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California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
Central California Legal Services
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proudly presents the

Fresno 2006 Traveling Training

June 28 and 29, 2006

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
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Fresno, CA 93721
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both this Registration Form and the Course Selector Form and return with payment to the Legal Aid Association of California **by Monday June 19th**. To download more forms, visit www.CALegalAdvocates.org

Registration Information

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 19, 2006

CANCELLATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 22, 2006

Please print or type.

Name _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Title _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Telephone _____

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State Bar Number _____

Yes, I request a vegetarian lunch.

Special Needs:

To request accommodations related to a disability, please check here and also call Justine Wolitzer at (415) 834-0100 x 303.

Cancellation Policy:

Registration cancellations must be received in writing at the LAAC office no later than Thursday, **June 22, 2006**. Hotel policy requires advance payment of room and meal costs by LAAC. Therefore, registration fees are nonrefundable if the cancellation is received after **June 22, 2006**. Attendees who register but do not pay nor attend will be invoiced for the full registration fee.

Registration Fees and Payment

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FEES BELOW

Not sure if you qualify for the LAAC Discount?
To view the 2006 list of LAAC Member Organizations and Individual LAAC Members, go to www.CALegalAdvocates.org.

Registration Fees:

- \$80: Regular Registration (received by June 19th)
- \$55: LAAC Discount (for staff at a LAAC member program or individual members of LAAC only)(received by June 19th)

Late Registration Fees:

(received after June 19th and only if space is still available)

- \$100: Late Regular Registration
- \$75: Late LAAC Discount (for staff at a LAAC member program or individual LAAC members only.)

Total Enclosed: _____
(Payable to the Legal Aid Association of California)

Send Completed Forms and Payment to:

LAAC (ATTN: Justine Wolitzer)
C/o Public Interest Clearinghouse
47 Kearny Street, Suite 705
San Francisco, CA 94108
FAX: (415) 834-0202

Questions? Contact Justine Wolitzer at (415) 834-0100 x 303 or jwolitzer@pic.org.

Resource Table: There will be a resource table at the training; please feel free to bring brochures and resource materials.

COURSE SELECTOR FORM

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Name _____

Email _____

COURSE SELECTIONS:

**Please help us plan by checking the boxes for the programs you wish to attend.
(Only one program per timeslot).**

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE ROUNDTABLES

10:30 TO 12:00:

- Public Benefits Roundtable
- Housing Roundtable
- Health Roundtable
- I will not be attending any of the roundtables.

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- CalWORKs—Advanced Topics
- Health—Advanced Medi-Cal Eligibility: Property Rules and Pitfalls
- Housing— Part 1 of Advanced Eviction Defense (note that this session runs three hours, from 1:30 to 4:45 p.m.)

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

- CalWORKs—Selected Topics, including Child Care Subsidy Programs
- Health—Medical Bills: Intersection of Consumer Rights and Health Law
- Housing—Part 2 of Advanced Eviction Defense (note that this session runs three hours from 1:30 to 4:45 pm).

DAY TWO: THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

- Federal Housing: Addressing Skyrocketing Public Utility Costs
- Health and Low-Income Workers: the Intersection of Disability Rights, Health, and Worker's Rights
- Build Your Skills: Identifying and Carrying out Litigation
- Working with Clients with Mental Health Conditions

Lunch Program: 11:50 am to 1:25 pm

The lunch program will include some wonderful local musical entertainment, as well as networking time.

- YES, I will attend the lunch program.
- YES, I want a vegetarian lunch.

1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

- Continuum of Care for Seniors (Income Assistance and Health Benefits)
- Creation and Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Issues Affecting Low-Income Children
- Hot Topics and Current Issues in Immigration

SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DAY ONE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH

Registration: 10:00 to 10:30 am

Pre-Conference Roundtables 10:30 to 12:00 pm

These roundtables are offered as optional pre-conference sessions, providing advocates in a particular substantive area the opportunity to gather with colleagues from other programs and Support Centers in order to share updates on advocacy work and pose questions of mutual concern. Attendees can choose between the three following substantive areas: (1) Public Benefits; (2) Housing; and (3) Health.

Lunch on Your Own: 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Additional Registration: 1:00 to 1:30 pm

AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 1:30 to 3:00

CalWORKs—Advanced Topics

(1.5 hours MCLE)

Western Center on Law and Poverty

This advanced session on CalWORKs benefits will focus on maximum family grant rule, time limits, and lump sum issues (and quarterly reporting as it relates to lump sum).

Advanced Medi-Cal Eligibility: Property Rules and Pitfalls

(1.5 hours MCLE)

Western Center on Law & Poverty

This advanced session on Medi-Cal eligibility will focus on the treatment of property in the Medi-Cal program and common pitfalls that advocates can expect.

Advanced Eviction Defense—Part 1

(3 hours MCLE for Parts 1 and 2)

Western Center on Law and Poverty and the National Housing Law Project

This session will present advanced topics in eviction defense cases, including subsidized housing, tax credit requirements, and mobile home residencies. Note that this is a three-hour session and attendees are expected to attend both parts.

Break: 3:00 to 3:15 pm

AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 3:15 TO 4:45

CalWORKs—Selected Topics

(1.5 hours MCLE)

Western Center on Law and Poverty, Child Care Law Center, and Public Interest Clearinghouse

This advanced session on CalWORKs benefits will present on selected topics relating to CalWORKs work requirements, supportive services, and TANF Reauthorization, and online resources for advocates providing assistance to benefits recipients.

