



Bureau of Administrative Hearings Newsletter

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Deputy Director's Note

I love it when a good plan comes together! As we move into the summer, I am excited to share with you more details about the **8TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CONFERENCE**. After a welcome and introduction by Governor's General Counsel Dennis Murashko, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman will give the keynote address.

The day-long conference will also include sessions on evidence and cultural competence in the administrative law setting. A panel of practitioners who appear before a wide spectrum of administrative hearings units will share their likes and dislikes of courtroom practices and weigh in on the impact of ALJ conduct on their clients and their practice.

Cook County Circuit Court Associate Judge Mary Cay Marubio will share her experience moving from serving as an ALJ to serving on the bench. Malcolm Rich from the Chicago Appleseed Foundation for Justice will join me and Wisconsin Central Panel Director Brain Hayes on a panel discussing central panels in the

U.S. and the Bureau's progress and future.

Finally, participants will have the opportunity to obtain an hour of professional responsibility credit when Ari Telisman from the ARDC joins the conference.

The conference will be held in-person at the JRTC and at a TBD Springfield location. As is tradition, there will be also be a networking event following the conference. Details to follow. Come to great some great practice tips, as well as meet and mingle with your colleagues. Often, they're our best (hidden) resource.

The Bureau continues to work with the State's CLE provider to make its programming, including Final Fridays and the annual conference, available online through the master contract. If you've missed a Final Fridays CLE and would like the video and materials, please let me know, and I will forward it along.

-Sarah Kerley

Upcoming Training Opportunities

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REMINDER: This month's Final Fridays CLE, *Corporate Litigants, LLC: Stone Street and Beyond* will be held at noon **April 28th** in 16-504 at the JRTC and Room 104 at the LLCC Training Center.

- **NAALJ Webinar**– May 12th
Sessions include: *Bonehead Grammar for Judges; Social Media Pitfalls in Adjudication*, and *The Nature of the Judicial Process*. Registration details [HERE](#); information about receiving IL credit for out-of-state programming is [HERE](#). **Note:** All event times are listed for the Pacific Time Zone!
- **ISBA Admin Law Section & IAALJ Webcast** - May 19th
This LIVE webcast, *How To Not Throw Away Your Shot at Appeal: Protecting and Preserving the Record for Review*, will cover steps to preserve the record, how an ALJ can ensure an adequate record, and more! For more info, click [HERE](#).
- **The Bureau's Final Fridays Summer Series** begins May 19 (moved to avoid the Memorial Day holiday), and continues on June 30, and July 28. See the next page for details.

FINAL FRIDAY CLEs – An exciting Summer Series!



The last Friday of every month during the noon hour, the Bureau will offer a new ALJ-specific CLE. For the summer (May, June, and July), we will be presenting our first CLE series. Please plan to join us!

We are excited to welcome longtime ALJ and, among other things, distinguished National Judicial College instructor Ed Schoenbaum as he presents a three-session CLE series on case flow management. He is tailoring this presentation to share tips for effective case flow management specifically for administrative law judges. With his State government experience, he is especially poised to reflect on the challenges we face and suggest solutions directly applicable to our practice.

What Web Content Would be Helpful for Your Litigants?

ALJs in the courtroom know best what issues face their litigants. The Bureau is working to develop and publish online resources to make the hearing process more accessible to litigants and less cumbersome for hearings unit staff. Send your suggestions for content that would help make the hearings process run more smoothly to AdministrativeHearings@Illinois.gov.



ALJ Stories: *each month learn about one of the State's amazing ALJs*

This month's nominator said that ALJ Bob Tisch has "forgotten more about child support" than most ALJs know (especially ALJs who don't hear those cases). I think he's probably right! The Chicagoland native has spent nearly 20 years in and around the child support system, both as an Assistant State's Attorney and as an ALJ for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, where he has heard child support and Medicaid vendor cases since 2011. Anyone who has ever worked with Bob - no, ever talked to him - knows that he has a Shakespearian wordsmithing quality about him. He's also a dedicated listener. But don't believe the married father of two when he tells tales of woe about being a terrible golfer. Instead, stop by his office to see his fancy plaque and ask him about his multiple holes in one. Having Bob's expertise in the State's ALJ corps is a hole in one for the State of Illinois and litigants alike.

Let me know what the Pilot Bureau should explore or nominate a co-worker for next month's ALJ Stories!

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