

NLADA PRESENTS



SUBSTANTIVE LAW
CONFERENCE
'07

SAN JOSE, CA • JULY 18-21, 2007



SUB LAW 2007 AGENDA

Wednesday, July 18

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Conference Registration
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Reception

Thursday, July 19

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Conference Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome and Keynote Speaker
10:30 am – Noon	History of Legal Aid Plenary
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Sessions
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Sessions

Friday, July 20

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Sessions
10:30 am – Noon	Sessions
Noon – 1:00 pm	Luncheon Plenary
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Sessions
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Sessions

Saturday, July 21

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Sessions
10:30 am – Noon	Sessions

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 2007 NLADA Substantive Law Conference is a national conference providing training on the substantive law fundamentals essential to quality representation of low-income people and communities.

This year's Substantive Law Conference is scheduled for July 18 – 21, 2007 at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown San Jose, California. In the heart of northern California's largest city, the Fairmont San Jose blends historic grandeur with the technological innovation of Silicon Valley.

The conference will kick off with an evening reception on Wednesday, July 18th. There will be an opening session with a keynote speaker on the morning of Thursday, July 19th; followed by a variety of sessions on Thursday, July 19th, Friday, July 20th and Saturday morning, July 21st.

"Sub Law" promises a dynamic set of educational sessions specifically designed to meet the needs of advocates in the civil legal aid community. The conference continues the redesigned format of the highly successful 2006 event. The content is informed by the insights of program directors, past participants, past trainers and other substantive law experts gathered and analyzed by NLADA during 2004 and 2005. The schedule allows for maximum flexibility. Participants may choose to attend all of the sessions offered in one particular substantive area, or they may decide to learn about a variety of areas during the course of the conference.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The conference is designed for less experienced practitioners and practitioners seeking a refresher on the fundamentals essential to quality representation of low-income people and communities. This includes relatively new advocates (those with approximately five or fewer years of experience), those changing specialties and generalists.

Participants with greater levels of experience in their current practice areas, however, have also found the Substantive Law Conference an engaging, informative and valuable learning experience.

CONFERENCE GOALS

The purpose of this national gathering is to offer less experienced practitioners and practitioners seeking a refresher on the fundamentals:

- The latest knowledge in substantive areas
- The professional skills to enable them to meet the legal needs of low-income people and communities
- The opportunity to uncover and develop their leadership potential
- A forum to meet and exchange ideas with colleagues from across the country
- A forum to connect with the history of the equal justice community

Participants will gain vital information, sharpen their skills and exchange ideas with colleagues from across the country. Join the next generation of civil legal aid advocates at this year's Substantive Law Conference!

Proposed Topics

This preliminary listing of topics and trainers 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_Substantive). A complete list of workshops and faculty will be provided on the Web site when finalized.

Access to Courts

- Enforcing Federal Rights: Section 1983 Litigation
- Latest Developments in the Enforcement of Federal Rights: Strategies to Gain Court Access

Advocacy Skills

- Doing Impact Advocacy as a Direct Service Provider
- Media Advocacy

Child Welfare/Family Law

- Everything You Always Wanted (or Needed) to Know About Foster Care to Better Serve All Your Clients
- Intersection of Immigration and Family Law

Consumer

- Basic Bankruptcy Training for Legal Services Attorneys
- Consumer Debt Collection Defense
- Fighting Foreclosure Rescue Scams
- Foreclosure Basics: Workouts, Predatory Lending, and Servicing Abuses
- Overview of Predatory Lending

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Survivors

- Civil Legal Needs of Sexual Violence Survivors
- Domestic Violence Survivors and TANF
- Immigration Barriers for Domestic Violence Survivors
- Interstate Custody Issues for Clients Relocating for Safety
- Promoting Economic Security of Victims of Domestic Violence
- Relocation Counseling for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking
- Using Protections in VAWA 2005, Fair Housing Laws and State Laws to Secure Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence

Environmental Health & Environmental Justice

- Introduction to the Law and Science of Environmental Justice
- Using Legal Strategies to Create Healthy Homes, Schools and Communities

Ethics

- Conflicts of Interest
- Ethics in Civil Legal Aid Practice: The Basics
- Ethics of Witness Interviewing and Witness Preparation

Federal Housing

- Ensuring Adequate Utility Allowances
- Evictions and Terminations from Federally Assisted Housing
- How to Use and Influence Public Housing and Your Local Consolidated Plan Planning Process
- Introduction to the Preservation of HUD and RD-Assisted Housing

