

Mass. Law Reform Institute and Mass. Continuing Legal Education present:

IMMIGRANTS AND PUBLIC BENEFITS

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

9:30am – 4:00pm

**LOCATION: Mass. Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)
10 Winter Place, Boston (Downtown Crossing)**

Why attend?

This training offers the nuts-and-bolts on immigration status and benefits for non-citizen immigrants and refugees. Immigrants make up a significant percentage of Massachusetts residents. This training walks you through the basics of immigration and public benefits rules to help you understand which benefits are available for specific immigrant populations. It covers any recent changes in Department of Transitional Assistance, MassHealth, state and federal subsidized housing, and Social Security Administration policy on immigrant eligibility. There is also a brief presentation on the upcoming state legislative sessions and proposed legislation affecting immigrants. This training is for legal services advocates, lawyers in private practice, social and health services workers, and community advocates. Participants receive detailed materials.

You will learn...

- ▶ The federal and state health, food, housing, and cash benefits that are available to Massachusetts immigrants and refugees (including Haitians granted TPS)
- ▶ How to calculate benefits in households with citizen and non-citizen members
- ▶ How to read immigration documents to identify a client's immigration status
- ▶ The "public charge" impact of receipt of benefits on immigration status
- ▶ When a state agency can—and cannot—report an immigrant household to immigrant authorities

Faculty: *Victoria Pulos, Esq., Massachusetts Law Reform Institute*
Patricia J. Baker, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
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Tuition:

Legal Services, Social Services and Community-Based Organizations \$25
All others (e.g., private bar) \$95

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This training is part of a series of annual Basic Benefits Trainings offered by Mass. Law Reform Institute and Mass. Continuing Legal Education. For more information about upcoming trainings go to www.mcle.org Under *Features*, click on *MLRI Basic Public Benefits Advocacy Trainings*.