

ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION 36TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



DECEMBER 6 AND 7, 2007 AGENDA



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
HON. LISA M. MADIGAN,
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

4:30 P.M. REGISTRATION
CHICAGO PROMENADE, BALLROOM LEVEL

4:30 P.M. RECEPTION - SPONSORED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO PROMENADE EAST, BALLROOM LEVEL

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301 EAST NORTH WATER STREET, CHICAGO**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION - CHICAGO PROMENADE, BALLROOM LEVEL

9:30 - 11:30 A.M. JOINT PROGRAM WITH THE ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE SUPREME COURT COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM
CHICAGO BALLROOM 10
COLLEAGUES IN CRISIS

HOW TO RECOGNIZE SYMPTOMS WHICH MIGHT INDICATE THAT SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES MAY BE AT RISK FROM MEDICAL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. A PORTION OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE DEVOTED TO UNDERSTANDING THE PHYSIOLOGY AND BEHAVIORAL PATTERNS ASSOCIATED WITH DEPRESSION, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG DEPENDENCY AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. A SECOND SECTION WILL DEAL WITH MEANS AND METHODS OF INTERVENTION WITH A VIEW TOWARD PRESERVING LAW LICENSES, JUDICIAL OFFICE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS SAVING LIVES IN THE PROCESS.

A PANEL OF TRAINED LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INTERVENORS, ARDC PERSONNEL AND COUNSELORS, EACH OF THEM ATTORNEYS, WILL SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCES. THIS PROGRAM WAS FIRST PRESENTED IN DU PAGE COUNTY FOLLOWING THE RECENT TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE OF THREE LAWYERS. WE HOPE THAT THE FRANK DISCUSSION OF THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON HOW WE CAN ALL HELP TO PREVENT FURTHER INCIDENTS.

JUDGE MICHAEL CALDWELL, OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF IMPAIRED LAWYERS IN COURTROOMS AND OFFER INSIGHTS INTO RECOGNIZING IMPAIRED LAWYERS AND JUDGES AS WELL AS SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION TECHNIQUES WHICH CAN BE USED BY MEMBERS OF THE BENCH TO HELP AND PROTECT THEMSELVES, THEIR LOCAL LEGAL COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE.

CAROL COON, MS, JD, LCPC, FORMER PRESIDENT OF LAP, WILL DISCUSS THE MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL IMPACT OF ADDICTION ON THE BRAIN AND THE BODY AS WELL AS THE RESULTING IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ABILITY TO PRACTICE LAW. SHE WILL ALSO OFFER SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO EXPLAIN THE ADDICTION PHENOMENON IN LAWYERS AND JUDGES.

BRIGID A. DUFFIELD, JD, ARDC HEARING BOARD CHAIR, WILL DISCUSS HOW ADDICTION SHOWS UP IN REAL LIFE BY SHARING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, SPECIFIC TO ALCOHOL, ITS EFFECTS ON RECOVERING AND IMPAIRED LAWYERS AS WELL AS RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS WHICH DEFY LOGIC AND CAN LEAD TO THE PREMATURE DEATH OF OTHERWISE SUCCESSFUL LAWYERS.

MARY ROBINSON, JD, FORMER ARDC ADMINISTRATOR WILL DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF IMPAIRMENTS ON DISCIPLINE AS WELL AS RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO CO-DEPENDENT, MALADAPTIVE COMPULSIVE BEHAVIORS SUCH AS "COVERING, AVOIDING AND CARETAKING." SUCH BEHAVIOR OFTEN SEEMS TO DEFY LOGIC. HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES, IT SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME PART OF THE LAW FIRM FAMILY CULTURE.

BEN SCHWARZ, II, JD, CHAIRMAN OF THE ARDC WILL ADDRESS THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF ADDICTIONS, INCLUDING GAMBLING, DRUG AND SEX ON JUDGES AND LAWYERS. HE WILL ALSO OFFER INSIGHTS INTO DEVELOPING BENCH AWARENESS AND CRAFTING WORKABLE SUPPORTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR THE JUDICIARY TO REACH LAWYERS BEFORE THEY LOSE THEIR LICENSE OR LIFE.

THIS SEMINAR WILL QUALIFY FOR TWO 2 HOURS OF MCLE CREDIT AND THE PROFESSIONALISM HOURS WILL BE APPLIED FOR. REGISTRATION IS FREE, BUT LIMITED TO THE FIRST 150 REGISTRANTS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007 (CONTINUED)

12:00 NOON

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
HONORABLE LISA M. MADIGAN,
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL

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PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE **COLLEAGUES IN CRISIS SEMINAR** _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

AND MAIL TO:

321 SOUTH PLYMOUTH COURT, CHICAGO, IL 60604

JUDGE: _____

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