, and the Health Law Partnership (HeLP). Representatives from all presenting organizations will be on hand before and after the presentations to answer your questions about their projects and the seminars they are offering during Pro Bono Month. This is a perfect opportunity for you to learn more about the organizations and their needs before attending a training session or recommending it to your firm, law department or practice group.

March 11, 2008

**Guardian Ad Litem Training ♦ 8:30 am - 5:00 pm ♦ Lunch provided
presented by Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation**

8 CLE hours, including 1 Ethics and 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
The Guardian ad Litem Program provides the judges of Fulton Superior Court with trained Guardians ad Litem to represent the best interests of minor children who are the subject of contested custody actions in their courts. Training includes presentations on the nuts and bolts of family law; the role of a Guardian ad Litem; the stages of child development; the pros and cons of various custody arrangements; the effects of domestic violence on children; the ethical issues faced by a Guardian ad Litem; and how to present findings to the court.

March 12, 2008 - morning

**The Asylum Project ♦ 8:00 am - 12:15 pm
presented by GAIN - Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network**

4 CLE hours, including 1 Professionalism and 1 Trial Practice ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
The Asylum Project pairs volunteer attorneys with applicants for political asylum and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. Opportunities for attorneys and paralegals include brief writing, legal research, collecting country and human rights reports, and representation of clients in brief and discrete credible fear interviews, as well as more involved proceedings in the U.S. Immigration Court. Training includes information on detainees (who they are, why they are being held, grounds for exclusion, where they are detained); bond and parole; asylum; immigration court practice and procedure; and forensics.

**Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in TPO Hearings ♦ 8:30 am - 12:15 pm
presented by AVLF**

3.5 CLE hours, including 1 Professionalism and 1 Trial Practice ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
The Domestic Violence Project trains attorneys to represent victims of domestic violence in obtaining temporary protective orders. The Georgia Family Violence Act provides for civil relief to victims of domestic violence through ex parte hearings, followed by second hearings after service upon the respondent. This provides a level playing field for victims who would otherwise have to face their batterer and possibly their batterer's attorney in court alone.

March 12, 2008 - afternoon

**Helping Undocumented Immigrant Children
1:00pm - 5:15pm ♦ presented by Catholic Charities
Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project (ICAP)
and supported by GAIN**

Lunch provided for those attending this session AND the Asylum Project training
4 CLE hours, including 1 Trial and 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
Each year more than 11,000 undocumented youngsters find themselves in the US alone, abandoned or abused, and often in immigration deportation proceedings. The ICAP program works to ensure representation for all children by pairing them with volunteer attorneys to secure resolution in the best interest of the child. Often children have spent the majority of their life in the US 'under the radar' and without proper care or legal guardians. These children are unable to be returned to a birth country they neither recognize nor could survive in. Children eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a federal benefit allowing them to remain legally in the US, desperately need legal representation to navigate an often unkind and complicated State and Federal legal system. ICAP's mission is to train and support pro bono attorneys as they take on these vulnerable cases and truly change lives. This nuts and bolts training will give you the foundation and tools needed to get involved.

**Family Law for Low-Income Clients ♦ 1:00pm - 4:45 pm
Presented by Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation**

3.5 CLE, including 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
One of the largest unmet legal needs for low-income individuals is assistance in family law matters. This training is designed for the non-family lawyer who wishes to assist in simple domestic issues for low income families.

March 14, 2008

**Advocating for the Truant Child ♦ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
presented by TIP Georgia and the Atlanta Bar Foundation**

4 CLE hours, including 1 Ethics, 1 Professionalism and 1 Trial Practice ♦ At the offices of Alston & Bird
The Truancy Intervention Project serves children involved with the Fulton County Juvenile Court in pending truancy and educational neglect cases, as well as in early intervention cases in metro Atlanta elementary schools. Volunteers work with the children and their families to provide the necessary guidance and resources to help ensure their attendance and success in school. Training includes how TIP works; role of the TIP volunteer; ethics and advocacy; courtroom procedures; and a mock hearing.

