

Basic Lawyer Skills Training
April 15 – 20, 2007
TRAINING OVERVIEW

Access to Justice Foundation (Kentucky) and Florida Legal Services (Florida) will host a **Basic Lawyer Skills Training (BLST) on April 15 – 20, 2007 at the Plaza Resort in Daytona Beach, Florida.**

BLST Background

Kentucky legal services programs developed this intensive skills training event to provide necessary skills training for new lawyers. The event is designed to give participants the opportunity to learn and practice trial skills with feedback from experienced attorneys.

Brief Description

This training gives new attorneys an opportunity to meet with other new legal services lawyers from throughout the region. Trainees will be paired with a co-counsel and will be assigned either a plaintiff or defendant as their client prior to the event. Pre-materials will be mailed and will contain details about the case. The trainees will be assigned an experienced attorney as their trainer for the duration of the event. The agenda contains many small group and experiential exercises.

This training is very intense. Trainees will be working very hard during scheduled prep time, as well as on your own to prepare to present the client's case at a mock jury trial by the end of the week. The training is designed to lead them through the necessary steps of preparing for a real trial.

Attire

Dress for this training is decidedly casual except for the last two days when we hold mock trials. Appropriate courtroom training is expected on those days.

Expectations

Both trainers and trainees must attend the entire training. There will be no exceptions to this rule. No sessions may be skipped, and leaving early or arriving late will not be tolerated due to the intense schedule of the agenda. Trainers and trainees are required to stay at the conference hotel throughout week.

Training Topics

Some of the topics that will be addressed at BLST include direct and cross-examination, improving interviewing skills, taking depositions and giving opening and closing statements. Each trainee will participate in a mock trial at the conclusion of the training. This allows trainees a chance to use the skills they have learned throughout the week. The trainees will receive feedback at each stage of the training and mock trial.

Who Should Attend

This training is offered to attorneys in the region with less than five years experience in a legal services program and who have never attended BLST. Access to Justice Foundation and Florida Legal Services last offered this training in April 2005.

Trainee/Trainer Ratio

The trainee/trainer ratio for this training is 2 to 1. Therefore, we have a limited number of slots for trainees and need to receive your registration information as soon as possible in order to maintain your training slot.

Registration/Hotel Information

The Plaza Resort is located on the beach in Daytona Beach, about 15 minutes from the Daytona airport. The hotel has agreed to a rate of \$99.00 per night, single or double occupancy.

Each trainee's lodging will be billed to the master account and Access to Justice Foundation will bill each program for those costs following the training. Both trainers and trainees are responsible for any incidentals charged to the hotel room during your stay. Daily lunches, two breakfasts and two dinners are included in the registration fee.

The training registration fee is **\$850** per trainee. This includes 32.5 hours of CLE credit, daily lunch, two dinners, two breakfasts and all training materials.

CLE Hours

Application for approval of this activity for a maximum of 32.5 credit hours will be submitted to the Kentucky Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Commission and the Florida Bar CLE Commission. I will work with participants from other states in applying for CLE credit in their state.

For more information on this training event, please contact Nan Hanley at 859-255-9913 ext. 14 or send email to nhanley@mis.net.