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ATJ Commissions & Related Developments

FL - Sup Ct Responds to ATJ Commission Interim Report
MD - Celebrates Launch of Newly Re-Formed Commission
MS - A Brief Interview with the ED, Tiffany Graves
NC - Welcomes New Commission Members
TN - Welcomes New Commission Members

Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

How to Reduce Domestic Violence with Legal Assistance
When the Prescription is for Legal Assistance
Best Practice Benchmarking for Legal Services Websites
Briefing Paper Shows Increase of SRLS in England and Wales
Richard Zorza Writes About Outcome Measurements
CT - State Faces Continued Crisis in Legal Aid Funding
NY - New Office of Civil Justice to Provide Legal Assistance
WI - Cy Pres Petition Filed and Scheduled for Public Hearing

Sidebar

Awards & Recognition

The Louis M. Brown Award goes to Suffolk University Law School Accelerator to Practice Program. 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 ABA Pro Bono Publico Award, due by February 26, 2016. Each year the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service presents five awards to individual lawyers and institutions in the legal profession that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged.

Nominations for the 2016 MLP Awards, due by March 7, 2016. Each spring, the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership recognizes an exceptional medical-legal partnership program and advocate through the Outstanding Medical-Legal Partnership Award and the Distinguished Medical-Legal Partnership Advocate Award.

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.
Developments in the Courts

Harvard Study: State Legal Info 'Impossible' to Access Online
Report Reveals Debt-Buying Practices Push Poor Further Into Poverty
A Call for Plain Language to Expand ATJ in Canada's Family Law Courts
SRL Study from Canada Highlights Balance Between Efficiency, Fairness
More on SRLs in Family Court out of Canada
Great Video out of Canada on Self Representation
AZ - Chief Justice Aims to Improve How Courts Work
CA - Needs to Reinvent Commitment to Justice, Says Bob Hertzberg
CA - Futures Commission Seeks Comments on Proposed Concepts
IL - Sup Ct Announces Timeline for Mandatory E-Filing in Civil Cases

Pro Bono & Public Service

How Pro Bono Works in Practice Within In-House Legal Department
Unbundling: The Bridge Between Going It Alone and Full Representation
Pro Bono Makes All the Difference in Family Matters
WI - Sup Ct To Consider Pro Bono CLE Rule

Law Schools & Legal Education

Touro Law Center's Journal of Experiential Learning Issue on Incubators
New Incubator Launched in Hawaii
New Incubator Program to Provide Services to Veterans

Civil Right to Counsel

Civil Gideon is Catching on for Some Cases
Blog Covers Current NJ Right to Counsel for Adoptions Case

Technology and Access to Justice

Florida Bar Journal Publishes Legal Tech Special Issue
Justice Trans: Addressing ATJ Issues through Technology
After the Machines Take Over
The State of Legal Tech in 2016
Emerging Justice Technologies and the Need for Evaluation
Rise of the Machines, or the Phantom Menace?

Other Opportunities

Job Postings

The Pro Bono Project, New Orleans, Louisiana seeks new Executive Director, applications due February 19, 2016
Legal Services of Southern Missouri seeks new Executive Director, applications due March 13, 2016.

Letters of interest for LSC's Technology Initiative Grant Program, due Feb. 29th
Wanted: Competitors for the NCSC Hackathon to take place Mar 4-5, 2016

Social Justice Art Spotlight

A new exhibition explores the politics of social justice art. At key moments in history, artists have reached beyond galleries and museums, using their work as a call to action to create political and social change. For the past hundred years, the term agitprop, a combination of agitation and propaganda, has directly reflected the intent of this work. Agitprop! a NY art exhibit connects contemporary art devoted to social change with historic moments in creative activism, highlighting activities that seek to motivate broad and diverse publics. This exhibition runs through August 7, 2016 at the Brooklyn Museum (for those of you in or near NY). To see the featured works, click the image below. To read a review of the exhibit, click here.
General Civil Justice

Justice Should Not Be Denied to Low Income Citizens
Improving ATJ through Innovation, Collaboration
Five Transformative Bar Reform Ideas to Get to 100% Access
Ensuring Meaningful ATJ, Message from the PWF
LSC Hosts Panels on Expanding ATJ, SC Justice Beatty Joins
New ATJ Publications from Canada
TX - State Bar Board of Directors Express Reservations about Legal Services by NonLawyers

Poverty Population Trends

How it Feels to be a Poor Mother Without Heat During a Blizzard
Poverty Makes Financial Decisions Harder
At the Margins: Poor LGBT People Face Increased Legal Aid Needs
Poverty Causes Depression, Brain Connectivity Changes in Children
Most Americans Do Not Even Have $1,000 in Savings
40% of Millennials Have Used a Pawnshop or Payday Lender
By 2050, Could Be as Many as 25 Million Poor Elderly Americans
How to Protect Female Farmworkers
What Data Can Do to Fight Poverty

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