March 21, 2008

**One Child, One Lawyer ♦ 8:30 am - 3:00 pm ♦ Lunch provided
presented by Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation**

6 CLE hours, including 1 Ethics and 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
This program offers a unique opportunity for meaningful pro bono advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children. Volunteer lawyers are appointed to represent a child throughout the entirety of a deprivation case in juvenile court. Volunteers are essential in achieving a stable, loving and permanent placement for the children they represent. Training includes how children come into foster care; an overview of child welfare law; representing the foster child; ethics; the best interests of the child; understanding child protective services; and the mechanics of juvenile court. Ongoing support, including case consultation, is provided by AVLF.

**Working Effectively with Pro Bono Clients ♦ 8:30 am - 12:45 pm
presented by Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation**

4 CLE hours, including 1 Ethics and 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
This training will provide very practical guidance on how to address common questions and problems when representing pro bono clients such as how to establish trust and open communication with clients; how to manage understandable but unrealistic client expectations; how to prepare clients (and yourself!) for court and/or mediation; how to choose your venue or whether to file at all; how to negotiate or mediate effectively and ethically with unrepresented parties; and, importantly, the basic steps to collect judgments on behalf of clients. This course is ideal for anyone participating in AVLF's and Atlanta Legal Aid's Saturday Lawyer or Eviction Defense programs, or anyone taking a direct referral from an AVLF newsletter. There will be open dialogue for people to discuss their own strategies and share ideas for effective lawyering.

**Housing Law and Advocacy for the Low-Income Tenant ♦ 1:30 pm - 4:45 pm
presented by Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation**

3 CLE hours, including 1 Ethics and 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
The need for legal assistance in housing-related disputes has skyrocketed over the past year, accounting for well over all requests from eligible clients. This is due in part to the rate of foreclosures, slumping economy and the change in public housing policies. In light of this, we have decided to focus an entire afternoon on the legal issues faced by low-income tenants. During this training you will learn the basics of eviction defense in Georgia (including how to advocate for clients in cases of constructive eviction and illegal eviction); how to secure the return of a wrongfully withheld security deposit; and the basics of public housing eligibility and termination. This training will be helpful for anyone participating in AVLF's and Atlanta Legal Aid's Saturday Lawyer or Eviction Defense programs, or anyone taking a direct referral from an AVLF newsletter.

March 26, 2008

**Addressing the Legal Needs of People with Multiple Sclerosis
presented by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Georgia Chapter ♦ 8:30 am - 12:15 pm**

3.5 CLE hours, including 1 Professionalism ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
This program addresses one of the most pressing legal needs facing people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS); Employment Issues, including employment discrimination, wrongful termination and reasonable accommodations. The program also provides information about the Georgia Chapters' Volunteer Legal Advocacy Program, which provides free legal assistance and guidance to qualifying clients living with MS. By providing legal guidance and possible representation during these frustrating legal concerns, volunteer attorneys can directly improve the lives of people living with MS.

**Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Adoption Project ♦ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
presented by Atlanta Legal Aid Society ♦ supported by the Women in the Profession Section**

3 CLE hours, including 1 Professionalism hour ♦ State Bar of Georgia Conference Center
The Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Project trains private attorneys to conduct adoptions for the growing number of grandparents and other relatives who are raising children in the place of absent or deceased parents. Relative caregivers, many of whom are retired and living on fixed incomes, often struggle to care and provide for the new members of the household. Through an adoption, many of the problems the relative caregivers face, such as enrolling children in school and obtaining adequate medical care for the children, can be remedied. This training will provide you with the information and forms needed in an adoption from the first meeting with the client through the final adoption hearing. A typical relative adoption takes about 25 hours of work over a 6-month period.

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**Hall of Fame: Litigation
All Stars: Business & Finance ♦ Labor & Employment
First Round Pick: Women in the Profession**