

Topic Breakout Sessions 1:30-2:45

Access to Justice in Rural Areas. This will be a brainstorming session about how to improve access for people living in rural areas. *Ken Babcock, Co-Chair, California Access to Justice Commission; Amy Sings in the Timber, Executive Director, Montana Justice Foundation; Cheryl Zalenski, Director, ABA Center for Pro Bono.*

Ballroom E

Maintaining Your Commission's Energy after the Initial Surge. It's easy to fall into a slump after the first couple of years of a Commission's existence. Hear suggestions from experienced leaders about how to keep the energy flowing. Bring your own ideas! *Peter Edelman, Chair, District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission; Judge Steve Austin, Past Co-Chair, California Access to Justice Commission; Jennifer Lechner, Executive Director, North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission.*

Ballroom F

Promoting "Unbundled" Legal Services by the Private Bar. Experts from the ABA Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services will provide insights and answer questions on limited scope legal assistance, including rules and policies; education of the bar and judiciary; collaborative projects between the courts and the bar using unbundled services to assist self-represented litigants; and unbundled services in the community. *Will Hornsby, Counsel; Bob Cohen, member, ABA Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services.*

Ballroom G

Advancing a Civil Right to Counsel. Learn more about what is going on at the national and state level. Information will be provided about the ABA Model Access Act and Basic Principles of Civil Right to Counsel and resources from the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel, state pilot projects in Massachusetts and California, and a report from Maryland on how it might be implemented and what it might cost. *John Pollock, National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel; Terry Brooks, Counsel, ABA Standing Committee for Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants.*

Pavilion 4

Partnering with the Courts on Technology-Based Initiatives: Eliminating Access Barriers and Avoiding the Creation of New Ones. This session will explore how Access to Justice entities can work most effectively with the courts as they adopt new technologies. Resources considered will include the Washington State Technology Bill of Rights and the recent report to the Massachusetts Trial Court from Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society on best practices, strategic plans and recommendations for deploying technology to expand access to justice. *Judge Sarah Singleton, Co-Chair, New Mexico Access to Justice Commission; Judge Dina Fein, Special Advisor for Access to Justice Initiatives, Massachusetts Trial Court; Phil Malone, Director, Cyberlaw Clinic, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard Law School; Joan Fairbanks, Director, Washington State Access to Justice Board.*

Pavilion 6

Judges as Access to Justice Leaders. Attend this session to share your questions and thoughts about the role of the judiciary in Access to Justice partnerships and addressing barriers to the justice system. *Justice Jim Duggan, Co-Chair, New Hampshire Access to Justice Commission; Judge Steven C. González, Chair, Washington State Access to Justice Board.*

Ballroom D

Raising Money Now: Recent State Initiatives. How can Access to Justice entities be most effective in raising funds for civil legal aid in the current economic climate? This session will consider effective state initiatives in the areas of private bar fundraising, cy pres, pro hac vice fees, voluntary bar dues add-ons, and state legislative funding.

Meredith McBurney, Resource Development Consultant, ABA Center for Access to Justice Initiatives; Jess Rosenbaum, Executive Director, District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission; Robert LeClair, Executive Director, Hawaii Justice Foundation; Gerry Singen, consultant, Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission.

Pavilion 9 (plenary room)