



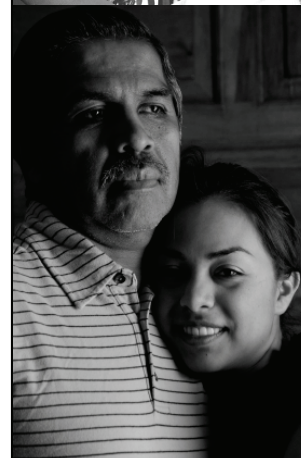
Second Annual Michigan Public Defense Task Force Conference

*Reforming Michigan's Public Defense System:
The Economic, Social and Human Benefits*

When: Thursday, May 21, 2009
9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Reception to follow

Where: Radisson Hotel Lansing
111 N. Grand Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Register online at www.mijjustice.org



Co-sponsors include:

- Campaign for Justice
- ACLU of Michigan
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
- Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders
- Michigan Catholic Conference
- Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency
- NAACP Michigan State Conference
- National Association of Social Workers—Michigan
- Prison Fellowship
- Race Relations Council of Southwest Michigan
- State Bar of Michigan
- *additional co-sponsors are pending



April 8, 2009

Dear friends,

It is a time of tremendous movement toward reform of Michigan's public defense system. Michigan has witnessed encouraging advancements such as the recent announcement of a State House Judiciary Subcommittee on Indigent Defense as well as national attention on Michigan's constitutional crisis sparked by a Congressional hearing held this spring. As advocates for a fair and effective public defense system, we know that much has been accomplished, yet there is more to be done.

You are cordially invited to join the Michigan Public Defense Task Force for its Second Annual Conference, *Reforming Michigan's Public Defense System: The Economic, Social and Human Benefits*, on May 21, 2009.

This *free* one-day conference, to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, is an opportunity to engage in a discussion about Michigan's failing public defense system and the ongoing reform efforts taking place in Michigan. You will also join national and local experts in exploring critical public defense issues.

Your active participation is needed! A successful reform effort will require the participation and expertise of a wide range of leaders like you, including legal and criminal justice professionals, treatment and service providers, community and faith leaders, social justice advocates, students and others. Let's work together to ensure a justice system that works for all.

Space is limited, so register for the conference today! Visit our website at www.mijustice.org to reserve your spot at this exciting event. Conference updates will continue to be added to our website.

Questions may be directed to Kat Birrell, Campaign for Justice Program Coordinator, at kbirrell@mijustice.org or (517) 372-3050.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Arnovits
President, Public Defense Task Force

Reforming Michigan's Public Defense System: The Economic, Social and Human Benefits

Thursday, May 21, 2009
Conference agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and light breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening remarks and keynote address

A public defense system for Michigan's 21st century
Norman Lefstein, Professor of Law & Dean Emeritus, Indiana University School of Law

10:15 a.m. Morning workshops

- ♦ *A day in the life of a public defense attorney*
- ♦ *Reducing recidivism: defense attorneys' role in addressing clients' treatment needs*
- ♦ *Juvenile defense: barriers to zealous advocacy*

11:35 a.m. Luncheon plenary

The human costs of a failing system
David Moran, Michigan Innocence Clinic; Walter Swift, exoneree; Donna McKneelen, Cooley Innocence Project; Ken Wyniemko, exoneree. Moderator: Kary Moss, executive director, ACLU of Michigan.

1:30 p.m. Afternoon workshops

- ♦ *The Eleven Principles: ensuring an effective and efficient public defense delivery system*
- ♦ *Collateral consequences and effective defense representation*
- ♦ *The color of injustice: the disproportionate impact of a failing public defense system on communities of color*

2:50 p.m. "Moving it forward" breakout sessions

4:00 p.m. Reception at Troppo
101 S Washington Square,
Lansing, MI 48933



Workshop descriptions

MORNING WORKSHOPS:

A day in the life of a public defense attorney: Not an attorney? Get an inside look into the daily challenges facing Michigan's attorneys providing public defense services.

