

Maine Elder Abuse Summit Speaker Biographies

Janice Archer

Janice Archer is the Adult Protective Services Casework Supervisor for Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. She has worked for Adult Protective Services for the past eight years having been an APS caseworker prior to becoming a supervisor. Ms. Archer has a Bachelor's of Science in Health and Human Services, is a Licensed Social Worker, and has worked in the social services field for 28 years. Ms. Archer served for four years as a Commissioner on the Bangor Housing Authority Commission and for four years on the Board of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence. Prior to joining APS, Ms. Archer was the Coordinator of a domestic violence shelter for seven years and has worked for Eastern Agency on Aging as well as several group homes in the area. She worked for a time in Hawaii as an adolescent psychiatric case worker, as a caseworker for Elder Care of Hawaii, and as an outreach worker for Hawaii Sexual Assault Response. When she is not working she is plotting her retirement plan for resettling in Hawaii.

Lynne Caswell

Lynne Caswell has been Maine's Legal Assistance Developer with the Maine Office of Aging and Disability Services since 2010. In this position Lynne monitors the federal Older Americans Act programs mandated to protect vulnerable elders; the Maine Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; and Legal Services for the Elderly. Lynne co-chairs the Maine Council on Elder Abuse Prevention and sits on the Maine Elder Death Analysis Review Team. Lynne also briefly managed Maine's Adult Protective Services Unit. Prior to working for the state, Lynne was a Helpline Attorney with Legal Services for the Elderly for several years.

Kim Ford

Kim Ford is the Adult Protective Services Casework Supervisor for multiple geographic areas of Hancock and Washington Counties. Prior to moving to APS in 2005, Kim worked in the Office of Child and Family Services. Ms. Ford has been active in several organizations in her community committed to ending domestic violence and elder abuse. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maine Orono.

Sarah Fuller

Sarah Fuller is president of Fuller Ink, a public relations and marketing company based in Winthrop that services business and nonprofit clients throughout Maine and the northeastern United States. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography from The George Washington University and a Master's degree in Public Relations from the University of Miami. Prior to starting her own firm, she worked at Nancy Marshall Communications in Augusta, Teach for America in Miami, and Resources for the Future in Washington, D.C.

She is in her third term on the Winthrop Town Council and currently serves as Chair. In addition to serving as President of the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and on the board at Legal Services for the Elderly, Sarah is an active member of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Winthrop Area Rotary Club and a volunteer steward for the Kennebec Land Trust.

Anne Gibson

Anne Gibson has been in the financial services industry since 1983. She is a graduate of the University of Maine with a degree in French and minor in Spanish and holds an MBA from McGill University in Montreal. She began her banking career as a Trust Officer at Northeast Bank and Trust in Bangor upon graduating from McGill. She spent 13 years in the trust department at Bar Harbor Banking and Trust during which time she completed the Certified Financial Planner designation. In 2001, she started her own fee-only, fiduciary

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model financial planning firm, Gibson Financial Solutions, Inc. which is located in Ellsworth. Her firm focuses on educating clients in order for them to be able to take better control of their circumstances and make better financial decisions. Over her 16 years in business her firm has provided financial planning and consulting for individuals and families within Maine and from other states. Her firm also manages assets for clients who choose to hire a professional rather than self-directing. Anne's firm has two Certified Financial Planners and an Office Manager to service clients.

Patrick Hood

Sgt. Patrick Hood 17 year veteran of the State Police who is currently assigned to the Troop D barracks in Augusta as a patrol Sergeant overseeing the work of five Troopers. Prior to being promoted in 2011, Sgt. Hood patrolled Knox County for 13 years where he was responsible for criminal investigations and traffic enforcement. Sgt. Hood is an active member of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention (MCEAP), a longtime member of the Knox County Triad, servers as board member for the Sexual Assault Support Services of Mid-Coast Maine (SASSMM) and is a member of the State Police pipe and drum unit. He resides in the Town of Union with his wife and their nine year old daughter and six year old son.

Estela Lane

Estela Lane, who has been working in Adult Protective Services for the past 30 years, is the APS Casework Supervisor in Aroostook County. Prior to her role as supervisor, Estela spent many years managing court studies for persons in need of public guardianship. She has extensive experience providing In-Service trainings regarding abuse, neglect, exploitation and guardian/conservatorship to Aroostook County residential care and nursing home facilities, local rotaries and other senior groups for several years. She and her husband have been active in their community since moving to Maine in 1976. Estela was on the MSAD 70 School Board for 19 years, and served as Chair for 11 years. When she's not working, she likes to garden, exercise and even drives a motorcycle.

