News Headlines
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**ATJ Commissions & Related Developments**
- DC - Head of DOJ Civil Rights Div Remarks at Commission Event
- MS - Hosts Medical Legal Partnership Learning Session
- MT - Commission's Public Forums Continue
- TX - Commission Liaison Talks About Need for Legal Aid for Sexual Assault Survivors

**Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery**
- Microsoft to Fund New Pilot Project to Improve Legal Aid
- Bank of America Distributes Funds to Legal Aid Groups Nationwide
- CT - Bar Foundation Leader Urges Support of Legal Aid Bill
- NE - America's First Autism Legal Hotline Established
- NH - Federal Funding Helps Revive Medical Legal Partnership
- WI - Approves Cy Pres Petition
- Ontario - New Plain Language Toolkit

Sidebar
Are you responsible for measuring outcomes or conducting other program evaluation? Interested in connecting up with other program evaluators to share ideas, tools and lessons learned? If you are interested in learning more about an upcoming opportunity to be part of a collaborative program evaluation group, contact april.faith-slaker@americanbar.org.

Conferences & Training
May 2016: See you all at the Equal Justice Conference? Don't forget to check out the number of other adjoining meetings and events. Of note:
- Justice Index Preview Event (date and time to be determined),
- the Self Represented Litigation Network Preconference,
- the Pro Bono Support and Access to Justice Directors Preconference,
- the MIE Next New Executive Director Training,
- the National Meeting of State Access to Justice Chairs, and
- additional programming.

June 2016: Register for the MIE
Developments in the Courts

Homeless Court Removes Housing, Job Barriers
AZ - Creates Civil Justice Reform Committee
CT - Layoffs Begin at CT Judicial Branch
IA - Courts Brace for Cutbacks
IN - Court’s Online Effort Nears 10,000 Filings
WA - Plain Language Initiative to Help SRLs in Domestic Courts
Canada - Huge Legal Bills Push Many To Self Represent

Pro Bono & Public Service

Queen of Pro Bono's Esther Lardent Dies at Age 68
Volunteers Help Families in Immigrant Detention Centers
CO - Rules to Encourage Pro Bono & Create Model Policy for In-House Counsel
MD - Attys Would Rather Sacrifice Facebook Than Give Up Pro Bono
MS - Sup Ct Seeking Comments on Pro Bono Appellate Program Idea
OH - Emeritus Pro Bono Rule, Effective Sept 15
PA - Chief Justice Saylor Supports Pro Bono in Letter
WI - Adopts Pro Bono CLE, Expands Pro Bono for In-House Counsel

Law Schools & Legal Education

Private Student Loans Are "The Worst Debt in America"
GA - Bar's Incubator for New Lawyers Launched

Civil Right to Counsel

How to Solve the Housing Crisis: More Lawyers
Center for American Progress Report on Civil Asset Forfeiture and Right to Counsel
CT - Proposed Task Force Would Consider 'Civil Gideon' Initiative
MS - About Bill that Would Provide Lawyers to Low-Income Parents
NY - Discussion of Right to Counsel in Housing Court Report
NY - Savings Seen from Right to Counsel in Eviction Cases

Technology and Data

Watch or Read about The 2016 Iron Tech Lawyer Competition
Vanderbilt Law Students Building Apps for Access to Justice
Law Firms That Know Tech Have Better Chance of Survival

Supervising Legal Work Training to take place June 27-29 in Ann Arbor, MI

Job Postings

Hiscock Legal Aid Society (HLAS) in Syracuse, NY Seeks President/CEO, applications due May 15, 2016

New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty Seeks New Executive Director, applications due June 14, 2016

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Other Opportunities

The Public Welfare Foundation and the National Center for State Courts have announced the Justice for All Project. The project will support efforts by the states to include all relevant stakeholders in the civil justice community in a partnership to better understand, adopt, and move toward implementation of the CCJ/COSCA resolution on Meaningful Access to Justice for All. RFPs due in May. For more information about the project, see this fast facts document. Also see Richard Zorza's post about the project.
General Civil Justice

Watch: The ATJ Meeting at the White House
Ensuring Justice for All: The White House Plan
Garland Talks About ATJ at Pro Bono Breakfast in DC
Mary McClymont: Philanthropy Must Step Up for Civil Justice
Listen: ATJ Panel at Council on Foundations Annual Conference
Alternatives to Sending People to Jail for Failure to Pay Fines
Denying Housing Over Criminal Record May Be Discrimination
Assistance Plan for Ex-Convicts, National Reentry Week
Loretta Lynch Discusses Reentry Challenges
ABA Futures Commission Seeks Comments on Alternative Business Structures Paper, due May 2
AZ - Agencies Collaborate on Sex Abuse, DV Response
CO - Lawmaker Again Takes Up Fines and Fees Issue
WI - Despite Rule Change, Family Lawyers Not Offering Unbundling
UK - Mental, Physical Health Problems Linked to Self Representation

Poverty Population Trends

Poverty Related Needs of Americans Rose in 2015
Measuring Poverty in the 21st Century
How Americans Suffer From Compounding Poverty
The Countless Ways Poverty Affects People's Health
DC - Findings of Community Listening Project Released
MS - 55,000 Children Devastated by Impact of Parent in Prison
NE - For Nebraska's Poor, Get Sick and Get Sued
WA - What Being Poor in WA Means Worrying About Housing

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