

2025 Legal Aid University

October 24, 2025
Charleston School of Law (Room 104)
385 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29403
[Registration Link](#)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Navigating Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Examine the ethical responsibilities of attorneys in legal aid while exploring how artificial intelligence is shaping practice, client service, and professional standards.

*Presenter: Katie Brown, Associate Dean for Information Resources
Charleston School of Law*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Estate Planning and Name Changes

Learn effective approaches to estate planning for low-income clients and navigating the legal process for name changes.

Presenter: Audrey Brown, Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Expungements & Pardons

Learn the step-by-step process for securing expungements and pardons.

*Presenters: Amber Simmons, 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office
Benjamin Dennis, 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office*

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch & Poverty Simulation

Participate in an interactive poverty simulation to better understand the daily challenges faced by low-income communities.

Presenters: Trident United Way

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Landlord Tenant Law & Housing Court

Learn how to effectively advocate in landlord–tenant disputes and navigate housing court procedures to protect client rights.

*Presenters: Cody Tettermer, Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services
Mary Templeton, Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services*

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Trauma Informed Lawyering

Discover strategies for practicing law through a trauma-informed lens to better serve clients impacted by trauma.

Presenter: Sarah Ford, South Carolina Victim Assistance Network



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