Timothy Larkins

Timothy Larkins, LSW is the Adult Protective Services Central Intake Coordinator at the Office of Aging and Disability Services in Houlton. Tim has held this position for sixteen years and previously worked as an APS Intake worker for three years. His prior experience at DHHS includes six years as a unit supervisor at the legacy Income Maintenance Unit (currently the Office for Family Independence), five years as a case manager for the ASPIRE program, and two years as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Prior to embarking on a career in social services, Mr. Larkins worked at the Sears Roebuck and Co. for six years as a department manager and personnel manager. Mr. Larkins received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Bryant University.

Jodi Liberty

Jodi Liberty graduated from the University of Maine Augusta with a Bachelor's of Science in Health and Human Services in 2012. She started working with a conditional social work license assessing child abuse cases for Child and Family Services. In December, Jodi was hired by the Office of Aging and Disability Services as an investigator for adult protective services based in Augusta. In May 2014, Jodi passed the social work boards and is now a licensed social worker. Prior to working for DHHS, Jodi worked in the medical field for 15 years.

Sheri Clark Nadell

Sheri Clark Nadell is the Program Manager for Maine's Adult Protective Services. In this role, Sheri oversees approximately 85 staff located throughout the state. These staff are responsible to respond to allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of Maine residents over the age of 18. Sheri and her staff are have been duly designated by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to fulfill the Commissioner's obligations as public guardian and conservator for about 1300 adults living throughout the State. Prior to taking her current role at DHHS, Sheri spent several years as an administrator at several residential care and skill nursing facilities located in Maine, California, and elsewhere. Sheri is a Black Belt in Kenpo Karate and has helped her community is a variety of ways from soccer coach to Board member of the Brunswick Theater Project.

Leanne Robbin

Leanne Robbin is a white collar criminal prosecutor with the Criminal Division of the Office of Attorney General. She received her undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College in 1980 and her law degree from Cornell Law School in 1983. She has been an assistant attorney general since 1983, having served in the General Government, Consumer, Natural Resource, Litigation and Criminal Divisions. Ms. Robbin has been involved in investigations and prosecutions of elder financial exploitation since about 1998.

Judith Shaw

Judith Shaw serves as the Securities Administrator for the State of Maine Office of Securities having been appointed in 2008. From 2001 to 2008, she served as Deputy Superintendent of the Maine Bureau of Insurance.

Ms. Shaw began her career as Associate Legal Director and later Chief of Investigations for the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. In 1992 she returned to Maine and joined the Maine Office of the Attorney General specializing in administrative and insurance law.

An active member of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), Ms. Shaw is the President-Elect for the 2014-2015 term. She also serves as Chair of NASAA's Strategic Planning Committee and is a member of NASAA's Senior Issues and Diminished Capacity Committee. Ms. Shaw previously served as Chair of NASAA's Enforcement Section Committee. Ms. Shaw is co-chair of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention, a coalition of public and private partners dedicated to reducing elder abuse and financial exploitation.

Kimberly L. Volk

Kimberly L. Volk has more than 20 years' experience in executive capacities at wealth management/investment firms, a trust company and family financial offices, and has expertise in compliance, risk management and operational finances. She works with Aurora Financial Group, a Registered Investment Adviser, where she is a Vice President and the Chief Compliance Officer. Kim possesses credentials as a Series 65 Maine investment advisor along with two specialized areas: the Certified Trust & Financial Advisor (CTFA) designation from the American Bankers Association and the strategic designation of Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), both of which help Kim advocate and understand specific concerns for her clients. She has her MBA and her undergraduate work focused on communications and economics.

In the Portland community, she's been an active volunteer civic participant. She serves on the Board of Portland's Downtown Improvement District, serves as the Treasurer of the Breakwater School, and is Treasurer of the Maine Jewish Film Festival.

Kim also served as Treasurer and Chief Technology Officer for Cyberseniors.org, the groundbreaking nonprofit organization that trained more than 28,000 seniors to use the Internet and email as a means to provide health care literacy and an enhanced, connected quality of life.