

## ALL ACCESS: Access to Justice Conference

March 21, 2014 University of Baltimore School of Law

### Program schedule and descriptions

8:30-9:30 am **Registration and Breakfast** (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby)

9:30-10:45 am **Welcome and Colloquium** (Moot Court room – Floor 0)

### Welcome

**Kate Martin**, Vice President, Law Library Association of Maryland & Library Director, Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library

### Colloquium: Access to Justice and Libraries - The Big Picture

Moderator:

**James G. Durham**, Deputy Director of the Maryland State Law Library

Where are we now, and where are we headed? Three leaders in access to justice (A2J) efforts will answer a series of big picture questions from the moderator and attendees.

Panelists:

**Judy Meadows**, State Law Librarian of Montana (retired)

**Pamela Cardullo Ortiz**, Executive Director of the Maryland Access to Justice Commission

**Joan Bellistri**, Director of the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library

10:45-11:00 am **Break**

11:00-12:00 noon **Session I**

Program A: **What is Access to Justice?** (Room 102)

Learn the basics from pioneering A2J crusaders and find out how A2J issues fit into a larger societal context and how librarians can promote justice.

Speakers:

**The Honorable Clayton Greene, Jr.**, Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals

**Pamela Gregory**, Library Director of the Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library (retired)

Program B: **The Role of Public Libraries in Access to Justice** (Room 402)

Hear about the needs, practicalities, recent efforts, and the future of public libraries in the A2J movement.

Panelists:

**Judy Meadows**, State Law Librarian of Montana (retired)

**Catherine McGuire**, Head of Reference & Outreach, Maryland State Law Library  
**Cathy Ashby**, Director of the Garrett County MD Public Library

Program C: **A Civil Right to Counsel** (Room 403)

Two leaders in Maryland's A2J movement will discuss recent efforts to establish a civil right to counsel.

Panelists:

**Pamela Cardullo Ortiz**, Executive Director of the Maryland Access to Justice Commission  
**Debra Gardner**, Legal Director of the Public Justice Center of Maryland

Program D: **Special Populations: Prisoners** (Room 408)

As Library Coordinator of Correctional Libraries in Maryland, Glennor Shirley connected inmates to the world beyond prison. Now retired, Glennor shares her vast experience and outlines inmates' barriers to access and ways to conform to federal mandates.

Speaker:

**Glennor Shirley**, Independent Library Consultant and Outreach Services Provider

12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm **Luncheon sponsored by Bloomberg BNA** (12<sup>th</sup> Floor)

1:00 – 1:15 pm **Break**

1:15-2:15 **Session II**

Program E: **Best Practices for Working with Self Represented Litigants** (Room 102)

Learn the ins and outs of assisting self-represented litigants (SRLs) in a library. This program addresses the issue of legal advice vs. legal information and provides material on special collections, resources and programs designed for the SRL.

Speakers:

**Jessica Van Buren**, State Law Librarian, Utah State Law Library and Chair, Self Represented Litigation Network Librarians' Working Group  
**Katherine Alteneider**, Coordinator, Self Represented Litigation Network

Program F: **Enrich Your Law Firm Work Experience with A2J** (Room 402)

Raise your profile by working with your firm pro bono committee Join Sarah Mauldin and Trudi Busch as they share their experiences as well as ways that other law firm librarians can get involved in their law firm pro bono efforts.

Speakers:

**Sarah Mauldin**, Director of Library Services at Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta GA  
**Trudi Busch**, Director of Information Resources at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP, Minneapolis MN

Program G: **Adding Academic Legal Clinics into the Librarian Toolkit: The JustAdvice Clinic** (Room 403)

The University of Maryland Carey School of Law and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

partnership provides financial and in-kind support for the JustAdvice Legal Clinic. This program focuses on the intersection between librarians and clinic operations and the potential for future partnerships.

