



Restoring the Balance: The Legal Community's Role in Restorative Justice

This Free Program Has Been Approved for 2.75 Professionalism Hours

ISBA Midyear Meeting Thursday, December 7, 2006 Sheraton Hotel and Tower, Chicago, Illinois

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introduction by Irene Bahr, President of the Illinois State Bar Association
- 1:35 p.m. Balanced and Restorative Justice: Making the Victim Whole. Presentation by Sarita Villarreal, a crime victim, who found that the balanced and restorative justice model addressed her need to challenge the offender's act while also validating her feelings, concerns and fears.
- 1:50 p.m. Balanced and Restorative Justice in Action. Attendees will watch a short clip of "Burning Bridges" a documentary about the arson of Mood's Bridge, a historic covered bridge in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and the restorative conference held in its wake. The emotional conference, which brought together the six young men who burned down the bridge with their families and members of the community, tells the story of a community moving through grief and anger to healing.
- 2:05 p.m. Balanced and Restorative Justice: A Primer from the Bench. Presentation by Hon. George Timberlake, Chief Judge (retired), Second Judicial Circuit, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Judge Timberlake will educate the audience about BARJ principles, discuss the various programs used to implement these principles, and inform the audience about the success of BARJ programs.
- 2:40 p.m. Break
- 2:50 p.m. If We Can Do It, *Anyone* Can: A review of BARJ-based juvenile programs successfully operating around the state.
- Cheryl Graves on community panels, Chicago
 - Lori Brown on school based programs - circles, Peoria
 - Tara Montgomery on probation based, neighborhood accountability panels and victim-offender mediation, Mt. Vernon
 - Mike Fratto on programs implemented through the police department, victim-offender mediation, Champaign
 - Sally Wolf, probation based programs, family group conferences and circles, Paxton, Moderator

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3:40 p.m. Break

3:50 p.m. Why and how BARJ programs work: A view from the bench and comments from the prosecution and defense bars.

- Hon. Sophia Hall, Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago
- Hon. John Payne, Judge, Circuit Court of Lee County, Dixon
- Jim McCarter, Assistant State's Attorney, Cook County
- Randy Rosenbaum, Past President, Public Defenders Association, Public Defender, Champaign County
- Hon. Steve Pacey, Judge, Circuit Court of Ford County, Paxton, Moderator

4:50 p.m. Closing remarks by ISBA President Irene Bahr

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