Announcements

Georgetown’s Institute for Technology Law & Policy and the Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) are seeking a fellow for an 18-month access to justice project that will have a transformative effect on the accessibility of legal services across the country.

The ABA’s Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants is seeking sample forms and checklists used in the context of holistic representation. Please send any intake forms, checklists, MOUs, job descriptions, etc. used to address the intersection of civil and criminal issues to malia.brink@americanbar.org.

The Elder Justice Innovation Grants Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living has announced a grant opportunity "focus on improving the field of elder abuse prevention and intervention." Applications due August 14.

News Headlines

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments

| FL - Council of Business Partners Will Aid Access to Civil Justice Efforts |

Developments in the Courts

| Judge: Nonprofit Legal Groups Can Keep Helping Immigrants |

| 9th Circuit: Detained Immigrant Children |
IA - Access To Justice Commission Releases First Report

TN - New Partnership To Expand Access To Justice Through Churches

IL - New Program to Make Courthouse Easier to Navigate

WA - ATJ Board Develops 2018-2020 State Plan

WA - Read Highlights from 2017 ATJ Conference

MS - Expungements: A 'Fresh Start'

**Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery**

FY2018 CJS Appropriations Bill Clears Senate Subcommittee with Level LSC Funding

Don't Turn Our Backs on Justice For All

AR - Concerns for the Budget Surrounding Legal Aid

DE - Lawmakers Restore Legal Aid Funding in State Budget

FL - County Bar Association Establishes State's First Legal Aid Fund

HI - Legislature Cut Every Penny For Free Or Low-Cost Legal Services

MA - Civil Legal Aid Getting No Increase in Budget

MD - Lawmakers Seek Legal Aid for Tenants Facing Eviction in Baltimore

MO - Local Firms and Legal Aid Team upt to Serve Urban Neighborhoods

Entitled to Court Hearing

AZ - How Forms Can Affect Outcomes in Eviction Cases

**Pro Bono & Public Service**

Read about the ABA Pro Bono Publico Awardees for 2017

Justice Index Team to Receive Pro Bono Publico Award from ABA

One Company's Pitch to Spur Pro Bono: Transcript Discounts

How to Fit Pro Bono Into Your Law Practice

MD - State Goes High-Tech to Recruit Pro Bono Attorneys

MO - Kutak Rock Pro Bono Work to Revitalize Kansas City Neighborhood

OH - Watch Video about How Emeritus Attorneys Advance Justice

PA - Firms Double Down on Pro Bono Commitment
NC - Budget Cuts for Legal Aid, but No Explanation Given

**Technology & Data**
- LSC Releases New Website Assessment Toolkit
- Legal Tech with Sarah Glassmeyer at the ABA Center for Innovation
- Designing for Dignity and Procedural Justice
- DoNotPay Launches Service to Let Anyone Create a Legal Bot
- Can Chatbots Provide Access to Justice Without a Lawyer?
- Legal Tech Has Home in Law School Education
- Australia - First LegalTech Major Launched

**Poverty Population Trends**
- Senate Votes Down Broad Obamacare Repeal
- In Matters of Health Care and Poverty Americans: Getting By, But Not Getting Ahead
- Stress of Poverty Raises Risk of Alzheimer’s for African Americans
- Noise Pollution a Problem in Black Urban Neighborhoods
- Why Solving 'Hidden' Suburban Poverty is Trickier than Helping Cities
- 2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book Shows Increase of Kids in High-Poverty Neighborhoods
- Almost Half of American Households Unable to Save for Emergencies

**Law Schools & Legal Education**
- Law Schools as Labs for Legal-Services Innovation and Research and Development
- FL - FIU Launches Sliding Scale Project to Assist Moderate Income Clients
- MD - Law Students Working Hard to Help Trafficking Victims in Innovative Ways
- NC - Duke Law Stakes Out Leadership Role in Law and Tech
- IA - Program Encourages Law Students to Practice in Rural Areas

**Civil Right to Counsel**
- A Comprehensive Look at Civil Right to Counsel in the U.S.
- MD - Solution to Help Tenants Avoid Eviction Lags in MD
- NY - Right to Counsel a Victory for New York City Tenants
- NY - Tenants Facing Eviction Will Get Lawyers Paid for by City
- NY - Council Passes Bill to Give Free Help to Some in Housing Court
- PA - City Council Allocates Funds for Renters
Washington Update

On July 13, 2017, the House Appropriations Committee approved funding legislation that provides only $300 million for the Legal Services Corporation in FY2018, which represents a 24% cut in basic field funding from its current level. Two weeks later, on July 27, 2017, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved $385 million in funding for LSC in FY2018, which is the same level as LSC’s current funding. It is unknown at the time when the full Senate and House will take action regarding the LSC appropriation. The ABA will continue its advocacy on behalf of LSC and is calling upon leaders of the bar, judiciary, ATJ Commissions and others to lend their voices in support of this vital program. To aid in these efforts, the ABA has compiled a number of resources on the importance of LSC here. For more information and assistance on advocacy on behalf of LSC, contact Aloysius Hogan, Legislative Counsel, ABA Governmental Affairs Office, or call 202/662-1767.

Job Postings

The Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission Seeks Part-Time Consultant, applications due August 1

Connecticut Legal Services Seeks Executive Director, applications due August 2

Disability Rights Maryland Seeks an Executive Director, applications due August 9

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program Seeks Executive Director

Mongomery County (Alabama) Bar Foundation Seeks Executive Director

Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice Seeks Executive Director
Conferences & Events

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

IAALS-ABA Conference on Unbundling to Take Place October 26-27th in Denver, CO. Registration is now open.

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

MIE 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

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