Speakers: Ken Malkin, Bay County Office of Criminal Defense, Anna Marie Anzalone, Lenawee County Public Defender; Mike Nichols, The Nichols Law Firm PLLC. Moderator: John Shea, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

Reducing recidivism: defense attorneys' role in addressing clients' treatment needs: Learn about the prevalence of mental health and substance abuse in Michigan's justice system. What role can the defense bar play in addressing these issues and ensuring a holistic, client-centered defense that leads to rehabilitation and reduced recidivism?

Speakers: Mark Reinstein, Mental Health Association in Michigan; Jack Holmes, Jr., Attorney at Law; Hon. Dawnn Gruenberg, 37th District Court. Moderator: Linda Burghardt, National Association of Social Workers – Michigan Chapter.

Juvenile defense: barriers to zealous advocacy: Michigan's children need and deserve a juvenile justice system that protects their constitutional rights and serves their best interests. Explore the unique challenges defense attorneys face, the barriers to zealous advocacy on behalf of juvenile clients, and the resulting impact on families.

Speakers: Bill Schramm, juvenile justice advocate; Patricia Carey, former juvenile defender, Miami-Dade Public Defender; Lynn D'Orio, Lynn B. Orio JD PLC. Moderator: Beth Arnovits, Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

The Eleven Principles: ensuring an effective and efficient public defense delivery system:

Learn about the best practices nationally regarding key aspects of public defense systems, including training, workload limits, independence from the judiciary, and performance standards.

Speakers: Norman Lefstein, Professor of Law & Dean Emeritus, Indiana University School of Law; James Neuhard, State Appellate Defender Office; David Carroll, National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Moderator: Robin Dahlberg, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU and member, Campaign for Justice Board of Directors.

Collateral consequences and effective defense representation: What are the collateral consequences of any conviction? Learn about a recent report on the misdemeanor defense crisis. Hear about the critical connection between effective defense representation and lifelong consequences of justice system involvement at any level.

Speakers: Maureen Dimino, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and member, Campaign for Justice Board of Directors; Noel Saleh, immigration attorney, Law Office Noel J. Saleh, PC; Angela Reyes, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation. Moderator: Hulen Simpson, Legal Aid & Defender Association, Inc.

The color of injustice: the disproportionate impact of a failing public defense system on communities of color: This workshop will explore the disproportionate impact of a failing public defense system on people and communities of color and the crisis of confidence in the fairness of our justice system.

Speakers: Johanna Steinberg, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Mark Fancher, Racial Justice Staff Attorney, ACLU of Michigan. Moderator: Andrew Robinson, NAACP Michigan State Conference.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per individual.

Register online or mail to:

Campaign for Justice

1115 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 201

Lansing, MI 48912

**Online registration now
available!**

www.mijustice.org

Register early, space is limited!
Registration is FREE.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate your preferred workshop sessions:

Morning workshop:

- A day in the life of a public defense attorney
- Reducing recidivism: the defense attorneys' role in addressing clients' treatment needs
- Juvenile defense: barriers to zealous advocacy

Afternoon workshop:

- The Eleven Principles: ensuring an effective and efficient public defense delivery system
- Collateral consequences and effective defense representation
- The color of injustice: the disproportionate impact of a failing public defense system on communities of color

- Yes, I am planning on attending the reception at Troppo at 4 p.m.

Please note any special needs/accommodations: _____

What do you hope to leave the conference having learned/done? _____

Radisson Hotel Lansing: For detailed directions, hotel accommodations, and parking maps, visit www.radisson.com/lansingmi/

Troppo: For detailed directions, a food and drink menu, and other information, visit www.troppo.org

Parking: Valet Parking is available for \$10 a day at the Radisson. Parking at the North and South Grand Ramp is \$0.90 per half hour with a maximum of \$8.25 per day. Metered parking is also available on streets around the Radisson Hotel Lansing and Troppo.

Questions? Contact Kat Birrell, Campaign for Justice Program Coordinator at kbirrell@mijustice.org or 517-372-3050