# GLSA Virtual Conference

May 12 and 13, 2025

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#### GLSA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE:

- Seven (7) CLE Education Sessions
- Wide variety of cutting-edge topics
- A Time to Network with others committed to Access to Justice!



#### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

#### All times are in the Central Time Zone

Monday	May 12, 2025
9:00am-9:10am	Welcome Remarks
9:15am-10:15am	Essentials of Intellectual Property– What Every Attorney Should Know
11:30am-12:30pm	The Future Law Firm Economic Model-Pricing, Staffing and How Smaller Law Firms Will Compete
	Guest Speaker!
1:00pm-2:00pm	Nancy Drane-Executive Director—The District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission
2:30pm-3:30pm	Bridging the Legal Gap in Rural America
Tuesday	May 13, 2025
11:30am— 12:30pm	Ethical Tips from Movie & TV Lawyers
1:30pm-2:30pm	Human and Technological Innovation In Legal Serives Delivery
2:30pm-3:30pm	ERISA/Fiduciary Update
3:30pm	Conference Closing Remarks

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GLSA WILL BE RECORDING

THE SESSIONS!



# Join Group Legal Services Association as we welcome Nancy Drane, Executive Director, of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission

Monday, May12, 2025 1pm-2pm (central)

The D.C. Access to Justice Commission was created by the D.C. Court of Appeals in 2005 to help improve the ability of low- and moderate-income residents to access the civil justice system.

The Commission is also responsible for raising awareness in our community of the need for equal access to justice.

Attend Tuesday's session to learn more!

# Special Guest Speaker



Ms. Drane manages the Commission's efforts to increase local resources for the District's civil legal services network, reduce barriers that prevent equal access to justice for low-and moderate-income District residents, promote greater pro bono service by local attorneys, improve planning and coordination of legal services delivery in the District, and call attention to the disparity between the community need for legal services and the resources available to meet those needs.

Click here to read Ms. Drane's full bio

#### **CLE EDUCATION SESSIONS**

#### **ERISA/Fiduciary Update**

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act

We will examine recent rulings and the effect on compliance. Attend this invaluable review of cases and current trends. Best practices for plan sponsors, fiduciaries, record keepers, and plan participants to avoid being sued.

Presenter:

Katherine A. Hesse Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP



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# <u>Human and Technological Innovation in Legal</u> <u>Services Delivery</u>

Join the dynamic discussion as we examine the current landscape of the legal services industry. An overview of recent innovations along with a forecast of trends and innovations will be offered as well as examining how to leverage innovations as a participating plan attorney.

Presenter:

JJ Garofalo, CEO Legal Resources and Attorney Live

#### **Bridging the Legal Gap in Rural America**

Rural America stands at the crossroads of scarcity and opportunity. While nonprofit organizations emphasize the lack of essential services—hospitals, dentists, and grocery stores—the for-profit sector often dismisses these areas as unviable due to perceived low population density and limited per person income. Yet, the prevalence of big-box retailers and discount stores in these regions reveals a different narrative: rural communities have needs and are willing to pay for essential services.

This dichotomy raises an important question: Why do perceptions differ so drastically? While urban areas may offer a simpler path to profitability, rural regions require innovative, sustainable business models tailored to their unique dynamics. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the legal profession.

Presenter:

Wayne Hassay, Managing Partner Maguire Schneider Hassay

#### **CLE EDUCATION SESSIONS**



## Essentials of Intellectual Property What Every Lawyer Should Know

The intellectual property law landscape is in constant flux, particularly with the rise of AI, blockchain, and the new Unified Patent Court in Europe. In this era of a global financial and social economy, no lawyer can afford to avoid having at least a basic working knowledge of intellectual property.

This session will provide basic information every practicing lawyer needs to know about intellectual property protection in the United States, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets.

These specialized areas of the law show up both in expected situations, such as the sale of business assets where the brand name or product name is involved, and in unexpected situations, such as the simple employment contract where companies are more frequently requiring employees to sign away all rights to any invention as part of their employment, in divorces where one spouse has rights in certain technology, copyrights, or even patents, or in estates when figuring out how to deal with the most valuable types of intangible property.

The unwary attorneys may overlook important and far-reaching consequences to their clients, or in fact may not even be aware they are being overlooked until it is too late.

Presenter: Thomas Dunlap Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig PLLC

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#### **Ethical Tips from Movies & TV Lawyers**

Ethical legal actions are at the core of any and every successful law-related business endeavor, so attendees will find tremendous value, insight, and education in an entertaining and informative way, which will benefit your business, improve your caseload, and illustrate the value of using a vetted and approved attorneys.

Ben Farrow will use five to six television and movie clips to demonstrate some typical ethical issues and apply the model rules to provide guidance.

Presenter: Benjamin H. Farrow Anderson, Williams and Farrow, LLC

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# The Future Law Firm Economic Model: Pricing, Staffing, and How Smaller Law Firms Will Compete

As AI exerts greater influence on the legal market and how legal services are delivered, many law firm leaders have important questions about what the future might hold in terms of how their law firm will continue to be a profitable and productive business.

This session will explore the future of the law firm economic model, including the impact Al might have on billable hours, how matters are priced and staffed, and how law firms can compete on this changing landscape.

Presenter:
William Josten
Legal Marketplace Innovations Strategist
Thomson Reuters Institute

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