- Overview of Discrimination Issues in Housing
- Rural Development Single Family Home Loan Programs: Foreclosure Avoidance Basics

Health

- Improving Children's Health through EPSDT & SCHIP
- Medicaid Basics
- Medicare Part D
- New Proof of Citizenship Requirements in Medicaid
- What's New on Health in Washington D.C

Immigration

- Overview of Asylum Cases
- Removal Proceedings and Deportation Defense

Language Access

- Language Access Advocacy Part I: General Overview of Legal Requirements
- Language Access Advocacy Part 2: General Overview of Advocacy Efforts and Available Remedies
- Working With Interpreters

Public Benefits

- Breaking Down Barriers to Access
- Defending Clients against Accusations of Fraud
- Immigrant Families' Eligibility for Public Benefits
- TANF Reauthorization
- Using Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law to Protect Clients' Access to Public Benefits

Race Equity

- The Assault on Diversity
- Community Based Lawyering
- Education Disparities in K-12 Public Schools
- Mapping, Data & Race: The Importance of Fact Based Advocacy
- Promoting Race Equity in Housing and Infrastructure
- The Science of Racism: Moving Beyond the Intent Doctrine
- Structural Racism: When Racism Doesn't Have a Face

SSI/Social Security

- Basics of SSI Financial Eligibility
- Competency and Ethical Issues
- "Fugitive Felon" Developments
- Handling a Social Security or SSI Disability Case from Start to Finish
- Overpayments and Offsets
- Recent Developments in Litigation and Regulations
- Social Security & SSI Work Incentives
- Social Security Disability Standards for Adults

General Information

CONFERENCE HOTEL SITE

The Fairmont San Jose Hotel
170 South Market Street
San Jose, California 95113
(800) 346-5550

NLADA RATE: \$110.00 single/double occupancy
(not including tax)

Call (800) 346-5550 to make your reservations. Inform the reservations agent that you are with the NLADA Substantive Law Conference to secure the discounted rate. Reservations must be made by **June 25, 2007**. After that date, requests for reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

TRANSPORTATION

A special airfare discount of up to 10 percent is available with United Airlines. Phone United at (800) 521-4041 and refer to meeting code 556AI. Fares are subject to airline terms and availability. Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) is approximately a 15 minute ride from the Fairmont San Jose Hotel. Taxi fare is approximately \$15 one-way. For passengers who fly into San Francisco Bay Airport (SFO) or Oakland International Airport (OAK), these airports are approximately 45 minutes' drive from The Fairmont San Jose.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 8, 2007

Early Conference Registration
Fee Deadline

July 6, 2007

Regular Conference
Registration Fee Deadline

July 6, 2007

Conference Registration
Cancellation Deadline

June 25, 2007

SubLaw Housing Deadline

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Sign up for Emerging Leadership 2007: Exemplary Leaders for Equal Justice and receive a \$75 discount on **Emerging Leadership Tuition** for attending both Emerging Leadership and the Substantive Law Conference! See www.nlada.org/Training for more information.

CAR RENTAL

AVIS has been selected as the official rental car agency for the conference. AVIS will extend a 5-10 percent discount on a lower qualifying rate to the participants of the conference. AVIS is located in all three airports. These special rates include unlimited mileage. To make reservations, call AVIS at (800) 331-1600 and refer to reservation code # J789524.

REGISTRATION FEES AND OPTIONS

Registration fees include handout materials, entrance to all sessions, four meals and breaks. Registration payment must accompany your registration form. For your convenience the NLADA accepts Visa and MasterCard. If paying by credit card or purchase order, please fax your registration form to (202) 872-1031. Faxed registration forms without payment will be returned. If paying by check, please mail your registration form and payment to NLADA Substantive Law Conference, P.O. Box 79083, Baltimore, MD 21279-0083.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION UNITS

NLADA will apply for CLE accreditation for all qualifying conference sessions in each state 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration cancellations must be received in writing no later than July 6, 2007. Cancellations and refunds are subject to a \$75 administrative charge. After July 6, registrations, less a \$75 administrative charge, are transferable but not refundable. Transfer requests must be received within 30 days after the conference to be considered. Transfers must be applied to another NLADA event scheduled prior to December 31, 2008 or will be forfeited. Substitutions may be made at any time. Please notify the NLADA Training and Community Education Department of substitutions in writing.

RESPONSIBILITY

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association acts only as an agent for attendees in all matters regarding hotel 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. Complete information will be available in the registration packet you receive at check-in.