3rd Judicial District

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Free CLE Training Seminar "Representing Low-Income Tenants in Housing Court Proceedings" - 3:30-5:30 pm- Albany County Judicial Center - Albany, NY

Attorneys interested in representing low-income clients facing eviction are invited to attend this training/orientation program. The pro bono ***Attorney for the Day Program*** begins on **October 22, 2010.** Trained pro bono attorney volunteers will offer limited representation to qualified tenants at the first appearance. **Contact:** Siobhan Blank at the ACBA at 518-445-7691 or Kristie Cinelli at Legal Aid at 518-689-6322 for information or register on-line at www.albanycountybar.com or www.lasnny.org.

Monday, October 18, 2010

Representing Homeowners in Foreclosure: Emerging Issues, New Regulations and HAMP – 10-4 pm –New York State Bar Center- One Elk Street- Albany, NY

The Empire Justice Center in collaboration with NYSBA and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York will offer a day-long, no-cost, foreclosure training program for lawyers in the Third and Fourth Judicial Districts who volunteer at a legal clinic for consultation sessions with a homeowner facing foreclosure. Attendees can earn a maximum of **6 transitional MCLE credits** (1.5 Skills and 4.5 Professional Practice). This training is a part of the NYS Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services program, developed to help New York homeowners facing default or foreclosure by providing counseling and legal services. **Contact**: Michelle Peterson to register: mpeterson@empirejustice.org; (585) 295-5729.

Friday, October 22, 2010

Kick-Off Celebration and Reception in Honor of National Pro Bono Week – Noon -3pm – New York Court of Appeals – Albany, NY

The New York State Bar Association in conjunction with the New York Court of Appeals will host the Second Anniversary Celebration and Reception marking National Pro Bono Week in New York State. Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman and Association President Stephen P. Younger (Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP) will be the keynote speakers. **Pre-registration is required. Contact:** Department of Pro Bono Affairs, probono@nysba.org or call (518) 487-5641.

Albany County Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Launch "Attorney for a Day Program" in Albany City Court –9-Noon – City Hall - Albany, NY

The Albany County Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York are teaming up to introduce a new ***"Attorney for a Day" Project*** in Albany City Court. A volunteer attorney will be available at Albany City Court to represent tenants being evicted from their apartments, on a first-come first-served basis. A representative from the Albany County Bar

Association (ACBA) or the Legal Aid Society will also be present to assist with any questions that arise. This is a unique program for the Capital District, allowing the Albany County Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, to serve the numerous clients who are facing eviction.

Monday, October 25, 2010

Albany Law School Pro Bono Fair- 4-6pm- Albany Law School- West Foyer

A ***Pro Bono Fair*** for students will mark the start of National Pro Bono Week by acquainting them with pro bono opportunities. **Contact:** Susan Feathers, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, sfeat@albanylaw.edu.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Free Bankruptcy Training for Pro Bono Lawyers - 9- 3pm- Holiday Inn- Wolf Road- Albany, NY

The Legal Project and The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, in collaboration with the Federal Bankruptcy Bar Association, The New York State Bar Association, Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga County Bar Associations, is offering a free bankruptcy continuing legal education program for lawyers in the Third, Fourth and Ninth Judicial Districts who agree to accept two pro bono bankruptcy cases referrals from area legal services providers during 2010-2011. Attendees will earn **4.5 CLE credits.** C**ontact:** Siobhan Blank, sblank@albanycountybar.com; (518) 445-7691(ext. 13) to register.

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to Receive the Legal Project Champion Award at Organization's 15th Anniversary Pro Bono Reception- 5:30-9pm- The Hart Theater Lounge- The Egg- Albany, NY

The Legal Project will celebrate its 15th Anniversary Pro Bono Reception. Among those being recognized for their commitment to pro bono and expanding equal access to justice is Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman who will receive the prestigious Legal Project Champion Award. There will a silent and live auction as well as food provided by local restaurateurs. **Contact**: The Legal Project, Flynn Jebb, fjebb@legalproject.org or (518) 435-1770 to purchase tickets for the event.

Friday, October 29, 2010

Pro Bono Training Institute- 1-5pm - Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom- Albany Law School

The training institute will feature ALS Professor Joseph Connors on Client Interviewing; Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Lillian Moy on Cultural Competency; and Associate Dean Mayer on Ethics in the Context of Poverty Law. **Contact:** Susan Feathers, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, sfeat@albanylaw.edu.

November, 2010

Pro Bono Committee Members to Provide Information on Volunteer Opportunities at Courthouses Located in the Third and Fourth Judicial Districts -9-Noon

Members of the Pro Bono committee for the Third and Fourth Judicial Districts will be on-site at one of the Supreme Courts in Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties to hand out literature about free civil legal services and to recruit attorneys to volunteer with local legal services organizations. Details about the various recruitment events will be available in the *Times Union.*