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Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

FY2016 Spending Bill Increases Funding for LSC by $10 Million
LSC Awards First Vieth Grants to Support Leadership Training in Civil Legal Aid
Maine to Conduct Economic Impact Study of 6 Legal Aid Providers

ATJ Commission & Related Developments

MIE Article on ATJ Commissions (Fall 2015 Issue, Subscription Required)
FL - Commission Works on Filling the Justice Gap
IL - Commission Approves New Technology to Help SRLs
ME - ATJ Symposium in January
NY - Commission Report: Justice Gap Has Narrowed, Yet Still Wide
OK - Access Denied to Many, How the Commission is Addressing it
SC - Sup Ct Approves Visitation Packet for SRLs, Submitted by Commission

Sidebar

Award Nominations

Vote for your favorite legal innovator for the 2016 Louis M. Brown Award, by noon CST on January 8th, 2016. The Brown award honors programs and projects dedicated to matching the unmet legal needs of the middle class and those of moderate incomes with lawyers who provide affordable legal information, services, and representation.

Nominations for the 2016 National Public Service Award, due by January 22, 2016. This award recognizes significant pro bono legal services that demonstrate a commitment to providing services to the poor in a business context, and recognizes the achievements resulting from public service work for the clients and client groups represented.

Nominations for the Harrison Tweed Award, due by April 1, 2016. This award recognizes the extraordinary achievements of state and local bar associations that develop or significantly expand projects or programs to increase access to civil legal services for poor persons or criminal defense services for indigents.

Webinars You May Have Missed

Optimizing Google Analytics with
**Developments in the Courts**

- **New Data: The State of State Courts: A 2015 NCSC Public Opinion Survey**
- **AR - Sup Ct Adopts Rule on Unclaimed and Unidentifiable Client Trust Account Funds**
- **CT - Report on Expanding ATJ in Family Courts**
- **FL - Sup Ct Announces Communications Plan for State Courts Starting 2016**
- **IN - Courts Push Ahead With Shift to E-Filing**
- **KS - Sup Ct Proposes Amendments to Code of Judicial Conduct Re SRLs**
- **MD - Judiciary Unveils New Mobile App to Improve Access to Justice**
- **MD - Expands Statewide Chat and Phone Help**
- **MO - AG Offers Reforms to Curb Abusive Debt-Collection Practices**
- **NY - Chief Judge Lippman's Enduring Legacy and the Scoop on the New Nominee**
- **NY - Live Chat Assistance on NY State Unified Court Systems Website for Foreclosure Cases**
- **TX - Former Sup Ct Chief Justice Discusses Closing the Justice Gap**

**Job Postings**

- **Eastside Legal Assistance Program (Washington) seeks new Executive Director**, applications being reviewed until position is filled.

- **Legal Services of Southern Missouri seeks new Executive Director**, applications due March 13, 2016.

- **Pro Bono Institute Seeks President/CEO**, applications being accepted now.

**Other Opportunities**

- **The National Center for Medical Legal Partnerships seeks 12 MLPs to participate in a pilot program from tracking MLP performance measures**, applications due January 22, 2016.


**Infographic Spotlight**

Check out the below infographic of the State of Access to Justice in Minnesota.

Click to view larger image.
General Civil Justice

Congressman Joe Kennedy III and Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks Launch Congressional Access to Civil Legal Services Caucus

Civil Legal Aid in the U.S.: An Update for 2015, by Alan Houseman

Law Review Article on ATJ: New Approaches to Ensure Meaningful Participation

Public Justice Center Study: Outcomes in Baltimore's Rent Court are One-Sided

Removing Barriers to Opportunities for Parents with Criminal Records

Criminal Justice Reform Must Include Legal Aid, Huffington Post Blog

New ABA Ethics Opinion on Unbundling

Poverty Population Trends

Stanford: Poverty and Inequality Report, 2015

An Aging Society Changes the Story on Poverty for Retirees

Who is Shifting Home Internet From Broadband to Smartphones

Vast Majority of Poor Kids Will Stay Poor Their Whole Lives

Nearly Half of Renters Put >30% of Their Income Toward Rent

Welfare Reform Drives Low-Income Parents to Social Networks for Help

How Debt Collectors Ruin Lives

NY - Some Landlords Refuse to Rent to Tenants on Aid

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