Announcements

Justice for All project announces the release of additional technical assistance and information/registration for a webinar on the inventory process. For more information, click here.

The U.S. DOJ is seeking applications to increase legal assistance for victims of crime. Applications due July 18, 2017.

News Headlines

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments
HI - Commission Hosts ATJ Conference
IL - Commission Publishes 2017-2020 Strategic Plan
MA - Gerry Singsen Retires from the Commission
MS - One of Four Pilots in The Justice Government Project
MT - Commission Writes Letter Supporting LSC

Developments in the Courts
IAALS Announces Compass Project to Benefit SRLs
CA - SC to Begin Voluntary eFiling in July
CA - SHARP Program Offers Self-Help Services Remotely
IN - One Legal eFiling Now Available
MI - Court Innovations Fund Closes Round with $1.8M Investment
MI - To Study How Trial Courts are Funded
NC - Resolution Requesting General Assembly to Reconsider Repealing the Access to Civil Justice Act

WA - Works on Improving A2J Technology Principles

**Pro Bono & Public Service**
How Lawyers Demonstrate Patriotism Through Pro Bono

Counting the Hours: Pro Bono and Big Law

Pro Bono Work Makes In-House Lawyers More Well-Rounded

Comparing The Pro Bono Models Of Law Firms Across the World

NC Pro Bono Resource Center Launches New Website

OH - Proposed Tax Break to Encourage Pro Bono Work

VA - Proposal to Encourage Pro Bono by Retired Lawyers

**Law Schools & Legal Education**
Why Student Loan Forgiveness is a Social Justice Issue

New Kinds of Legal Practitioners Require a New Kind of Education

Tiered Training and Differing Practice Licenses

UT - Law School's A2J Design Lab Puts Students In Shoes Of Entrepreneurs

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Harvard A2J Lab Launches Financial Distress Research Project

The Difference Between Legal Analytics and Legal Research

Access to Justice Should be Priority for Robot Lawyers

Decentralizing Library IT

LexisNexis Acquires Ravel Law

Tech Adoption Climbs Among Older Adults

Will Gideon Break the 80% Gap for Legal

**Poverty Population Trends**
The Rural Divide

Rural Jails Locking Up More Americans

Urban Poverty is Moving to the Suburbs

Why Poverty is Skyrocketing in the Suburbs

The Car Was Repossessed, but the Debt Remains

Aging LGBT Adults Face Bias, Poverty And Isolation

Pew Research on How Republicans and Democrats View the Poor
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CA - Appointment Reminders and Client Surveys for Legal Aid

CA - Bay Area Tech Firm-Legal Aid Partnership

**Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery**

House Subcommittee Rejects Admin's Proposal to Eliminate LSC

LSC: One of the Worst Cuts in Trump’s Budget

Former U.S. AG on Legal Services Funding

Jim Harbaugh Speaks About Legal Aid at Congressional Hearing

Scalia Supported Legal Aid - Trump Doesn't

Sessions Prohibits Settlement Agreements that Donate Money to Outside Groups

41 US Senators Sign Letter Supporting LSC

AL - Legal Aid Groups Hold Voting Rights Restoration Clinics

CA - Governor Signs Budget Including Increase to Legal Aid Funding

CA - LA County Vote Results in $1M to Legal Aid for Potential Deportees

CA - When Traffic Court Fees Snowball, Clinic Helps People Dig Out of Debt

DC - Over $900K to Prevent Foreclosures and Redevelop Communities

IL - Fed Budget Cuts Could Reduce Legal Aid to Poor, Elderly

KY - Equal Justice at Risk

**General Civil Justice**

LSC Releases New Justice Gap Study

Q&A with Jim Sandman on the New Justice Gap Study

New Legal Checkup Tool for Veterans with Legal Issues

Community Legal Services and Counseling Centers

Doctor Explains Why Housing is so Important to Patients’ Health

Fisher to Continue Social Justice Endeavors After Leaving Bench

Future Law: Reflecting on Access to Justice

Hospitals Increasingly Adding Legal Services to Patient Experience

Hospitals Tap Lawyers to Fulfill Patients’ Legal Needs

Housing: the Key to Successful Reentry

How to Combat Barriers to Reentry by Using the Law

LGBT Advocates Say There is Work to be Done

Six Lawmakers Call for More Data on Self-Representation

AR - Why Unbundling is the Future of Legal Service Delivery
On June 28, 2017, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies released its bill for FY 2018 spending for programs within its jurisdiction, which includes the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). The bill contains $300 million for FY 2018, an $85 million cut from the current level. This is particularly troubling given that a week earlier LSC released its Justice Gap Study, which revealed that 86% of people living in poverty have a legal problem for which they receive no or inadequate assistance. This data demonstrates why it is essential for supporters of the LSC to take action to seek adequate funding for this vital program.

The ABA will continue its advocacy with Congress on behalf of LSC and is calling upon leaders of the bar, judiciary, ATJ Commissions and others to lend their voices in support of LSC. To aid in these efforts, the ABA has compiled a number of resources on the importance of LSC here.

One immediate action that can be taken is to arrange visits with Members of Congress.
at their home offices while they are in recess during the week of July 4th. This will provide an excellent opportunity to reinforce the important role that LSC grantees play in providing constituent services and to urge for adequate funding for LSC in the FY2018 budget. For assistance with these efforts and to learn more about the ABA's advocacy on behalf of LSC, contact Aloysius Hogan, Legislative Counsel, ABA Governmental Affairs Office, or call 202/662-1767.

### Job Postings

**LSC Seeks a Chief Information Officer**

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) Seeks VP, Defender Legal Services & Chief of Integrated Programs., applications due July 23

The Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission Seeks an Executive Director.

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Seeks an Executive Director, applications due July 7

Iowa Legal Aid Seeks Executive Directors, applications due July 17.

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) Seeks an Executive Director. Applications due July 17.

Connecticut Legal Services Seeks Executive Director, applications due August 2.

Disability Rights Maryland Seeks an Executive Director. Applications due August 9.

### Conferences & Events

Annual Conference of the Council of Language Access Coordinators to take place May 21-24, 2017 in Washington, DC

2017 National Fundraising Conference and Directors Conference to take place July 19-21, 2017 in Washington, DC

The National Unaccompanied Children’s Conference to take place September 13-15, 2017 in Houston, TX

MIE National Conference for Legal Service Administrators to take place November 2-3, 2017 in Memphis, TN

New Executive Director Training to take place December 5-6, 2017 in Washington, DC

LSC’s 2018 Tech Innovations Conference will take place January 10-12, 2018 in New Orleans, LA. Proposals are due by Friday, July 28th.

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