



Litigation and Advocacy Directors 2002 Conference

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June 23 - 25
Snowbird, Utah

Co-sponsored with
AARP Foundation Litigation
Litigation Section of the American Bar Association



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Conference Agenda

Saturday, June 22

8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Collaboration Skills

Pre-Conference

7:00 PM Opening Reception

Sunday, June 23

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM Opening Keynote

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Morning Break

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Small Groups: Aggressive

Advocacy in Today's Delivery System

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Luncheon

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Workshops

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Networking Time

6:00 PM Informal Social Event

Monday, June 24

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM Workshops

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Morning Break

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Workshops

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Luncheon with Keynote

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Workshops

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM Afternoon Break

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Regional Caucuses

Tuesday, June 25

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM Workshops

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Morning Break

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Workshops

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Lunch

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

NLADA's Litigation and Advocacy Directors Conference is the first national conference addressing strategic advocacy issues for experienced representatives of low-income people in many years. The conference is being developed by an outstanding team of litigation and advocacy directors from legal services programs, as well as representatives from the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and our co-sponsors, the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association and AARP Foundation Litigation.

In plenary sessions, national experts will forecast what lies ahead for a diverse range of client communities, in terms of both demographic trends and their impact and with respect to emerging substantive issues and strategies.

Workshop sessions will be offered in four main focus areas:

- 1) Substantive Law;
- 2) Access to the Courts for Litigants Representing Low-Income Clients;
- 3) Partnerships, Collaborations and Non-Litigation Strategies; and
- 4) Managing Advocacy and Training.

The conference schedule also allows significant time for informal discussion and networking in a beautiful mountain setting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference is designed for people who have primary responsibility for setting the advocacy agenda and supervising its implementation for their civil legal services or civil rights organization. In many programs, this will be the director of litigation or director of advocacy. In some, it may be a senior or managing attorney, policy analyst or the executive director. In organizations where the role is shared, it may be appropriate for more than one person to attend.

The conference will address issues of relevance for both LSC-funded and non-LSC funded programs and civil rights organizations, as well as other providers who represent low-income people or deal with their issues.

CONFERENCE GOALS

The Litigation and Advocacy Directors Conference goals include sharing information and brainstorming about the following issues:

- Changing client needs, broad trends and their implications for the future;
- Cutting-edge advocacy strategies, including new models for collaboration and partnerships;
- Aggressive multi-forum advocacy in a changing legal services delivery system; and
- Effective management of advocacy and training.

The conference will also focus on networking and building advocacy communities at the national and regional levels, including reaching out to community-based organizations and civil rights groups. Participants will gain new perspectives, enhanced skills and renewed energy for aggressive representation of low-income clients.

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WORKSHOPS

A rich mix of crosscutting workshops will be offered during six times slots through the course of the conference. A preliminary listing of topics is provided to illustrate the content that has been developed to date. Planners have included, where appropriate, information related to the impact of September 11th on client advocacy. Updates will be posted on NLADA's Web site (www.nlada.org/Training/Train_Civil/Train_Civil_Litigation). A complete list of workshops will be provided on the Web site when finalized.

ACCESS TO THE COURTS

- Access to the Courts I and II [Sessions covering state constitutional law, choice of forum, state and federal sovereign immunity, enforcement under Section 1983 and other issues affecting access to the courts for our clients]
- Race and national origin discrimination
- Developing damage claims for low-income clients

COLLABORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND NON-LITIGATION STRATEGIES

- Using new technologies to support advocacy
- Community economic development
- Using the media and other communications strategies to achieve advocacy goals
- Collaborations around the intersections of race and poverty

MANAGING ADVOCACY & TRAINING

- Managing change effectively
- Multi-forum advocacy strategies including the courts, the media, community education, and other advocacy forums
- Internal relationships for the litigation and advocacy director: working with the executive director, other staff and volunteers; providing leadership, motivation and inspiration
- Defining the litigation director's role
- Professional development of staff

SUBSTANTIVE LAW

- Barriers to employment, employment problems of low-wage workers
- Supports for low-wage workers
- Representing the hard to employ client
- Housing for rural and urban clients
- Ensuring quality education for low-income children
- Health care issues of access and quality
- Consumer problems of low-income people
- The "Digital Divide" and other technology issues affecting low-income people
- Immigration and the U.S. Patriot Act

General Information

REGISTRATION FEES AND OPTIONS

Please see the enclosed registration form for all conference registration fees. Registration fees include handout materials, entrance to all sessions, breakfast, lunch & breaks each day and the opening reception. Registration fees must accompany your registration form. For your convenience, NLADA accepts Visa and MasterCard. If paying by credit card, you may fax your registration form to (202) 872-1031.

TRANSPORTATION

Snowbird is a 45-minute drive from Salt Lake City, Utah. The resort provides a self-contained training environment including meeting rooms, guest rooms, a dining hall and fitness facilities. All Snowbird guest rooms have an incredible mountain view and the lodge amenities include room service, heated pools, business center, child-care and a spa. The resort includes a golf course, tennis/racquetball courts, nature walks and mountain bike rentals.

A special airfare discount of up to 10 percent is available with Delta Airlines. Phone Delta Airlines at (800) 241-6760 and refer to meeting identification number DMN187644A. Fares are subject to airline terms and availability.

Snowbird Resort is in the mountains, approximately one hour from the Salt Lake City Airport. Canyon Transportation (800) 255-1841 provides shuttle service from Salt Lake City Airport to Snowbird for \$40 round trip. Reservations can be made at the same time as hotel reservations are made. We strongly encourage you to make your reservations before traveling and at the same time as booking your hotel.

RENTAL CAR INFORMATION

Avis has been selected as the official rental car agency for NLADA's Litigation and Advocacy Directors Conference. Avis will extend the rates of \$31.99 to \$75.99 (or 5 percent discount on a lower qualifying rate) to the participants of our conference. These special rates include unlimited mileage. To make reservations, call Avis toll-free at (800) 331-1600 and refer to reservation code #J789524.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION UNITS

NLADA will apply for CLE accreditation for all qualifying conference sessions in most states with mandatory CLE. Complete information will be available in the registration packet you receive at check-in. Please be familiar with the CLE requirements of your state.

RESPONSIBILITY

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JUNE 22 PRECONFERENCE

Effecting Systemic Change: Gaining the Skills We Need to Collaborate and Build Coalitions



To achieve the vision of creating Justice Communities in our states, equal justice leaders and advocates have been challenged to forge new alliances and leverage new resources. The AARP Legal Advocacy Group and the AARP Learning Center, in collaboration with NLADA, have created a skills-based training tailored specifically to the needs of state and local equal justice advocates.

The collaborative training consists of interactive, small-group sessions, which will acquaint participants with the advocacy disciplines of collaboration and coalition-building to effect systemic change. The training model will utilize scenarios involving substantive areas to explore the “when, who, what and how” of working beyond the boundaries of your organization to achieve effective futures for your clients and community. Topics to be covered include the Seven Steps to Building Strategic Alliances: (1) Setting the Ground Rules, (2) The Vision Statement, (3) The Mission Statement, (4) The Environmental Assessment, (5) The Capability Assessment, (6) Goal-Setting and (7) The Action Plan.

NLADA and AARP are pleased to offer a special skills-based preconference to those who wish to strengthen their ability to build partnerships, collaborations and coalitions. This training will take place on Saturday, June 22. Pre-registration for this training track is required. Please mark your registration form accordingly.

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