Medical Billing: the Intersection of Consumer Rights and Health Law

(1.5 hours MCLE)

Western Center on Law & Poverty

This session will discuss the intersection of consumer rights issues as they intersect with public health coverage programs, including issues around medical billing practices.

Advanced Eviction Defense—Part 2

(3 hours MCLE for Parts 1 and 2)

Western Center on Law and Poverty and the National Housing Law Project

This session will present advanced topics in eviction defense cases, including subsidized housing, tax credit requirements, mobile home residencies, and disability rights. Note that this is a three-hour session and attendees are expected to attend both parts.

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DAY TWO THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

**Day Two Registration, Breakfast and
Networking: 8:30 to 9:30 am**

Lunch Program: 11:45 am to 1:25 pm
Local musical entertainment!

MORNING SESSIONS, 9:45 to 11:45 am

Federal Housing Programs—Addressing Tenants’ Skyrocketing Utility Cost Burdens

National Housing Law Project

This session will examine rising utility costs and the basic rules governing rent calculations and utility allowance adjustments in the public housing, voucher, HUD and RHS privately owned subsidized and tax credit programs. Learn how to ensure that allowances are adjusted and advocate for compliance by PHAs and subsidized landlords. (2 hours MCLE)

Health and Low-Income Workers: the Intersection of Disability Rights, Health Issues and Workers Rights

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Worksafe Law Center, and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF).

This session will focus on giving an overview of the workers rights and employment law issues that health advocates should be aware of in order to undertake more efficient issue spotting and referrals. The session will include information about worker health and safety concerning pesticides and other hazards. (2 hours MCLE)

Build Your Skills—Identifying and Carrying Out Litigation

Impact Fund and the Public Interest Law Project

This session will discuss how advocates can identify a systemic challenges and then pursue litigation. This session will touch on the use of writs of mandamus, as well practical tips on creating and following a litigation plan. (2 hours MCLE)

Working with Clients with Mental Health Conditions

Disability Rights Legal Center, Mental Health Advocacy Project of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, and Protection and Advocacy Inc.

This session will present practical tips on working with clients with mental health conditions, including suggestions on sensitivity and the elimination of bias against persons with mental health disabilities. (2 hours MCLE, *Elimination of Bias*)

AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 1:30 to 4:45 pm

Continuum of Care for Seniors

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR), California Coalition of Welfare Rights Organizations (CCWRO), National Senior Citizen Legal Center, and Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

This panel will present a continuum of care for seniors, including information on CAPI, IHSS, Medi-Cal for Long-Term Care, and the rights of nursing home residents. (3 hours MCLE)

Creation and Preservation of Affordable Housing

National Economic Development and Law Center, National Housing Law Project, Western Center on Law and Poverty.

This session will discuss a variety of ways to create or preserve sources of affordable housing, including tax credits, consolidated planning, an overview of possible subsidies available, and the role of the state. (3 hours MCLE)

Issues Affecting Low-Income Children

California Women’s Law Center, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, National Center for Youth Law, and Youth Law Center

This session will discuss a variety of the issues facing low-income children/youth, including: supports for pregnant and parenting teens; SSI/Social Security for children; the dependency or delinquency systems; and issues facing children whose parents are absent, including parents who are incarcerated. (3 hours MCLE)

Hot Topics and Current Issues in Immigration

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, and the National Immigration Law Center.

This session will discuss some of the key current issues in immigration, including: what LSC programs can do in immigration; an overview of the family immigration options and process; and an up-to-date analysis of the current federal immigration reform proposals. (3 hours MCLE)



Background Information:

In response to training needs identified at the “Connecting the Dots” 2001 Annual Stakeholders Meeting, the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) offers a yearly series of Traveling Trainings designed to bring high-quality substantive trainings to advocates in Sacramento, Fresno and San Diego. LAAC is pleased to bring its **third** Traveling Training to the Fresno area in partnership with local legal services programs.

Traveling Trainings introduce advocates to a range of Support Center expertise, with trainers from throughout California presenting workshops on diverse, substantive issues and hot topics. Those attending earn **MCLE credit** in workshops on areas ranging from public benefits to housing and disability rights, from services for seniors to programs affecting children & youth, from critical issues facing immigrants to interactive skills-based sessions—and much more!

LAAC Thanks Its Local Co-Sponsors:

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California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation	National Economic Development & Law Center
California Women’s Law Center	National Health Law Program
Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law	National Housing Law Project
Child Care Law Center	National Immigration Law Center
Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations	National Senior Citizens Law Center
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund	Protection and Advocacy
Disability Rights Legal Center	Public Interest Clearinghouse
Immigrant Legal Resource Center	Public Interest Law Project
Impact Fund	Western Center on Law and Poverty
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley	Worksafe Law Center
Legal Services for Prisoners with Children	Youth Law Center

**Attendees can earn up to eight hours of MCLE credit,
including one hour of Elimination of Bias.**

MCLE credit for Traveling Training workshops is provided by the Legal Aid Association of California, a State Bar of California approved provider. For more information about LAAC Traveling Trainings, or to download another copy of this brochure, please visit www.CALegalAdvocates.org.