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Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

LSC Awards Over $4.2 Million in 2015 Technology Initiative Grants
LSC Releases Outcome Toolkit for Extended Services Cases
Law School Grad Uses Crowdfunding to Staff Social Justice Cases
Yes, Doctors and Lawyers Can Work Together
Starbucks Helps Provide Legal Services to Veterans
NY - Lippman Announces New Free Legal Advice Program
NY - Office of Victim Services to Build Legal Help Tool for Crime Victims
CT - Works on Legal Services for Veterans
ME - Nonprofit Community Law Center Offers Lower-Cost Legal Services

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments

FL - ATJ Commission Connecting Those in Need with the Legal System
LA - More on the Newly formed Louisiana ATJ Commission
OK - Access to Justice Difficulties in Oklahoma

Sidebar

The Resource Center is pleased to announce that it has received another generous grant from the Public Welfare Foundation to conduct capacity-building activities for Access to Justice Commissions over the next 15 months. With the help of Voices for Civil Justice and the Self-Represented Litigation Network, capacity-building groups are now being formed to provide support in the following areas: 1) judicial branch and self-help services, 2) funding for legal aid and 3) communications and messaging. For more information, contact april.faih-slaker@americanbar.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Workshop Proposals for the 11th Annual Medical-Legal Partnership Summit are due by 8pm EST on December 4, 2015
Nominations for the 2016 Margaret Brent Award are due by December 4, 2015
Nominations for the 2016 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access are due by December 11, 2015

Job Postings & Related Announcements

The ABA Center for Pro Bono is looking for student interns to help with policy research and writing.
TX - Creates New Way to Transfer Real Property Upon Death
TX - New Commission Tackling Middle Class Legal Needs, Compliments ATJ Commission's Efforts

Developments in the Courts

NCSC Study Shows Dramatic Changes of Civil Caseloads Over Past 20 Years
Canada Study Raises Concerns About Fairness for SRLs in Courts
Judges Using Brain Science to Help Babies Caught in the Court System
DE - Courts Expand Digital Initiative with University Partnership
HI - Chief Honored With Peacemaker Award
IL - Court User Survey Measures Perceptions of Court System
NY - The Right Leader for NY’s Courts
WV - Supreme Court Affirms Right of Self-Representation

Pro Bono & Public Service

U.S. Senate Passes Bill to Bolster Legal Help for DV Victims
Too Many Lawyers? Not in DC
AR - Amy Johnson on How Pro Bono Helps More than Just AR Poor
DE - Patent Pro Bono Program to Help Low-Income Inventors
WY - Initiates Modest Means Program

Law Schools & Legal Education

One Law School’s Effort to Resolve Access to Justice
New Lawyer Column on the Weight of Student Loan Debt
MS - New Law Student Limited Practice Rule

Civil Right to Counsel

ABA Urges Right to Counsel in AK Custody Case

Poverty Population Trends

Law students and students pursuing graduate degrees in the social sciences are encouraged to apply. Students can be located anywhere. The internship is unpaid or for course credit. Click here for more information.

The Entire Legal Profession in One Infographic

The legal profession has endured many changes, particularly in the last ten years. See the below infographic created based on recent data on the major trends and challenges for the profession. Click here for more information.
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The Encouraging Poverty News that Official Data Isn't Telling Us
Slate Podcast: How the Other Half Banks
What Do Sleep, Poverty and Health Have in Common? A Criminal Record and a Fair Shot at a Job
Journal Exposes Inadequacy of Viewing Poverty as a Personal Failure

General Civil Justice

Seven Honored for Outstanding Work at NLADA Annual Conference
Surge in the Need for Legal Services Among People Who Are Least Able to Pay
UK Report on How Citizens Experience the Justice System
Brookings Report Includes Chapter on Poverty, also read this response
Arbitration: Stacking the Deck Part I and Part II
ABA Future of Legal Services Issues Paper Concerning New Categories of Legal Services Providers, Comments due by December 31