



FREE CLE

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

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

EVENT CO-SPONSORS

**Athens County Job & Family Services
Athens County Child Support Enforcement Agency**

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018

9:00 AM– 12:00 PM

Athens Community Center—701 E. State Street, Athens

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to prepare volunteer attorneys who provide 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. Lunch will be provided for attorneys who attend the morning CLE and stay for the clinic. **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 —Charles Cohara & Melissa Will

9:30 - 10:45 - Criminal Record Sealing Eligibility & Process—Melissa Will

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Break

11:00 - 12:00 a.m. - Certificates of Qualification for Employment—Kathi Schear

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch Break

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Clean Slate Pro Bono Clinic

FACULTY

Charles Cohara is a staff attorney in the Athens office of Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). He joined SEOLS in 2004. Charles practices in the areas of family, tax, housing, and consumer law. In the area of consumer law, he has litigated numerous Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Consumer Sales Practices Act, and Fair Credit Reporting Act cases both at the state and federal levels. He is also the leader of SEOLS's Consumer Law Team. In family law, he has assists victims of domestic violence.

Kathi Schear is a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus working on the domestic and reentry teams. She also serves as the legislative liaison with the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation. After graduating from the University of Akron law school in 1978, Kathi worked as a bailiff for Stark County's Juvenile Court and in Washington D.C. as a lobbyist for the Rural Electric Cooperatives before moving to Columbus in 1980 and joining LASC in the fall of 1980. Throughout her distinguished career at LASC, she has worked with almost all of LASC's programs, including the pro bono, housing, public benefits, senior citizens, and domestic violence teams. Her current work focuses on domestic relations, and reentry of restored citizens.

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/pfxhgfi0g5m7vm/>

Unless a hard copy is specifically requested, materials will be e-mailed to participants in advance of the training. Thank you for helping us save resources!

