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Early Bird Registration before April 28	\$60
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Student Registration	\$30
On-Site Registration	\$80

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Please list which panels you plan to attend.

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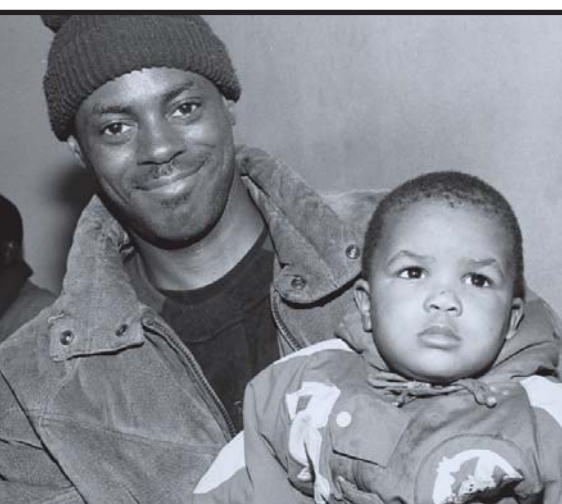
All registrations must be received no later than May 5, 2006; otherwise the on-site fee will apply. In addition to the programs and materials, fees include continental breakfast and lunch.

Cancellation Refund Policy:

Conference registration cancellations received by the Pro Bono Resource Center in writing no later than April 28, 2006 will be subject to a \$20 administrative charge. **After April 28, registration fees are not refundable but registration may be transferred to another individual.**

Please contact PBRC at 410-837-9379, or 800-396-1274 Ext. 3049 or by e-mail sblume@probonomd.org if you have any questions.

If you require special accommodations please contact our office by April 21, 2006.



THE PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND, INC. (PBRC) is the statewide clearinghouse and coordinator of pro bono legal services. The Center's mission is to promote equal access to justice by coordinating and supporting volunteer civil legal services, providing resources and support for legal advocates for the poor and promoting cooperation within the legal community.

For more information concerning volunteer opportunities, training programs and other resources please visit us at www.probonomd.org or call 410-837-9379 or 800-396-1274.

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- Follow I-95 South through the Fort McHenry Tunnel (\$1 toll) to exit 53 (I-395 North, Downtown)
- Bear left off the exit and follow signs to the Inner Harbor Continue in the left or center lane
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- Follow Pratt Street to the Baltimore Convention Center which will be on your right

Via I-83 South:

- Follow I-83 South (Jones Falls Expressway) to the merger of I-83 and I-695 West
- Continue on I-83/I-695 merger for one mile to Exit 23A (I-83 South, Downtown)
- Proceed on the I-83 until the expressway ends in the downtown area and becomes Presidents Street
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- Follow Lombard Street six blocks to Light Street and make a left
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- Proceed on I-95 North to Exit 53 (I-395 North, Downtown)
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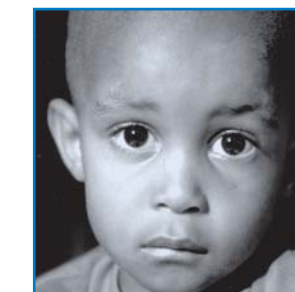
• 221 W. Lombard
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You Are Invited To Attend The 8th Annual



MARYLAND PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE CONFERENCE

FORMERLY THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

Hosted by:

PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND, INC.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006

8:15 am – 3:30 pm

BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER
One West Pratt Street • Baltimore, Maryland

WHAT IS IT?

An extraordinary exchange of information, experiences, ideas and strategies about access-to-justice issues and the delivery of legal services to the indigent

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Legal services staff, the private bar, pro bono coordinators, government attorneys, the judiciary, law school faculty and students and others interested in securing equal justice



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MARYLAND PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE CONFERENCE

PANEL SCHEDULE

9:00 to 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks • 9:15 to 9:45 Plenary and Guest Speaker

DR. EDGAR CAHN is the founder and Chairman of the Board of Time Banks USA and creator of Time Dollars™, co-founder of the National Legal Services Program and founder of the Antioch School of Law. Dr. Cahn also co-authored with his late wife, Jean Camper Cahn "The War On Poverty: A Civilian Perspective".

9:45 to 11:00 AM

2006 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

Moderator: Richard Montgomery
Maryland State Bar Association

Panelists: Delegate Kathleen Dumais (Montgomery County)
Senator Lisa Gladden (Baltimore City)
Ricardo Flores - Public Justice Center

Description: Join members of the Maryland General Assembly in a discussion about this year's legislative session and the key issues affecting the legal services community and the clients we serve. Get the inside story on the bills that passed and those that didn't and learn some tips from expert advocates on how you and your organization can get involved in the legislative process.

