

Freedom House presents a free training workshop for attorneys interested in representing asylum-seekers as part of their pro bono work. The workshop will be on **Thursday, November 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Schoolcraft College's VistaTech Center in Livonia.**

Freedom House's services include shelter, food, legal aid, medical and mental health care, education, transitional housing and recreation to asylum seekers. The need for legal services for asylum-seekers, both at Freedom House and across the state, significantly outpaces the availability of pro bono legal assistance.

The workshop, titled, "**Representing Asylum-Seekers for Pro Bono Attorneys**", will feature the following break-out sessions:

- Basic Asylum Law (presenter: Susan Reed, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center)
- Representing Affirmative Cases (presenter: Bradley Maze, George P. Mann and Associates)
- A View from the Bench (presenter: Immigration Court judge, TBD)
- Handling Defensive Asylum Claims (presenter: David Koelsch, University of Detroit Mercy Immigration Law Clinic)
- Panel discussion with asylum recipients and asylum attorneys (participants: current and former Freedom House residents; pro bono attorneys Brian Wassom, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP, and Alex Vernon, U.S. Immigration Attorney).

All required workshop materials will be provided at no charge, and attendees will have the opportunity to purchase the AILA Asylum Primer at the AILA membership price.

The Culinary Arts Program of Schoolcraft College will provide lunch and refreshments.

Although there is no charge for workshop participation, we welcome attendees' donations to Freedom House. For additional information about Freedom House, please visit www.freedomhousedetroit.org.

If you have not already done so, please RSVP and include the names of your firm's attorneys who plan to attend the workshop by **October 14, 2011** to Kelly Steffens, Freedom House staff attorney, at ksteffens@freedomhousedetroit.org.