Announcements

We bid farewell to April Faith-Slaker on August 25th as the Director of the ABA's Resource Center for Access to Justice Initiatives. We are grateful to April for her many contributions to the access to justice community, and wish her well as she joins the Harvard Law School's Access to Justice Lab. ABA Legal Services Director Terry Brooks will pitch in while a replacement is sought.

For the second year, the American Bar Endowment (the ABE) is making Opportunity Grants available to support smaller, innovative programs and projects by eligible grantees that fit within the mission of the ABE.

News Headlines

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments
DE - Commission Surveys Police & Public Interactions
FL - Commission Summer Updates
TN - Partnership to Provide Pro Bono

Developments in the Courts
CA - Court to Halt License Suspensions of Poor Drivers
CA - San Diego Superior Court to Stop Providing Court Reporters for Family Law
UT - How Divorce Classes Are Helping
**Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery**

Broadway Performers Vocalize Support for LSC at ABA Rally

CT - Legal Aid Takes City to Taks on Lead

DE - Lawmakers Restore Legal Aid Funding in Delaware State Budget

GA - Home Depot Data Breach Funds Go to Legal Aid

GA - How Atlanta Attorneys Are Helping Kids Stay in School

NC - Budget Cut Deals Big Blow To Low-Income People In Need Of Legal Help

NC - Commentary on Recent Budget Cuts

NC - State Cuts Mean Less Help for Our Low-Income Neighbors

**Pro Bono & Public Service**

PBI's Releases its Annual Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge Report

ABA and Jones Day Website to Connect Veterans to Legal Services

New Pro Bono Projects Help Imprisoned Immigrants, Struggling Students

Big Law’s Bid to Improve Access to Justice Through Pro Bono Partners

CA - Stanford Law Clinic Launches Website for Nonprofit Pro Bono Support

CA - Justice Bus Celebrates 10 Years

FL - Bills Filed to Link Pro Bono Attorneys with Special Need Kids

TX - Court Order Let’s Out-Of-State Lawyers Help Harvey Victims

Australia - Legal Matches to Meet Pro Bono Needs

**Technology & Data**

ABA Center for Innovation Unveils Inaugural Class of Fellows

Legal Tech Looks to Bar Associations to Connect Attorneys & Clients

LexisNexis is Testing Chatbots for Lawyers

LSC Releases Report, