Announcements

Voices for Civil Justice has partnered with StoryCorp's Chicago office to offer workshops and other ways to tap into the power of story to explain what civil legal aid is and why it matters. Check out the new StoryCorps App and the guidance materials for how to share legal aid stories.

The MA Access to Justice Commission is soliciting proposals from interested parties to facilitate the creation of a statewide access to justice plan for the development of a model continuum of legal services. The deadline for this is December 22, 2016.

LSC Releases RFP for the Microsoft Statewide Access Legal Portal Project, due January 19, 2017

NCSC and Stanford University are seeking feedback on your access to justice innovations. Take the survey, here!

New! Now you can search an archive of these access to justice news headlines by category, month, and region

News Headlines

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments
Seven Jurisdictions Receive Justice for All

Law Schools & Legal Education
Law Schools Unite Through Nonprofit to Help Veterans
Project Grants

MD – View the Limited Scope Conference Materials

TN – Sup Court Adopts Forms For Uncontested Divorce For Parties With Minor Children

WI – Develops Online Resources for SRLs

ME – Law Students Work on Innovative Apps for Justice Project

NE – Law School Recruits Students from Rural Areas

Canada – New Course on Designing Legal Expert Systems

Developments in the Courts

Courts As Instrument of Democracy

Evaluation of Plain Language Court Orders and Translation. Also See Richard Zorza’s Post

New Report Improving Court Access for Persons With Disabilities

Podcast on Language Barriers in the Courts

Why You Won’t Get Your Day in Court

IA – Adopts Rules of Electronic Procedure

MD – Judiciary Expands Language Resources

NY – Rule Changes Improve Efficiency in Matrimonial Matters

Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

LA – Residents Request Free Legal Aid In Flood Recovery Efforts

MA – AG Announces Grants for Legal Help for Veterans

MD – Legal Aid Helps with Expungements

NC – Legal Service Conference held Oct. 26-27

OK – Legal Aid Partners with Cherokee Nation

RI – New Program Pairs Food Entrepreneurs with Legal Aid

Civil Right to Counsel

Hidden Hegemony: Who Gideon Leaves Out

NY – Plans to Give All Immigrants Access to Counsel

PA – City Counsel Authorizes Right to Counsel for Tenants Hearings

Technology & Data

AI and Chatbot Technology Team Up With Legal Profession

Check out SRLN’s GIS Webinar Recording

LSC Awards New Round of Technology Grants

Pro Bono & Public Service

Jones Day & the ABA to Match Vets with Pro Bono Lawyers

Poverty & Population Trends

NLCHP Housing Not Handcuffs Report

Portrait of Americans Who Have Never Been
Make Pro Bono Count for Those Who Need it Most

Reentry – A New Frontier for Pro Bono Volunteers

Refugee Crisis Causes Spike in Pro Bono Activity

WI – CLE Credit for Pro Bono Begins Jan. 1

WV – Law Clinic to Use Grant for Statewide Assistance

Renters More Likely to be Food Insecure Than Homeowners

Social Security Lifts People of All Ages Out of Poverty

U.S Parents Are Sweating and Hustling to Pay for Child Care

General Civil Justice

Jim Sandman’s interview with at Law Firm Leaders Forum

NCAJ Video of Panel on Civil and Criminal Intersection

Vanita Gupta Delivers Remarks at NLADA Conference

Veterans Day Message from LSC Board Chair John Levi

Watch the Videos from the October LSC Board Meeting

Care and Legal Help for Patients in Need

FL – Individuals, Attorneys Benefit from A La Carte Services

IL – Blind Lawyer Fights for Rights of People with Disabilities

IL – New Law Requires Salon Workers get DV Training

NC – Calling for Sup Court Panel on Alternative Business Models

TX – Hecht and Klein on Helping Veterans

WI – Feature on 2016 Legal Innovators

Huffington Post Feature

30 Years Later, This Devastating Photo Series On Poverty In America Is As Powerful As Ever

Eugene Richards, "High on Crack," New York City, 1986 ©

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### Job Postings

Community Legal Aid Services, Inc in Akron OH Seeks Executive Director, applications due December 5.

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

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

Hiscock Legal Aid Society (HLAS) in Syracuse, NY Seeks a President/CEO, applications due January 31.

Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, DC Seeks Executive Director, applications due February 19.

### Conferences & Events

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

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

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

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

### Email

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