

# *Eliminating Barriers to Justice III: Language Access, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Georgia's Criminal and Civil Justice Systems*

**October 20, 2016** · Georgia State University College of Law · **10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

*(Lunch will be provided)*

Please join access to justice experts and stakeholders for a **FREE** CLE<sup>1</sup> seminar which will provide you with comprehensive, yet practical, information to ensure access to justice for limited English proficient (LEP) and Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) persons in civil and criminal cases. Seminar highlights include:

- **Access to Justice & the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)** - Discussion of professionalism issues within the contexts of a court's legal responsibility to provide auxiliary aids and services and other reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities (including and beyond interpretation services) involved in civil and criminal legal proceedings. This module will also include a discussion of Georgia's ADA Handbook for Georgia courts currently under revision.
- **Language Access & Criminal Law** - Discussion of the importance of the use of qualified interpreters in criminal matters and the risk of reversible error on appeal when use of an unqualified or no interpreter occurs, as established by Supreme Court of Georgia precedent. This module will also discuss possible ethical implications for attorneys (including those working in District Attorney, Solicitor General and Public Defender offices) and judges when criminal litigants, witnesses or other court participants, particularly those who are LEP/ DHH, are not provided with meaningful access to the justice system.
- **Judicial Roundtable - "The Essence of Due Process is the Opportunity to Be Heard"**
  - Hon. Keith Blackwell, Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
  - Hon. Harold Melton, Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
  - Hon. Sara Doyle, Chief Judge, Georgia Court of Appeals
  - Hon. Horace Johnson, Judge, Superior Court (Alcovy Circuit)
  - Hon. Kristina Hammer Blum, Chief Magistrate Judge, Gwinnett County Magistrate Court

**NO FEE TO ATTEND! [Register Now!](#)**<sup>2</sup> ~ Questions? Contact [Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper](#), CLE Co-Chair

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<sup>1</sup> 4 hours of General including 1 hour of Ethics and 1 hour of Professionalism continuing education credits for attorneys and judges applied for. This CLE is self-reporting. Credits must be paid for by attendees seeking credit. Reporting forms will be provided on-site.

<sup>2</sup> Direct Link - <https://www.georgiaadvocates.org/link.cfm?26059> (Paper copies of training materials may not be available to attendees who register after October 7, 2016; however, all materials will be made available on the internet.)