Speakers:

**Leigh Maddox**, Deputy Director, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Adjunct Professor and Managing Attorney JustAdvice Clinic, University of Maryland, School of Law

**Mary Claire Kozlowski**, Clinic II Student Attorney with JustAdvice Clinic, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, J.D. Candidate, 2014

Program H: **Clear Writing & Communication: Creating Legal Information for Self-Represented Litigants** (Room 408)

What happens when people ask librarians legal questions? Challenges abound, from complex legal standards to the (important) distinction between legal information and legal advice. This distinguished panel will share insights and answer questions relating to clearly communicating the law to the public.

Panelists:

**Quincey Johnson**, Esq.; Business Writing Professor; Director of Professional and Legal Studies, Towson University College of Business and Economics

**Molly Kalifut**; Professional Writer and Editor, Office of Communications & Public Affairs, Maryland Judiciary

**Tanya Thomas**, Esq.; Law Librarian, Maryland State Law Library; Legal Research Professor, University of Maryland, University College and contributor, Maryland People's Law Library

2:15 – 2:30 pm      **Break**

2:30 – 3:30 pm      **Session III**

Program I: **Access to Justice through Access to Legal Information** (Room 102)

Learn to use simple, free internet sources that can be used by the SRL or anyone interested in accessing legal information. Explore excellent online tools like the Maryland People's Law Library and Google Scholar.

Speakers:

**Mary Jo Lazun**, Head of Collection Management, Maryland State Law Library

**Tanya Thomas**, Esq., Maryland State Law Library, Legal Research Professor, University of Maryland, University College and Contributor, Maryland People's Law Library

**Joanne Colvin**, Associate Director, University of Baltimore Law Library

Program J: **Using Alternative Representation Models to Connect Clients and Attorneys** (Room 402)

Civil Justice (CJ) uses several innovative and "low bono" models to match clients who need legal representation and advice to attorneys who want to do well while doing good work. Drawing on examples from CJ's consumer programs, this session will explore a network of legal resources that Maryland researchers can use when pro bono assistance is not an option.

Speakers:

**Kat Hyland, Esq.**, Associate General Counsel, Civil Justice, Inc.

**Carrie McCully**, Director of Operations and Programs, Civil Justice, Inc.

Program K: **Access to Justice: The Role of the Self Help Center** (Room 403)

Self Help Centers are meeting the needs of increasingly numerous SRLS. This program highlights three self-help center models: the Utah State Courts' Self Help Center, the Anne Arundel County Family Self Help Center and the Maryland District Court Self Help Center.

Speakers:

**Jessica Van Buren**, State Law Librarian at the Utah State Law Library and Chair, Self Represented Litigation Network Librarians' Working Group

**Anita Bailey**, Chief Attorney, Anne Arundel County MD Office of Legal Aid

**Sarah Coffey Frush**, Supervising Attorney of the Maryland District Court Self-Help Center (DCSHC) operated by Maryland Legal Aid

Program L: **Beyond Legal Help** (Room 408)

Often our SRLs or the Self Represented need help beyond legal questions. As a model for other states, this program demonstrates how 2-1-1 Maryland connects users to health and human service resources in the community 24/7 in over 180 languages.

Speaker:

**Tamara Moore**, Database Administrator of the United Way of Central Maryland

3:30-5:00 pm **Networking Fair and Wine Reception** (Floor 0)

Grab your business cards and network with the following leaders in access issues at an informal wine reception:

- Anita Bailey, AACO Legal Aid
- Dr. Renate Chancellor, Catholic University of America
- Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors
- Shaunte Gordon-Harvey, Lexis
- Mary Jo Lazun, Maryland State Law Library
- Leigh Maddox, JustAdvice
- Kate Martin, Law Library Association of Maryland
- Barb Maslowski and Kim Willis, Thomson Reuters
- Tamara Moore, United Way of Central Maryland
- Glennor Shirley, Maryland's Department of Correctional Services