Announcements

The ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services seeks nominations for the 2017 Louis M. Brown award for legal access. Nominations due December 2.

Interested in providing or receiving support for conducting program evaluation? Please complete this brief survey to help guide the development of support tools and resources for your program evaluation needs.

The American Bar Endowment has adopted an Opportunity Grants Program, to support smaller, innovative programs and projects by eligible grantees that fit within that mission of the ABE. Applications due November 30.

News Headlines

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments
FL – Commission Gets Permanent Status
MA – Access to Justice Commission Restarts
MD – Hosts Limited Scope Conference, Video Available
MT – Commission Hosts Last of 7 Public Forums
SC – Hosts Access to Justice Summit

Civil Right to Counsel
Access to Counsel in Immigration Court
Chapter by Raymond Brescia on Right to Counsel in Civil Cases
DC – Considers Free Legal Help in Housing Cases
DC – View the Housing Bill Hearing Here
Developments in the Courts
Study: Elected Judges Less Likely to Support LGBTQ Rights
MD – Judiciary Expands Language Resources
NC – New Efforts Helps with Criminal Record Expungements
TN – Sup. Court Chief Justice Jeff Bivins Sworn In

Law Schools & Legal Education
Article by Raymond Brescia on ATJ Missions in Law Schools
WI – Law School Veteran Clinic Promotes "Law In Action" Approach

Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery
LSC By the Numbers 2015 Fact Sheet
How School-Based Legal Aid Can Help Keep Kids In Class
Legal Aid Critical for Protecting Workplace Rights of Pregnant Women
AK – Six Tribal Health Facilities to Integrate Legal Aid
AR – Hosts Legal Aid Providers Conference
IN – Legal Aid Receives 2 Year Grant to Aid Seniors
MA – Community Legal Aid gets $300K for fair housing programs
NC – Hosts 2016 Legal Services Conference
NC – Justice Center Provides Grants to Help fight Poverty
TN – Legal Aid Changing Narrative for Persons with Mental Illness
WV – Grant Enables Legal Aid to Help Elementary School Families

Poverty & Population Trends
A State-By-State Analysis of Social Security
America’s Poverty Myths: New Series from On the Media
Harvard Think Tank Gets Funds to Study Poverty
Interactive Map On America's History Of Discrimination
New Online Course Seeks to Educate Public on Inequality
Can Poverty Lead to Mental Illness?
Poverty May Be Risk Factor for Reduced Cognitive Function
States Where Poverty Is Worse Than You Think
The Wilson Quarterly Explores the Decline of the Middle Class

Pro Bono & Public Service

General Civil Justice
National Pro Bono Week Celebrated Around the Country
Taproot publishes guide for assessing impact of pro bono
Associates: I’ll Take a Year of Pro Bono, Please
Philanthropy or Social Activism?
Reasons Solo & Small Firm Lawyers Participate In Pro Bono
CA – Bar Encourages Attorney Training to Help Veterans
LSC Awards 3rd Round of Pro Bono Innovation Fund Grants
MA – To Launch Legal Website Aimed at Social Service Professionals
MT – Retired Attorney Works to Expand Pro Bono Legal Guardianship
NC – Pro Bono Attorneys Respond to Hurricane Matthews
TN – Report Highlights Effect Of Pro Bono Legal Services
VA – Bar Votes Against Mandatory Pro Bono Reporting
WV – Pro Bono Grant Places Legal Help in Elementary School
LSC Holds Access to Justice Forum in NM
DOJ Supports Proposed Homeless Camping Ordinance
Bringing Law and Medicine Together to Help Rural Patients
New Report: Applying the MLP Approach to Population Health
Meeting the Civil Legal Needs of LGBT People
Online Resources Empower Spanish Speaking Communities
DC – Launches Reduced Fee & Mediator Referral Service
FL – A Positive Outlook on the Justice Gap Crisis
GA – New Center for Access to Justice at Georgia State University
WI – Study Finds Race, Law Changes Top Factors in Eviction
Canada – New Research Center to Study Access to Justice
Ontario – Study Reveals Most Say System is Broken

Technology & Data
Access to Justice? There Should Be an App for That
Legal Technology and Access to Justice
Electronic Access to US Court Filings Facing Major Legal Test
Smartphones Don’t Always Bridge the Digital Divide
Stanford Center to Lead Program to Measure Success of Social Programs
Why it is a Great Time to be a Tech Savvy Junior Lawyer
FL – ATJ Commission Portal Project Pilot Opens
NM - To Host Virtual Legal Justice Hackathon, Nov 5-6

Job Postings

Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, DC Seeks Executive director, applications due October 31

MA Trial Court Seeks Senior Manager for Access to Justice, applications due November 13

Legal Aid of Western Missouri Seeks Executive Director, applications due November 20

New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc in New Haven, CT Seeks Executive Director, applications due November 30

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas Seeks Executive Director, applications due December 6

Michigan State Bar Foundation Seeks Executive Director, applications due January 1

Conferences & Events

The 2017 MLP Summit will take place in National Harbor, MD on April 6-7, proposals due Dec 2.

The 2017 SRLN Conference will take place in San Francisco, CA on February 23-24, proposals due Nov 15.

The 2016 NLADA Annual Conference will take place in Indianapolis, IN on November 9-12th.

The 2017 Equal Justice Conference will take place in Pittsburgh, PA on May 4-6.

The 2017 Technology Initiative Grants (TIG) Conference will take place in San Antonio, TX on January 11-13.

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