CHILD ADVOCACY IN THE PRO BONO ARENA-ROUNDTABLE

Moderator: Stacy Reed Swain
Hamlin & Swain, LLC

Panelists: Robert Bader – Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service
Doug Bregman – Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC
Leigh Goodmark – University of Baltimore School of Law
Mitchell Mirviss – Venable LLP
Jessica Rae – Legal Aid Bureau
Keith Schiszik – Day & Schiszik

Description: Finding opportunities to advocate for children has become increasingly challenging given changes in the laws, and the lack of awareness about legal services that are available for children in need. This roundtable will initially include an overview of the various types of pro bono opportunities to represent and advocate on behalf of children in both individual cases and systemically through impact work. Participants will then explore how to identify specific areas of need and bring together private and legal services attorneys and advocates around issues such as health care, education and family preservation to ensure the most appropriate and efficient advocacy possible.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING – FORCED LABOR, FORCED PROSTITUTION, DEBT BONDAGE, AND DOMESTIC SLAVERY: HOW TO IDENTIFY, REPORT AND PROTECT THE VICTIMS

Moderator: Karin Dalichow
Law Foundation of Prince George's County

Panelists: Elizabeth Keyes – Skadden Fellow, CASA de Maryland
Joy Zarembka – Break the Chain Campaign
Karina Kirana – Survivor Services Department, Boat People, SOS

Description: This workshop will explore the problem of human trafficking in our area and the role you can play in securing relief for the victims.

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MEETING THE NEEDS OF CLIENTS WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Moderator: Stephanie Joseph
Prince George's County Public Defenders Office

Panelists: Michael Pinard – University of Maryland Law School
Linda Kennedy – Homeless Persons Representation Project
Brenda Mader – Montgomery County Public Defender's Office

Description: Thousands and thousands of Marylanders, many plagued by drug addiction, mental illness and homelessness find themselves caught in the revolving doors of jails and prisons across the state. A criminal conviction on their records means hurdles to employment, housing and other basic needs. How can we better serve our clients with criminal convictions? What problems do they face and what services exist to address their needs?

FAIR HOUSING: A POWERFUL TOOL FOR POWERFUL EFFECTS

Moderator: Beth Pepper
Office of Beth Pepper

Panelists: Brenda Bratton Blom – University of Maryland School of Law
Lauren Young – Maryland Disability Law Center
Lisa Schifferle – Legal Aid Bureau

Description: This workshop will provide an overview of the Fair Housing Act's substantive provisions, and provide a round-up and update of some of the areas of litigation within the last two years in the Fourth Circuit, including cases small and large. We will then explore using the FHA in representing individuals; using the FHA in representing organizational interests; using the FHA in representing a class; and using the FHA as it affects communities. We will look at both its strengths and weaknesses as a tool for effective representation and to effect change.

SILENT VICTIMS OF HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA: THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND THE URGENCY FOR DEVELOPING CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH ETHNIC ORGANIZATIONS

Moderator: Juliet K. Choi
NAPABA Partners Community Law Fellow Asian American Justice Center

Panelists: Jon Blazer – National Immigration Law Center
Michael Greenberger – University of Maryland

Description: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita revealed to the world the stark disparities that still exist in American communities. This discussion will highlight the particular barriers faced by the immigrant community in accessing critical services and begin to examine how language and cultural barriers can and must be ameliorated in current recovery efforts and in anticipation of a potential terrorist attack, natural disaster or pandemic flu. Looking forward, this presentation will underscore the importance of creating and supporting the opportunity for local-national collaboration and developing creative, non-traditional partnerships between ethnic organizations, legal advocates and mainstream disaster relief and emergency preparedness stakeholders.

11:15 AM to 12:30 PM

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLABORATIVE LAW PROCESS

Moderator: Marla Zide
Law Office of Alan S. Forman, LLC

Panelists: Jim Gross – Thyden Gross & Callahan
Judith A. Mustille – Law Office of Judith A. Mustille, LLC

Description: Collaborative law is a dignified, cooperative approach to negotiating and settling issues arising from a family separation without going to court. Often thought of as 'enhanced mediation,' the parties negotiate their issues with the assistance of specially trained family law lawyers who act as both communication and negotiation coaches for their clients while simultaneously fulfilling their role advising their clients of their legal rights, entitlements and obligations. While this process is widely practiced in Canada and other regions of the United States, it is fairly new to our area, but rapidly growing. Come learn about this newly emerging effective approach to family law issues.

ADVOCATING FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Moderator: Maureen Sweeney
University of Maryland School of Law

Panelists: Christine Wilkes – Equal Justice Work Fellow, Children's Project at AYUDA
Irena Lieberman – ABA Commission on Immigration
Adiana Ysern – National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children

Description: Unaccompanied, undocumented children face special legal challenges in their quest to work and attend school, as well as to avoid detention and deportation. This session will provide an overview of the challenges and address the relief and resources available to this at-risk group of children. Topics to be discussed include relief under asylum, U Visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and VAWA.

