Announcements

COVID-19 and Access to Civil Justice

The ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense (SCLAID) has launched a web page that consolidates resources from across the country to assist the access to justice community in addressing the many challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. To access these resources, please visit http://ambar.org/SCLAIDCOVID19.

SCLAID needs your input on how the ABA Civil Standards have been affected by COVID-19

As SCLAID continues its work to amend the ABA Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid, it needs your input on how your experiences during the pandemic should inform those amendments. We will be holding an online listening session on this topic during the Virtual Equal Justice Conference on Wednesday, August 12, at 1:45 p.m. Eastern (more info here), so please join us! Ahead of that session, we invite you to complete our short online survey regarding this project. Your input is invaluable as we consider how to address the Standards in light of the pandemic; you can find our survey here. We hope you’ll join us!


National Association of IOLTA Programs issues press release: $157.4 Million Projected Loss in Critical Sources of State Funding for Civil Legal Aid.
**News Announcements**

**ATJ Commissions & Related Developments**

IL - Illinois Supreme Court Adopts New Rule for Eviction Cases

MD - Attorney General's COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force Requests Governor Hogan Extend Executive Orders to Protect Marylanders from Threat of Eviction and Debt Collection

MS - Helpful Videos Available for Self-Representing Litigants

MS - ABA Recognizes State's Efforts to Provide Civil Legal Assistance to Poor

NV - Eviction Bill Intended to Ease Expected Deluge of Evictions on Courts, Prevent Homelessness

OK - Anticipating Surge in Oklahoma Evictions, Organizations Work to Bolster Mediation Program

TN - Plan Seeks to Reduce Racial Disparities in Tennessee Courts

TN - Commission To Address Racism In Justice System

TN - Online Faith and Justice Summit Puts Focus on Reaching Tennesseans with Legal Needs

**Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery**

LSC Estimates Grantees Would Need $2.5 Billion to Address Eviction Surge

NYS Bar Association Calls on Congress to Help Legal Aid Organizations

COVID-19 Threatens to Worsen US Legal Deserts

Lawyers Can Help Hold Back the Storm of Evictions

ABA Report Shines Spotlight on Legal Deserts

Legal Aid Orgs Say Demand Will Keep Rising Amid Pandemic

Legal Aid Groups Predict Spike in Need - and Client Numbers - As Pandemic Persists

Domestic Violence, Eviction, Finances Drive Virus Legal Aid Rise

Annual 2020: ABA Forecasts Future of Civil Legal Aid, Public Defense

Law Firms Deferring First-Year Associates Eye Legal Aid Positions for Fall
Virus Turns Up Pressure on Medical-Legal Partnerships

FL - Eviction Battle: Legal Aid Society Forms Rapid Response Team for Palm Beach County

GA - Atlanta Legal Aid Kicks of Annual Campaign As Need Spikes

GA - Georgia Legal Aid Groups Turn to PPP Loans

IL - Insight: Legal Aid Chicago Responds to the COVID-19 Crisis - A Conversation with DLA Piper

IL - Illinois Creates Grants With Money From Cannabis Sales

MD - MD Legal Services Reports Nearly $7M Drop, Cites Pandemic

MI - As Michigan's Eviction Moratorium Lifts Thursday, Advocates Tell Tenants to Seek Legal Aid

LA - Legal Services Office Sees Massive Increases in Foreclosure, and Unemployment Calls

LA - Louisiana Bar Foundation Awards $8.7 Million for Civil Legal Aid

MO - A Decline in Trusts: Drop in Interest Revenue Cuts Into IOLTA Funding

NH - NHLA Receives $300,000 in Grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund

NY - NY Bar Foundation to Award Grants to Legal Services Groups, Including VLP

NY - Poor Legal Clients Are Finally Getting a Break in New York

OH - Legal Aid Providers, Already Stretched Thin, Anticipate Surge in Evictions and Requests for Help

OH - Ohio Supreme Court Issues More Than $725K in Civil Justice Grants

RI - City, Partners Unveil $1M in Rent, Legal Aid

TX - Texas Bar Dues Requirement is Constitutional, 5th Circ. Hears

TX - Ethics Attys Back Texas Bar Dues Requirement at 5th Circ.

