

Breakout Groups I (10:15-11:15 a.m.)

Self-Represented Litigants: Resources, Tools and Models *Symphony III (plenary room)*

This session will report on events and resources at the national level, including judicial research and training tools presented at the National Judicial Conference in November 2007; plans for the upcoming Court Leadership Track at Court Solutions Conference in September; and an overview of tools available from the Self Represented Litigation Network. The role of law librarians as a potential resource will also be discussed. The focus will be on the resources that can be used by ATJ Commissions and similar entities in working on self-represented issues. (The session after lunch will highlight state plans and initiatives.) *Moderator:* Judge Juanita Bing Newton, New York. *Resources:* Richard Zorza, Susan Ledray, Self-Represented Litigation Network; Judy Meadows, Montana State Law Library, Montana Commission on Self-Represented Litigants.

State-Supported Local Pro Bono Committee Structures

Ramsey Room

A number of states are developing a structure of local pro bono/Access to Justice committees, organized in conjunction with district courts and supported at the state level. Learn about models in Colorado, New York, and New Mexico, and share your questions and ideas. *Moderator:* L. Jonathan Ross, New Hampshire ATJ Commission. *Resources:* Judge Daniel Taubman, Colorado ATJ Commission; Judge George Lowe, New York, Fifth Judicial District Pro Bono Committee; Carol Garner, LawAccess, New Mexico; Nita Taylor, New Mexico State Bar.

Why ATJ? What Access to Justice Commissions Have Accomplished

Hennepin Room

Leaders from states with Access to Justice Commissions will briefly review how those entities have made a difference, and discuss why a formal structure has proven to be more effective than previous efforts. Most of the session will be reserved for questions from participants. This session is aimed at states that are considering creating an ATJ Commission, as well as participants who would like to learn more about successful ATJ initiatives. *Moderator:* Judge Lora Livingston, former member, Texas ATJ Commission. *Resources:* Judge Nan Nash, New Mexico ATJ Commission; Frederick Baumann, Jonathan Asher, Colorado ATJ Commission.

Launching a New ATJ Commission

Carver Room

Advice from leaders who have been involved in launching new ATJ Commissions. This session is aimed at states that have already made a decision to move forward with an ATJ Commission, or already have one in place and are getting started. *Moderator:* Deborah Hankinson, Texas ATJ Commission. *Resources:* Joan Fairbanks, Washington ATJ Board; John Tobin, New Hampshire ATJ Commission.

Leadership Challenges: ATJ Chairs Roundtable

Symphony IV

This session will focus on the challenges associated with chairing an entity with a broad ATJ charge that brings together representatives of the courts, the bar, the legal aid community, and other stakeholders. Participants will be asked to identify at least one challenge that they face for discussion with their peers. Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs and potential chairs welcome. *Moderator/Resource:* John Jones, former Chair, Texas ATJ Commission.

Beyond the Low-Hanging Fruit: Resource Development Brainstorming Session

Nicollet Room

This session seeks to take advantage of some of the experience and talent present at the meeting to brainstorm about new, or better, or more creative ways to take advantage of the ATJ Commission model (and the broader partnerships it embodies) to generate resources for expanding access to justice. *Moderator:* Meredith McBurney, ABA Resource Center for ATJ Initiatives.

Breakout Groups II (1:15-2:15 p.m.)

Loan Repayment Programs; Legal Aid Recruitment and Retention **Marquette Room**

Learn about recent national developments, tools, and models from several states, and share your thoughts about how to build the next generation of experienced, committed legal aid professionals. *Moderator/Resource:* Kelly Carmody, Carmody & Associates.

Civil Right to Counsel **Nicollet Room**

The ABA has endorsed the principle that counsel should be available at public expense in categories of cases where basic human needs are at stake. Hear a report on the work of Boston Bar Association Civil Right to Counsel Task Force and a national overview from the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel, and share your thoughts about how this goal can be translated into reality. *Moderator/Resource:* James Van Buren, Massachusetts ATJ Commission, Boston Bar Civil Right to Council Task Force. *Resources:* Deb Gardner and Paul Marvy, National Coalition for Civil Right to Counsel.

Defining Roles **Carver Room**

This session will focus on the importance of defining the roles of Bar legal aid/ATJ Committees in states where there are ATJ Commissions, as well as the respective roles of IOLTA programs and ATJ Commissions. Models from several states will be presented and discussed. *Moderator:* Judge Steve Austin, California ATJ Commission. *Resources:* Mary Flynn, California ATJ Commission; Joan Fairbanks, Dan Gottlieb, Washington ATJ Board; Betty Balli Torres, Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

Getting Your Message Out: A Case Study **Hennepin Room**

This session will illustrate the application of the message development principles presented in Plenary II, using the Chicago Bar Foundation's "Investing in Justice" campaign as a case study. Presenters will give a step-by-step description of how they used strategic messaging to build a call to action and lay the groundwork for a successful fundraising effort. The same principles can be applied to other ATJ message initiatives. *Presenters:* Theresa Jaffe, Jenner and Block; Bob Graves, The Chicago Bar Foundation.

Rules, Policies and State-Level Campaigns to Promote Pro Bono Service **Lasalle Room**

Learn about state rule changes and campaigns to promote pro bono participation in New Mexico, New Hampshire, Colorado, and North Carolina, and share information about initiatives in your own state. An overview of Pro Bono Emeritus programs will also be featured. *Moderator:* Anthony Barash, ABA Center for Pro Bono. *Resources:* Michelle Cofield, North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission; L. Jonathan Ross, New Hampshire ATJ Commission; Nita Taylor, New Mexico State Bar; Judge Daniel Taubman, Colorado ATJ Commission; Holly Robinson, ABA Commission on Aging and the Law.

Self-Represented Litigants: Focus on State Initiatives **Ramsay Room**

Continuing discussion of resources, tools and models available to state Access to Justice entities. This session will focus on recent state-level initiatives, including the Louisiana State Bar Association's resolution supporting programs for self-represented litigants; the plan developed by the New Mexico ATJ Commission SRL Working Group; and projects in Montana and South Carolina. *Moderator:* Judge Juanita Bing Newton, New York. *Resources:* Sheral Kellar, Louisiana ATJ Committee; Tina Sibbitt, New Mexico ATJ Commission; Judy Meadows, Montana Commission on Self-Represented Litigants; Robin Wheeler, South Carolina ATJ Commission; Richard Zorza, Susan Ledray, Self-Represented Litigation Network.

Building Support and Buy-In **Symphony IV**

How to convince the organized bar, the courts, and other key partners of the importance of the ATJ mission. This session is aimed at states that are early in the process. *Moderator:* George Cauthen, South Carolina ATJ Commission. *Resources:* Frederick Baumann, Jonathan Asher, Colorado ATJ Commission; Judge Lora Livingston, former member, Texas ATJ Commission.

Southern States ATJ Commission Caucus **Symphony III (plenary room)**

For ATJ Commission members from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina. Report on your initiatives and learn what your colleagues are working on. *Moderator:* Deborah Hankinson, Texas Access to Justice Commission.

Hawaii Caucus **Symphony III (plenary room)**

Special session for Hawaii delegation. *Resources:* John Jones, former Chair, Texas ATJ Commission; Sunil Mansukhani, DC ATJ Commission; Judge Nan Nash, New Mexico ATJ Commission.