

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA EQUAL JUSTICE COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON CIVIL JUSTICE Seminar, Friday, June 15, 2007, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

PRESIDERS: *Honorable Leah Ward Sears*, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia, Atlanta
Marc Gary, Former General Counsel, BellSouth Corporation; Chair, Committee on Civil Justice, Atlanta
Anne W. Lewis, Strickland Brockington Lewis LLP; Vice Chair, Committee on Civil Justice, Atlanta

TITLE: MAKING “JUSTICE FOR ALL” A REALITY

PART I OF THE SEMINAR: MOOT COURT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Moderator: *Honorable Leah Ward Sears*

Professor Timothy W. Floyd, Professor of Law and Director, Law and Public Service Program, Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law, and *Gerald R. Weber, Jr.*, Legal Director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, will present oral argument to an “appellate bench,” including Georgia Supreme Court Justices, *Hon. Leah Ward Sears*, *Hon. Carol W. Hunstein*, *Hon. George H. Carley*, *Hon. Hugh P. Thompson*, *Hon. P. Harris Hines*, and other invited judges, on the issue of whether there exists a constitutional basis for a civil right to counsel (i.e., “Civil Gideon”). The Justices will not give any opinions on the issue. At the conclusion, the audience will be invited to participate in a discussion about these issues with Professor Floyd and Mr. Weber.

PART II OF THE SEMINAR: LIMITED-SCOPE REPRESENTATION - A PRACTICAL (PARTIAL) SOLUTION FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS AND PRO BONO LAWYERS

Moderator: *Terry Walsh*, Chair, Pro Bono Subcommittee of the Committee on Civil Justice, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta

Esther F. Lardent, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, and *M. Sue Talia*, a certified family law specialist and a private family law judge from California, will discuss how the consumer-driven phenomenon of limited-scope representation (“unbundling”) can benefit *pro se* litigants, the courts, solo practitioners and small firms who want to eliminate “Accounts Receivables,” and mid-size and large-firms who engage in “time-limited” pro bono. This will be *the* seminar to attend for anyone interested in learning about methods of practicing law and contributing to the community that can create a “win-win” situation for judges, lawyers, and clients.

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