



**ASSISTING CLIENTS WITH  
CRIMINAL RECORD-SEALING OR  
CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICA-  
TION FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Application has been made to the Supreme  
Court of Ohio for 2.75 hours

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

**9:00 AM– 12:00 PM**

**Marietta Municipal Court  
59 Butler St., Marietta, Ohio**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This program is designed to prepare volunteer attorneys who provide critical representation to low-income clients at the Clean Slate Clinics offered by the Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) and Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). Attorneys will learn how to screen clients for record-sealing eligibility and how to complete basic pro se forms. The CLE will also address the eligibility requirements and application process for Certificates of Qualification for Employment—a relatively new tool available to individuals encountering the collateral sanctions of their involvement in the criminal justice system.

A Clean Slate Pro Bono Clinic will immediately follow in the afternoon after the CLE. The CLE is free for any attorney who agrees to volunteer at the afternoon Clean Slate Clinic or at other SEOLS sponsored clinics.

**AGENDA**

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	SEOLS Pro Bono —Dianna Parker Howie & Melissa Will
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	The Impact of Criminal Records— Robin Bozian
10:00 -10:45 a.m.	Criminal Record Sealing Eligibility & Process—TBA
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Certificates of Qualification for Employment—Patrick Higgins
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break Judge Janet Welch, Marietta Municipal Court
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Clean Slate Pro Bono Clinic

## FACULTY

**Robin Bozian** is the Program Managing Attorney with Southeastern Ohio Legal Services in the Athens office. In that position, she serves individual clients in the Athens area, coordinates intake for all thirty counties that SEOLS covers, develops materials for SEOLS's website, and manages several grants. Among the grants managed by Robin are SEOLS's federal Legal Assistance to Victims grant and the state Victims of Crime Act grant. Robin joined SEOLS in 1977 as a staff attorney in the Portsmouth office. In 1979, she became the managing attorney of SEOLS's Ironton office and the Marietta office in 1980. In 2014, she started her current position.

**Patrick Higgins** is an Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Justice for All Fellow at the Ohio Poverty Law Center. As a Fellow, he focuses on removing barriers to employment, particularly those created by criminal records. Patrick received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and his B.A. from New York University.

**Dianna Parker Howie** has been with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus ("LASC") since 2007. A 2002 graduate of Northwestern University and 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Dianna started her career at the Equal Justice Foundation as an Equal Justice Works Fellow, advocating for the education rights of students experiencing homelessness. She has practiced in the areas of education and housing law. Dianna is currently the Pro Bono Team Managing Attorney.

**Judge Janet Dyar Welch** has served as the Marietta Municipal Court judge since January, 2006. She received her law degree from The Ohio State University in 1980 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Marietta College in 1976.

**Melissa Will** attended the University of Dayton and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2002. She received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2006, graduating Magna Cum Laude. After law school, Melissa worked for two years as an Equal Justice Works fellow at the Ohio Poverty Law Center. Following her fellowship, Melissa worked as a Staff Attorney at the Newark office of Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). Melissa became the Pro Bono Coordinator for SEOLS in February, 2017.

## Registration

This training is free to any attorney currently participating in (or committed to participate in) a Pro Bono program through LASC or Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. All others should submit a \$110.00 fee.

To register, please complete an online form here: <https://oslsa.wufoo.com/forms/w12nt7qx0mx5o5y/>

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