Strategic Planning and Justice for All: Getting Every Person the Legal Help They Need
Room: Kentucky Ballroom, Salon D (1st Level)

The Justice for All initiative is entering its third year, and more than seven states have undertaken planning and implementation activities. Join this session to hear from grantees about success and failures, and learn about the resources available to all commissions to undertake the key elements of Justice for All strategic planning. Panelists will discuss how strategic planning has impacted the narrative of civil justice in their respective states, and the value of a national network of states aligning in a common purpose.

- Katherine Alteneder, Executive Director, Self-Represented Litigation Network
- Danielle Hirsch, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Creating Inclusive Justice Ecosystems in Alaska & Hawaii: Insights from the Legal Navigator Initiative
Room: Win (1st Level)

Legal Navigator is a pilot project that brings together technology, content and community to help people with civil legal needs more easily access legal information and referrals specific to their issues and find a path forward. This workshop will highlight developments in this project’s novel collaborations between court, legal aid and social services partners, its innovative technology strategy using artificial intelligence and natural language processing, and initial testing results. Presenters will discuss next steps in Alaska and Hawaii, work to advance this vision on a national level, and opportunities for replication in other states.

- Sergio Alcubilla, Director of External Relations, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
- Lester Bird, Principal Associate, Pew Charitable Trusts
- Liz Keith, Program Director, Pro Bono Net
- Glenn Rawdon, Senior Program Counsel, Legal Services Corporation

Strategies and Tips for Maintaining/Restoring Legal Services & ATJ Funding in the Government Arena
Room: Place (1st Level)

The Legal Aid and ATJ funding was completely eliminated in Kentucky in 2018 by the Executive Branch. Key allies in the Legislative and Judicial Branches went to work to restore funding. They hope their story will be illustrative for other states facing similar hostile funding environments.

- Glenda Harrison, Executive Director, Kentucky Access to Justice Commission
- James M. Higdon, Principal, MML&K Government Solutions
- Hon. Michelle Keller, Associate Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court; Chair, Kentucky Access to Justice Commission
- Jason Nemes, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly
“Nonlawyer” Navigators in State Courts: An Emerging Consensus
Room: Show (1st Level)

With the increasing number of self-represented litigants in the state courts, many people without legal help continue to face the danger of losing their families, their homes, and their livelihoods. Yet an array of solutions along a continuum of services are on the rise to help serve more litigants who lack representation so we can achieve 100% access to justice for all. One such innovation will be highlighted in this session. Panelists will share findings from a study of the Justice Lab at Georgetown University Law Center, which undertook a national landscape survey of programs in the state courts that use “non-lawyer” navigator personnel who come from outside the court to help self-represented litigants with their civil legal problems. These programs are being encouraged/developed by judges and court staff, legal aid lawyers, other non-profit leaders and access to justice commissions. The panelists will share dimensions of the programs they identified and offer practical considerations for the design of programs. Panelists will also solicit experiences from others who are attending the session who have run/created such navigator programs.

- Mary E. McClymont, Adjunct Professor and Senior Fellow, Justice Lab, Georgetown University Law Center
- Dr. Rebecca L. Sandefur, Faculty Fellow, American Bar Foundation; Associate Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Illinois

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