WA - Spokane County Bar Association Gets $86,000 Grant to Help Stave Off 'A Giant Tsunami of Evictions'

Pro Bono & Public Service

NY - To Help NYC Protestors, 500 Attorneys Volunteer With Legal Aid's New 'Cop Accountability Clinic'

SC - Evictions Amid the Pandemic Creates a Push for Legislative Changes
**Civil Right to Counsel**

U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris, Congresswomen Ayana Pressley and Rosa DeLauro Unveil Bill to Provide Critical Lifeline for Families Facing Eviction Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Kamala Harris Unveils Housing Plan as Rent Deadline Looms

No Money, No Lawyer, No Justice: The Vast, Hidden Inequities of the Civil Legal System

CA - Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act: Report to the Legislature

OH - Housing Advocates Anticipating More Eviction Filings as Benefits Expire

OH - Cleveland Right to Counsel Program Looks to Help with Growing Evictions

**Legal Education**

NY - Ithaca Tenants Union Partners with Cornell Law School to Set Up Housing Hotline

WA - UW Law School Offers Unique Summer Internships in the Wake of COVID-19

**Technology & Data**

Automating Our Justice System to Ensure Justice for All

Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio Residents Seek Legal Information Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

AK - Law Group Launches Free Coronavirus Legal Advice Hotline

CT - Will the Digital Divide Further Widen the Justice Gap?

IL - Rentervention Helps Tenants With Their Housing Issues. With COVID-19, the Timing Couldn’t Be Better.

NY - Legal Aid Society Launches Online Application System

NC - UNC's Civil Legal Assistance Clinic and Immigrant Advocacy Group Launch COVID-19 Hotline
Developments in the Courts

Pandemic May Change the Way We Design Our Courthouses

Post-COVID Courts

Courts Will Need to Adapt to the Coronavirus Crush

Shift to Virtual Eviction Hearings Stirs Due Process Fears

AZ - COVID-19 Closures Hit Already Backlogged Immigration Courts

AZ - Maricopa County Superior Court Testing Virtual Juries in Civil Cases

KS - $1.6 Million in Grants Goes to Kansans' Access to Justice

NY - Reopening of NY Courts Spurs Backlash

OK - Oklahoma Offers Glimpse of Eviction Challenges Amid Pandemic

TN - (Won't) See You in Court: Pandemic Forces Every Element of the Legal System to Adapt in a Hurry

General Civil Justice

Legal Community Has a 'Special Responsibility to Fight Injustice,' ABA President Says in Final Speech

Wave of Evictions Expected as Moratoriums End in Many States

How the Eviction Crisis Across the U.S. Will Look

11 Million Households Could Be Evicted Over the Next Four Months

An Eviction Filing Could Lead to Spiraling Poverty

Millions of Americans Are About to Lose Their Homes. Congress Must Help Them.

Prevent a Public Health Crisis From Turning Into a Homelessness Crisis

A National Evictions Cliff is Coming. America’s Failing Legal System Will Make it Worse

Utility Shutoffs Threaten a Fresh Crisis for Low-Income and Black Families as Covid Surges Again

As COVID-19 Safeguards End, Eviction Wave Begins

Facing Eviction in the Time of Coronavirus
When We Say Defend Black Lives, We Mean Defend Black Homes Too

Emily Benfer on the Incoming Wave of COVID-19 Evictions

HI - Hawaii’s Eviction Moratorium Isn’t Saving These Tenants

ID - COVID-19 Is Worsening Idaho’s Eviction Crisis

ID - Idaho Court Rules People Have Right to a Jury Trial For Evictions

IL - Chicago Bar Task Force Recs Steer Clear of Outside Ownership in Law Firms

IL - Ill. Panel Urges Regulatory Overhaul to Boost Access to Atys

KY - Evictions in Kentucky to Resume Despite Moratorium

NY - New York Passes Ban on Immigration Arrests at Courthouses

NY - Legal Aid Society, NYC Public Advocate Urge Cuomo to Extend Eviction Moratorium as Expiration Looms

NY - Legal Aid Expects 14,000 in NYC to Face Eviction as Moratorium Expires Wednesday

SC - As CARES Act Expires, SC Prepares for an 'Avalanche of Eviction Filings'

WI - Is Milwaukee's Eviction Spike 'The Canary in the Coal Mine’?

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**Washington Update**

In early July, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved a FY2021 appropriations package including $465 million for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), which represents close to a six percent increase over its current budget. The House is expected to vote on this bill in early August, whereas the Senate has not yet released any FY2021 appropriations bills.

For FY2022, the LSC Board approved a resolution adopting an appropriations request to Congress of $1.02 billion, which represents a 57% increase over its FY2021 request.

For information on the ABA’s advocacy efforts on behalf of LSC and to learn how to join them, contact the ABA Governmental Affairs Office at 202/662-1767.

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**Job Postings**

Applications submitted by August 7 given first consideration.

For Other Job Postings relating to the legal services community, please visit the MIE Job Board.

**Conferences & Events**


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