

Table Talk I 2:25-3:00 p.m.

Sessions that will be offered only once:

ATJ/Legal Aid events at the State Legislature. Texas ATJ Day at the Legislature; Massachusetts Walk to the Hill. Bring your questions and share information about your state's efforts. Deborah Hankinson, Texas Access to Justice Commission; Lonnie Powers, Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation. **Table 1**

Using a legal needs study effectively. Charles Greenfield; formerly Hawaii ATJ Hui; Jeff Brown, Wisconsin Bar State. **Table 2**

Pro bono rules and policy. Potential topics include mandatory pro bono reporting; CLE credit for pro bono; limited practice for emeritus and out-of state attorneys, and following disasters; limited scope representation for pro bono practice. Melanie Kushnir, ABA Center for Pro Bono. **Table 3**

Civil right to counsel: Boston Bar Task Force Report and pilot projects. Specific recommendations and projects potentially replicable in other states. James van Buren, Gerry Singen, Massachusetts ATJ Commission/Boston Bar Task Force. **Table 4**

Extended pro bono placements. Tips and best practices relating to current opportunities resulting from the economic downturn. Bob Graves, Kelly Tautges, Chicago Bar Foundation. **Table 5**

Court-based regional pro bono committee structures. An opportunity for states with local committee structures to share ideas and best practices, and for others to learn more about this model. Judge Melissa May, Monica Fennell, Indiana Pro Bono Commission; Cheryl Zalenski, ABA Center for Pro Bono. **Table 6**

Medical-legal partnerships. Learn more about these partnerships and the potential role of ATJ Commissions in launching one. Kelly Scott, ABA Medical-Legal Partnerships Pro Bono Support Project. **Table 7**

Judges as ATJ leaders. Share ideas and questions about the role judges can play as leaders in breaking down barriers and expanding access. Judge Steve Austin, California ATJ Commission. **Table 8**

ATJ Commissions building relationships with the courts. How ATJ Commissions can develop effective ongoing relationships with the courts to break down access barriers. Sunil Mansukhani, District of Columbia ATJ Commission; Justice Jim Duggan, New Hampshire ATJ Commission. **Table 9**

Access to justice in rural areas. Several ATJ Commissions are launching new initiatives aimed at reducing barriers for rural areas. Share your questions, ideas and experiences. Mary Flynn, California ATJ Commission; Bridget Gernander, Minnesota Legal Services Planning Committee; Joan Fairbanks/Dan Gottlieb, Washington Access to Justice Board. **Table 10**

Involving corporate counsel. Learn about the Texas ATJ Commission's highly successful Corporate Counsel Committee. Elma Garcia, Texas ATJ Commission. **Table 11**

Sessions that will be repeated in the next time slot:

Building buy-in with the courts and bar for Access to Justice. Share your ideas and questions with experienced ATJ leaders. Justice Jess Dickinson, Mississippi ATJ Commission; Fred Baumann, Colorado ATJ Commission. **Table 12**

Let's talk about IOLTA. Learn about IOLTA revenue enhancement strategies to put in place now that will reap benefits as the economy recovers and discuss the best ways to cope with the current challenging times. Bev Groudine, Sofia Ali-Khan, ABA Commission on IOLTA. **Table 13**

Maintaining momentum, dealing with bumps along the road, and other leadership challenges. Share your ideas and questions with experienced ATJ leaders. Jonathan Asher, Colorado ATJ Commission; Sarah Singleton, New Mexico ATJ Commission. **Table 14**

Lawyer giving campaigns, bar dues, and mandatory fees. Share your questions about these legal aid funding mechanisms. Meredith McBurney, ABA Resource Center for ATJ Initiatives. **Table 15**

Table Talk II 3:20-3:55 p.m.

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Self-represented litigants: getting started; resources and low-cost options. Learn about resources available to help you get started on a shoestring budget. Richard Zorza, Self-Represented Litigation Network. **Table 1**

Librarians as ATJ partners. Learn about initiatives in Montana and Maine to use librarians as resources for supporting self-represented litigants; share your ideas. Judy Meadows, Montana State Law Librarian; Justice Jon Levy, Maine Justice Action Group. **Table 2**

Involving law schools in ATJ initiatives. Share ideas and questions. Peter Edelman, District of Columbia ATJ Commission; Elma Garcia, Texas ATJ Commission; Dan Gottlieb, Washington Access to Justice Board; Melanie Kushnir, ABA Center for Pro Bono. **Table 3**

Pro bono recruitment and incentives to participation. Lessons from the new ABA pro bono data collection report. Cheryl Zalenski, ABA Center for Pro Bono. **Table 4**

Social services agencies as providers of legal services. The Massachusetts ATJ Commission estimates that there may as many as 10,000 workers in social services, health and education institutions in the state who are de facto providers of legal information and advice to low-income people, yet are not involved in the legal aid delivery system. The Commission is launching an effort to understand these providers, make connections to them, and explore ways to integrate them better into the system. Share your ideas and questions. Jim van Buren, Gerry Singen, Massachusetts ATJ Commission. **Table 5**

Cy pres awards/class action residuals: bar and judicial education, rule/statutory approach. Share ideas and questions. Bob Graves, Chicago Bar Foundation. **Table 6**

Reports and initiatives on access to justice for those with limited English proficiency. Share ideas and questions. Sunil Mansukhani, DC ATJ Commission; Sofia Ali-Khan, ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants. **Table 7**

Regional ATJ hearings. Goals, benefits, nuts and bolts, follow-up. Bring questions, share your own experiences. Kathleen Schoen, Colorado ATJ Commission; Robin Wheeler, South Carolina ATJ Commission. **Table 8**

Improving justice at the state administrative agency level. Better justice at the agency level is better for clients and for the system. ATJ Commissions are ideally positioned to make a difference in this area. Learn about initiatives in other states and share your ideas. Judge Steve Austin, Mary Flynn, California ATJ Commission; Jennifer Lechner, formerly Maine Justice Action Group. **Table 9**

Foreclosure defense projects. Learn about the role of ATJ Commissions in setting up projects in Alabama, Maine and Washington. Bring questions and share ideas from your own states. Ted Hosp, Alabama ATJ Commission; Carolyn Wilshusen, Maine Justice Action Group; Joan Fairbanks, Washington Access to Justice Board. **Table 10**

State legal aid delivery system planning processes. Share ideas and questions. Sarah Singleton, New Mexico ATJ Commission; John A. Tull, JAT Associates. **Table 11**

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