

Detroit Eviction Right to Counsel Summit
IBEW Local 58 - 1358 Abbott Street, Detroit, MI 48216
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Welcome and Keynote**
Bridget McCormack, Chief Justice, Mich Supreme Ct – Welcome
Stephen Henderson, Host of “Detroit Today” WDET– Keynote
- National eviction crisis
 - Detroit evictions
 - Impacts and causes of eviction
 - National eviction representation movement
 - Importance of legal representation in eviction proceedings
- 9:45-10:30 a.m. **Client Panel**
- Defendants tell their stories: “Faced with eviction, how a lawyer helped”
- 10:30-10:40 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40-11:25 a.m. **Corporate / Foundation Panel**
- The importance of stable communities from the perspective of corporations and foundations with significant investments (physical and human) in Detroit
 - The importance of stability for successful educational systems
- 11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m. **Legal Aid Provider/Pro Bono Panel**
- Current capacity for eviction defense representation
 - Observations from cases, housing conditions and court proceedings
 - Anticipated benefits of increased representation for low income households
 - Importance of holistic/wrap-around services for preventing homelessness
- 12:25-1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15-1:45 p.m. **City of Detroit Panel**
- Unique issues for Detroit and costs related to housing instability
 - Prospects for funding a right to counsel in eviction cases.
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. **Court Panel**
- Unique issues for court administration and concerns regarding increased representation of tenants in housing court
 - Data and impacts regarding evictions in Detroit

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2:15-3:15 p.m.

New York City Panel / Insights from Other Jurisdictions

- The history of the tenant right to counsel movement in NYC
- The importance of a formal right to counsel
- Implementation efforts and results from NYC
- The nationwide eviction right to counsel movement
- Recent developments and plans in Cleveland

3:15-3:25 p.m.

Break

3:25-4:25 p.m.

Stout Panel

- What the data shows
- Detroit costs associated with homelessness and lack of housing stability in neighborhoods
- Other forms of economic benefits to Detroit
- Anticipated costs of providing representation
- Phased implementation considerations

4:25-4:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

4:45-6:45 p.m.

Cocktail Reception