

Law in Real Life 2018

Law Training & Practice Package

June 25, 2018

Tennessee Bar Center – Nashville, Tenn.



Total Credits: 8.5 General (*Includes follow-up legal clinic work.*)

What are some of the most common legal issues clients need assistance with and what do attorneys need to know to work with them? *Law in Real Life* will explore common client issues in key areas including Family, Debt & Credit and Housing Law. Learn from experienced practitioners from across the state who help clients navigate these areas every day. Then put your knowledge into practice: After the program, attendees will have 3 months to engage in a hands-on legal clinic, with options available in West, Middle and East Tennessee. Learn now and then put your expertise to work helping a legal aid organization.

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



Registration/Welcome

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Family Law

In this session, we will cover divorce with and without kids, including child support and parenting plans. We will also talk briefly about domestic violence & orders of protection. Also, what to do when filing for divorce when you can't find a spouse. We will review available forms and self-help resources along with practice tips for the legal provider.

Kathryn Ellis, Legal Aid of East TN (Knoxville)

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.



Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Debt & Credit Issues

In this session, we will cover bankruptcy basics and related consumer topics such as student loans, used cars and debt and employment issues. We will also cover situations where debt is sold to a third-party provider who makes collection attempts that harass the client.

Bruce Ralston, Bankruptcy Attorney, Memphis Area Legal Services Volunteer

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Lunch (provided)

1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Housing Law

This panel will cover housing law topics including landlord/tenant basics, tenant rights and addressing issues that impact habitability when not remedied. We will also discuss gentrification, housing discrimination, safe & stable housing for elderly, disabled, and vulnerable individuals, including specific protections available to domestic violence victims.

Melinda Brown, Private Attorney, LAS Volunteer (Murfreesboro)

Andre Crismon, Legal Aid of Middle TN & the Cumberland (Murfreesboro)

Christina Magráns-Tillery, Legal Aid of East TN (Knoxville)

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Put Your Knowledge into Practice

Following this program, attendees will have three months to engage in a hands-on legal clinic. In this final session, learn about options in West, Middle and East Tennessee from organizations providing pro bono programs for Tennesseans in need.

Samantha Sanchez, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services

Anne-Louise Wirthlin, Administrative Office of the Courts

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

Join CLE attendees, representatives from legal aid organizations across the state and TBA Access to Justice Committee Members in a casual networking reception.