

Spotlight



Jennifer Peyton
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Jennifer Peyton of Cleveland, Ohio, Puts the 'Pro' in Pro Bono

Ms. Peyton is a solo immigration practitioner with a very demanding caseload who still finds time to assist the indigent. She co-chairs the C. Lyonel Jones Pro Bono Immigration Committee, established in 2006 in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. In this capacity, Ms. Peyton reviews incoming cases for merit, represents clients in their immigration cases, and assists at Master Calendar and Individual Hearings. She also mentors new attorneys and facilitates the preparation of the semi-annual EOIR Mock Hearing Training. She works

with Catholic Charities of Cleveland in holding Refugee Adjustment of Status clinics where law students assist refugees with their immigration paperwork to become Permanent Residents. Ms. Peyton participates in Citizenship Day every year and heads the Brief Advice section of the event. Based upon her dedication to the cause of pro bono, in 2006 Ms. Peyton was awarded the Volunteer Lawyers Program—Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. The Domestic Violence Center awarded her the “Break the Silence” honor in 2007.

Ms. Peyton is an Adjunct Professor at Case Western Reserve University

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School of Law where she teaches the Immigration Practicum. She is a member of AILA and has been a member of the National Immigration Project since 2003. Unrelated to immigration law, she is married with two children and is a Board Member at Messiah Lutheran School in Fairview Park, Ohio.

AILA Hosts First Pro Bono Clinic in Connection With Annual Conference

On the evening of Wednesday, June 15, 2011, AILA will kick off its 2011 Annual Conference in San Diego by hosting a pro bono immigration clinic at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. This is the first time that AILA has sponsored a pro bono clinic in connection with its annual conference. The event will start with two information sessions, presented in English and Spanish, covering family immigration and naturalization basics. Then, attendees will have an opportunity to meet with volunteer attorneys for a free immigration case assessment. Individuals who need further assistance will be referred to an AILA attorney who has volunteered to give a free, in-depth consultation at a later

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date. AILA attorneys from all over the country will be participating in the event and several AILA “super stars,” including Ira Kurzban, Cheryl David, Mo Goldman and Enrique Arevalo, will also be on hand to mentor and assist volunteers with particularly difficult cases. The Annual Conference Pro Bono Clinic is being coordinated by the San Diego and Southern California Chapters, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, the ABA Immigration Justice Project, Jewish Family Service and the AILA National Pro Bono Services Committee.



AILA's Director of Education Grace Akers Woods provides a preview of the 2011 Annual Conference in San Diego, including don't-miss events and offerings!