

# The AIDS Legal Referral Panel

## FREE Fall 2017

### MCLE Training Programs



#### **HIV/AIDS & Confidentiality – A Review of Privacy Rights and Remedies**

- Tuesday, October 10, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Jim Wood, Esq. – Law Offices of James M. Wood ([woodlaw-oakland.com](http://woodlaw-oakland.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** HIV+ clients often find that the privacy of their status is regularly overlooked by healthcare workers, social workers, and others who inadvertently disclose their HIV/AIDS status. This disclosure is often emotionally devastating and financially disastrous. Fortunately, California courts have long recognized the right to privacy for those living with HIV/AIDS. This training will discuss the common law and statutory law protections that safeguard confidentiality. It will also analyze various violations of this right and the remedies for these violations.

#### **What All Claimants and Advocates Must Know About Long Term Disability (LTD) Benefits**

- Thursday, October 26, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by John Unruh, Esq. - Unruh Law ([jru-law.com](http://jru-law.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** This training will discuss the basics of Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits, the most common policy terms, how not to interact with the adjusters administering these claims, and how to avoid the common pitfalls of claimants and/or advocates that can lead to a claim being denied or terminated. We will also discuss which LTD policies are governed by ERISA and which are not, as well as recent changes in the applicable law.

#### **End of Life Planning 101 – A Review of the Fundamentals of End of Life Planning**

- Tuesday, November 7, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Jim Wood, Esq. – Law Offices of James M. Wood ([woodlaw-oakland.com](http://woodlaw-oakland.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** "It will never happen to me . . . at least not for a while". Learn the fundamentals of end of life planning long before they are needed including drafting wills, trusts, guardianships, and health care directives. Discover the opportunities not only to plan for end of life but also consider the positive outcomes of speaking to those who are important to you in your life about your life wishes.

## **Same-Gender Couples: Should They Marry? What Happens If They Split? Legal and Political Rights and Responsibilities**

- Thursday, November 9, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Betsy Johnsen - Betsy Johnsen Family Law ([betsyjohnsenfamilylaw.com](http://betsyjohnsenfamilylaw.com)) and Charles Spiegel, Esq. - Charles Spiegel Law ([charlesspiegellaw.com](http://charlesspiegellaw.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credit
- **Overview:** Should same gender couples marry, register as domestic partners, or stay single? So many choices! How much have the laws cohered to support gay marriage and what could be taken away in these turbulent times? What is the current state of the law for dissolving these legal recognitions? How about protecting children of same gender couples?

## **Navigating Work in the "Gig" Economy and its Impact on People Living with HIV**

### ***Sponsored by the State Bar's Labor & Employment Law Section***

- Monday, November 20, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Lakeisha Poole, Esq. - LKP Legal Services ([lkplegal.com](http://lkplegal.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** Learn how to navigate the ins and outs of employment law in response to the modern "Gig" economy. The "Gig" economy encompasses the current wave of short-term work and independent contractors, such as Uber and Lyft drivers. It also addresses the needs of part-time workers, specifically those living with a disability like HIV, who cannot work full time or are struggling to return to work. This training will discuss the current landscape of employment law in this independent, tech era.

## **Ethical Issues in Pro Bono and Modest Mean Practices**

- Tuesday, November 21, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Tiela Chalmers, Esq. - Tiela Chalmers Consulting ([tielachalmersconsulting.wordpress.com](http://tielachalmersconsulting.wordpress.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 *Legal Ethics* CLE Credits
- **Overview:** After a brief review of the critical rules, we will use hypotheticals and examples brought by participants to discuss common ethical issues in pro bono and modest mean practices. We'll explore the gray areas and possible practical solutions to sometimes conceptual problems.

## **Experts in Bad Faith Insurance Cases – Selection, Use, Scope of Testimony and Strategies**

- Thursday, November 30, 5:15pm - 6:45pm
- Presented by Guy Kornblum, Esq. - Kornblum Cochran Erickson & Harbison LLP ([kcehlaw.com](http://kcehlaw.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** This training will cover the details, challenges, and options around 'bad faith' insurance claims. Learn about the different types of 'bad faith' claims, which industry experts are best suited for these claims, and common challenges and objections around expert testimonies.

## **Representing LGBTQ Clients in Immigration Court - CANCELLED**

- Tuesday, December 5, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Gam Galindo, Esq. - Galindo & Associates, P.C. ([gamgalindolaw.com](http://gamgalindolaw.com))
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 *Elimination of Bias* CLE Credit
- **Overview:** This MCLE will discuss the building blocks for a successful asylum claim including social group and nexus development. The training will focus on issues related to the LGBTQ community.

## Mediation Strategies that Work for Your Client and YOU!

- Thursday, December 7, 5:15pm - 6:45pm
- Presented by Guy Kornblum, Esq. - Kornblum Cochran Erickson & Harbison LLP (kcehlaw.com)
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- Overview: This training will discuss different mediation strategies that work towards effective communication between your client, yourself, and others involved. A successful case often relies on a cooperative relationship between the client and the attorney. In this, communication and mediation are key. Learn how to optimize your mediation skills!

## Asylum Claims for LGBTQ and HIV+ Clients

- Tuesday, December 12, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Jose Z. Marin, Esq. - Jose Marin Law
- Bar Association of San Francisco - 301 Battery Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 *Elimination of Bias* CLE Credit
- Overview: This training will cover basic issues for asylum applicants living with HIV/AIDS and/or who might be members of the LGBTQ+ community. The CLE is designed for lawyers with limited to no experience who are either currently representing an asylum applicant or who wish to represent one in the near future.

**Please RSVP**

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The BASF Board Room (and all alternate meeting rooms) is accessible to people with disabilities. Attendees who might require a reasonable accommodation (including alternative-to-print formats of materials) are invited to contact Hannah Center in advance of the training (contact information below).

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