

# CLE SEMINARS

Pro Bono Track

## Oct. 1, 2009

Seminar Code: PB100109

## School Expulsion Hearings Training

**Presented by:**  
**Connecticut Pro Bono Network\***

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*(Registration at 8:30 a.m.)*

**Location:** CBA Law Center, New Britain, CT

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**Cost:** Free for CT Pro Bono Network volunteers;  
\$250 for all others

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## About the Program

The Pro Bono School Expulsion Project seeks to address the unmet need of legal assistance for parents and students in expulsion hearings. Strict adherence to “zero tolerance” policies have resulted in growing numbers of expulsion recommendations for students, including those with disabilities. There are state and federal procedural protections for non-disabled and disabled children, yet most children from predominantly low-income families are unrepresented at these proceedings.

## Faculty and Speakers

**Catherine Holahan**, Connecticut Legal Services, New Britain

**Erin E. Shaffer**, New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc., New Haven

**Melanie E. Starks**, Connecticut Juvenile Training School, Middletown

## Program Schedule

- 9:00 Introduction: The Pro Bono Expulsion Project
- 9:30 Anatomy of an Expulsion:
  - Authority for Expulsion When It Occurs
  - Expulsion Hearing Procedures
  - Strategies and Preparation
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Case Discussion
- 12:40 Questions and Answers

## Who Should Attend

Private attorneys interested in participating in pro bono expulsion hearings. While open to all, this training seminar is designed specifically for volunteer attorneys and paralegals who accept cases through the CT Pro Bono Network. It is our hope that others attending this training would consider accepting a case through our program. Become a volunteer at [www.ctbar.org](http://www.ctbar.org) or call (860)223-4400

*This seminar is appropriate for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys.*

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