



N L A D A P R E S E N T S

LITIGATION & ADVOCACY DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

June 5-8, 2004

Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort

Snowbird, Utah



Co-Sponsored by
AARP Foundation Litigation
NLADA Insurance Program

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

NLADA's Litigation and Advocacy Directors Conference is a national conference addressing strategic advocacy issues for experienced representatives of low-income people. The conference builds on a widely successful event held in 2002.

Developing the conference are an outstanding team of litigation and advocacy directors from legal services programs, as well as representatives from the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 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 the impact of demographic trends and emerging substantive issues and strategies. A rich mix of cross-cutting workshops will be offered during six time slots through the course of the conference. 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 civil legal assistance programs, and civil rights/civil liberties 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.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday, June 5

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pre-Conference

7:00 PM Opening Reception

Sunday, June 6

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

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

Monday, June 7

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

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Workshops

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM Afternoon Break

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Affinity Meetings

Tuesday, June 8

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 Box Lunch

PROPOSED WORKSHOP TOPICS

A preliminary listing of proposed topics is provided to illustrate the content that has been developed to date. 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.

Substantive Issues / Civil Rights

- Barriers to Education: The Exclusion of Kids from Schools
- Opportunities and Challenges for Advocacy in Education: Using No Child Left Behind and Beyond
- Removing Barriers and Addressing Employment Issues
- Discrimination Issues in Low-wage Employment
- Helping Low-wage Workers Survive and Advance in the Workforce
- Community Economic Development: Assisting in Job Creation
- Child Protection, In-home Services and Racial Disparities
- Discrimination in Public Benefits on the Basis of Race, Immigration Status, Gender and Disability
- Language Access to Public Benefit Programs
- Medicare Amendments on Drug Benefits
- Predatory Consumer Practices
- Housing: Preservation and Creation of Affordable Housing
- Racial Discrimination in Public Housing
- Recent Developments in Immigration Law: What You Should Know
- Rolling Back State Legislative Cuts to Safety Net Programs
- Governmental Litigation in a Time of Budget Cuts
- Reentry Work

Managing Advocacy

- Setting Priorities for Advocacy and the Balkanizations of Legal Services
- Professional Development and Evaluation of Advocacy Staff
- Encouraging Change Management: Encouraging Senior Staff/Managing Attorneys

Working with Communities

- Client-driven Advocacy and Feedback
- Finding Partners and Partnerships: Effective Community Lawyering
- Race, Communities and the Struggle for Justice

Multi-forum Advocacy

- Planning a Policy Advocacy Campaign
- Policy Advocacy Roundtable
- Multi-forum Advocacy
- Media as Part of an Advocacy Campaign

Technology

- Case Management Systems for Litigation Directors
- Expanding Consumer Advocacy to Include the Digital Divide
- Technology Tools for Litigators
- Using Data to Support Impact and Policy Advocacy: Defending Against Its Use by Others

Access to Courts

- Mapping the Terrain: Overview of Recent Supreme Court Jurisprudence
- Concerning Private Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws (include LCCR bill)
- Taking the Road Less Traveled: Alternatives to Section 1983 Enforcement
- Anticipating New Roadblocks—And How To Deal With Them
- Taking a Test Drive: Discussing Court Access Through Case Examples

Other

- Perfecting Damage Claims and Remedies

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE HOTEL SITE

Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort
Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah 84092
(800) 453-3000
www.snowbird.com.

NLADA has negotiated a special housing rate of \$114 per night (plus 10.1% state sales tax). **The deadline date for reservations is May 4, 2004.** After that date, requests for reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit. **Inform the reservations agent that you are with the NLADA Litigation Directors Conference to secure the discounted rate.**

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 an off-site golf course, tennis/racquet-ball courts, nature walks and mountain bike rentals.

DINING

Snowbird has 12 different food outlets ranging from fine dining to lounges. A partial list follows: The Keyhole Junction Level A (Daily 3:00pm – 9:00pm); Cliff Lodge Room Service (Daily--6:00am–11:00am and 6:00pm 10:00pm); The Atrium Level B (Pastries & Espresso (Daily 7:00am – 11:00am); At the Snowbird Center--The Forklift Restaurant Level Three; or The Steak Pit Level One (Steaks and Seafood; Daily 6:00pm – 10:00pm; Price Range \$14–\$39); The Lodge Bistro (Dinner: Wednesday – Sunday 5:30pm–9:00pm / Lounge: Wednesday – Sunday 5:00pm–9:00pm).

SNOWBIRD ACTIVITIES

There are a broad range of activities available at Snowbird including: tram rides, a climbing wall, a local golf course, hiking (maps available), horseback riding, hot air ballooning, in-line skating, mountain biking, paragliding, tennis, volleyball, frisbee, basketball, horseshoes, croquet and softball. Please call the Snowbird Activity Center for more details. The resort also has a world-class spa, the Cliff Spa & Salon that offers an extensive range of services including massage, herbal wraps, yoga, skin treatments, manicures and pedicures. For fitness try the roof top pool, giant whirlpool, steam and sauna rooms, a large aerobics room and extensive weight-training equipment.

General Information, Cont.

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 and 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

A special airfare discount of up to 10 percent is available from Delta and United Airlines. Phone Delta Airlines at (800) 241-6760 and refer to meeting identification number DM197881A, or United at (800) 521-4041 and refer to meeting code 556AI. 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 provides shuttle service from Salt Lake City Airport to Snowbird for \$44 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 participant 5 percent discount on a lower promotional rate. 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

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association acts only as an agent for conferees in all matters regarding the resort, accommodations and transportation. NLADA contracts with reputable independent contractors and suppliers known to provide the service offered in this announcement. NLADA is not responsible for any inconvenience, loss, injury, or damage from any cause whatsoever in conjunction with these services. If necessary, NLADA reserves the right to cancel or change the services described herein.

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