VETERANS' ISSUES

Moderator: James Butler
Maryland State Lottery and JAGS Corps

Panelists: Representative from the Veterans' Administration

Description: This panel will explore how the legal services community can assist veterans with legal problems, including mental health issues and the impact serving in the military has on those left behind. A representative from the Veterans' Administration will also review resources for veterans and their families.

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12:30 P.M. TO 2:15 PM LUNCH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - JUDGE PATRICIA WALD

Judge Wald was on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia where she acted as Chief Judge from 1986 to 1991. She also served two years as a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Judge Wald is the author and co-author of three books and has written numerous articles on progressive legal topics.

2:15 PM TO 3:30 PM

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH: ARE POOR PEOPLE FACING INCREASED BARRIERS TO ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE?

Moderator: Hannah Lieberman
Legal Air Bureau

Panelists: Regan Bailey – Legal Aid Bureau

Description: This session will address the increasing challenges facing poor people in need of health care, including cutbacks to Medicaid, proposals for managed care, problems with the new prescription drug program and difficulties in accessing appropriate long-term care. Health care advocates will address these issues, followed by a discussion of advocacy strategies for individuals seeking coverage and for systemic change.

SOLVING SCHOOL PROBLEMS FOR KIDS IN AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM

Moderator: Wendy Hess
Public Justice Center

Panelists: Judge Cathy H. Serrette – Prince George's County Circuit Court
Lauren Kallins – Maryland Disability Law Center
Laurie Norris – Public Justice Center

Description: This session will teach you how to identify and solve school problems for vulnerable children, such as those with special education needs, homeless children, foster children, frequently disciplined children, and children involved with juvenile services. You will learn about special enrollment rights and records transfer rights for homeless children and foster children, what due process rights and continuing education rights are conferred on children facing suspension or expulsion, how to recognize and address the most common violations of the special education laws, and what to do if a child trying to return to school has been unilaterally "withdrawn" by a school system.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMS BOTH LAW AND PRACTICE: DO'S AND DON'TS FOR PRACTITIONERS AND LAW FIRM MANAGERS

Moderator: Brenda Bratton Blom
University of Maryland Law School

Panelists: Ayn Crawley – Maryland Legal Assistance Network
Teresa LaMaster – Bowie & Jensen, LLC

Description: The practice of law is changing with each passing day. This panel will focus on a host of issues within the practice of law including: what every lawyer and law firm IT Manager needs to know; electronic discovery; email communications and confidentiality in a new era and the possible unintended consequences of informal communication using technology.

TRYING A CASE ON THE CHEAP: JUDICIAL TIPS ON EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY WITHOUT BIG BUCKS.

Moderator: Judge Julia B. Weatherly
Prince George's County Circuit Court

Panelists: Judges from various jurisdictions

Description: Who can't try a good case when you have the money for experts, evaluations, and when the attorney is getting paid? But pro bono and non-profit attorneys head into courts everyday with little resources to assist them. A view from the bench provides suggestions on effective advocacy on behalf of low income clients. A panel of judges will share tips on how to make the most of your case and the most of your time. Hypothetical cases involving divorce and support, CINA, and home improvement contracts will focus our attention on valuable shortcuts to successful outcomes. Join us with your own contributions to our list of practical tips.

JUSTICE FOR TENANTS: REVAMPING MARYLAND'S LANDLORD-TENANT LAWS

Moderator: Ricardo Flores
Public Justice Center

Panelists: Greg Countess – Legal Aid Bureau

Description: The Rental Housing Coalition (RHC) is a group of legal services agencies, community organizing groups, tenant organizations, community organizations, individual tenants, private citizens, and a foundation group who are working together to reform the landlord-tenant laws in Maryland. This past legislative session in Annapolis the RHC launched its multi-year law reform effort and introduced two bills: one to bring Maryland's tenants real protection from retaliatory eviction; and the second to stop the Dark Age practice of placing a tenant's belongings on the curb when evicted. This session will provide a quick review of what happened during the session and how you and your organization can become involved.

THAT'S NOT ME! IDENTITY THEFT: RECOVERY AND PREVENTION

Moderator: Amelia Lazarus
Homeless Persons Representation Project

Panelists: Linda Kennedy – Homeless Persons Representation Project
Rose Bianca – District Court Investigator
Karren Pope-Onwukwe – Prince George's County Law Foundation

Description: Federal Statistics report that identity theft is the fastest growing white-collar crime in America. Abuses can include the issuance of traffic and/or criminal citations in the victim's name, the creation of a criminal record, bank fraud, credit card theft, and obtaining a rental unit and utilities. This panel will focus on this growing problem and its impact on clients. We will explore schemes and causes, remedies, and preventative measures.

