New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Aid
Seeks Proposals for Workshops/Panels for the New York State Bar Association's Partnership Conference to be Held from Wednesday, 09/12/12 through Friday, 09/14/12 in Albany, New York

Proposal Due Date: 5:00 P.M., January 6, 2012. This is a hard deadline. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted, <u>no exceptions</u>. Early submissions are encouraged.

I. Conference Description:

<u>New York State Bar Association's Partnership Conference</u>
Achieving Access to Justice in a Time of Economic Crisis

The New York State Bar Association's Partnership Conference is the premier networking event for legal services practitioners throughout New York State. This year, the conference will be structured in three-hour substantive or client population specific blocks which will include two 90-minute sessions or potentially three related but separate 50 minute sessions in each block. Workshop proposals should focus on specific areas of the law, such as housing, public benefits or family law, and/or focus on specific components of our client population, such as immigrants, nonprofits, people with mental illness, survivors of domestic violence or persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness(to name a few). There will be a total of 12 three-hour blocks during the course of the conference.

The conference planners are seeking proposals for workshops that explore best practices for providing high quality legal advocacy services, new strategies and/or new issue areas facing our clients and client community, and other areas of interest to the legal services community such as community organizing, cultural competency and diversity in the workplace, the use of large law firms for *pro bono* litigation or transactional work, and professional development for legal and management staff.

The conference workshop selection committees are committed to creating stimulating, integrated sessions. The three-hour blocks will be designed to include Policy and Substantive law portions that will be paired with a Skills or Ethics session, as appropriate. Proposals will be evaluated not only based on content but also on how they can be paired with related proposals in a way that encourages geographical diversity, emerging issues and highlight new and emerging leaders in our community. Workshop proposals that include trainers drawn from multiple organizations will be given preference; no two trainers in any workshop proposal should be from the same organization.

II. Workshop Proposals:

All workshop proposals should be submitted on this form. Please provide all requested information. ***<u>Reminder</u>***: Sessions can be as short as 50 minutes, but will be preferably 90 minutes (actually 80 with a break mid-block) in duration. Proposals for 90 minute sessions that build on or complement each other to form a three-hour block are welcomed but proposals for 3 hours will not be considered. We are limiting panels to no more than three presenters; again, please draw speakers from multiple organizations.

Please do not send any handouts at this time. If your proposal is chosen you will receive instructions on the development and submission of appropriate materials. In submitting this proposal you commit to abiding by the deadlines of materials.

Proposed Session Title:

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A 50 word (maximum) description of the topic this session would address: (Be as specific as possible about the legal education that will take place.)

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This session is designed for the following primary audience(s) (Check all that apply):

_____ Project Directors _____ Managers _____ Staff Attorneys
_____ Board _____ Legal Assistants _____ Social Workers
_____ Pro Bono Attorneys _____ Pro Bono Coordinators ____ New Practitioners
_____ Other – Please Describe _____

Presentation Format:

_____ Interactive Lecture _____ Roundtable Discussion _____ Panel Presentation
_____ Role Play _____ Case Study _____ Other: Describe _____

This session is appropriate for Transitional Credits for New Practitioners: __ Yes __ No

This session is timed for:

50 minutes 90 minutes a combined session for a three-hour block

This session is primarily geared toward practice in

__ New York City ___Outside of New York City ___Statewide

Take Home Message/ Educational Objectives: By the end of my session participants will be able to:
(e.g.: describe the components of effective case studies in attorney training; identify 3 private bar partners and 3 community partners most suited to help develop your program's re-entry initiative.)

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How will the presentation format contribute to meeting the educational objectives indicated above?

What is new or significant about this topic? ***If this program has been presented at prior Partnership Conferences please distinguish the proposed session from those offered in prior conferences.***

What type of session would you pair your proposed session with? (ex: practice, ethics, other)

Consistent with principles of adult education, and to obtain MCLE certification, written materials are required and most likely will be distributed via flash drive or DVD. What materials will you provide?

Session Leader Information:

Name:

Organization:

Title: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____)_____ Fax: (_____)_____

Additional Presenter Information, if applicable:

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Phone: (_____)_____ E-mail: _____
Race: _____ Gender: _____ Ethnicity: _____
(*This optional information assists us in our on-going planning process to create a conference that reflects the racial, gender and ethnic diversity of our community as a whole.*)

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Phone: (_____)_____ E-mail: _____
Race: _____ Gender: _____Ethnicity:_____
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Describe your training/speaking experience, your substantive expertise and the expertise of your presenters relating to the proposed topic *(please attach an additional sheet of paper if the space below is not sufficient)*:

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Session Leader Signature:_____ Date:_____

Please return to Gloria Herron Arthur at garthur@nysba.org by 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2012.
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