

23rd Annual Edward V. Sparer Symposium

Presented as the inaugural event of ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference

CIVIL GIDEON: MAKING THE CASE

Tuesday, March 28th, 2006

Location: Penn Law, Levy Conference Center
& National Constitution Center

A growing national movement focused on implementing a constitutional right to civil counsel in what has been termed 'Civil Gideon' has emerged. This Symposium will explore the many issues surrounding the right to counsel in the civil context and the areas in which improvements can be made to meet the civil legal needs of the poor. Since 1984, the University of Pennsylvania Law School has honored the late Edward V. Sparer, a pioneer in poverty law, through planning the annual Sparer Symposium.

- 9:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Levy Conference Center
- 9:45 a.m. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**
Daniel Greenberg, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
Cathy Carr, Executive Director, Community Legal Services
- 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION: HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR RECOGNIZING A CIVIL RIGHT TO GIDEON**
Laura Abel, Brennan Center for Justice, New York City
Debra Gardner, Public Justice Center, Baltimore
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. **KEYNOTE LUNCHEON**
Michael Greco, President, ABA
Michael Fitts, Dean, Penn Law
- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR RECOGNITION OF A CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL
Sarah Paoletti, International Human Rights Clinic, Washington College of Law American University
Beth Lyon, Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic, Villanova Law School
Raven Lidman, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle University School of Law
CONTEXT BASED APPROACHES
Beverly Balos, Domestic Violence Clinic, University of Minnesota
Bruce Boyer, Civitas ChildLaw Clinic, Loyola Chicago School of Law
Lisa Kelly, Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic, University of Washington College of Law
Erik Pitchal, Interdisciplinary Center for Family and Child Advocacy, Fordham University
- 2:15 p.m. Free transportation will be provided from Penn Law to the National Constitution Center
- 2:45 p.m. **CLOSING SESSION: MOVING FORWARD: STRATEGIC APPROACHES**
Deborah Perluss, Northwest Justice Project, Seattle
Russell Engler, Director of Clinical Program, New England School of Law
Steve Schwinn, Associate Director of Legal Writing Program, University of Maryland Law School
Michael Millemann, Jacob A. France Professor of Public Interest Law, University of Maryland Law School
- 4:00 p.m. **TOUR OF NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**
- 5:00 p.m. **NPR/JUSTICE TALKING**
- 7:00 p.m. **RECEPTION: Welcome Remarks: Joe Sullivan, Pepper Hamilton**

Please RSVP for the conference by March 15, 2006
to Sara Kube, (215)898-0955, skube@law.upenn.edu

For more information about the reception, please contact Sara Woods, woods@law.villanova.edu

This event is free and open to the public.

This program has been approved for 3 hours of substantive law credit for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit @ \$30 for three sessions.

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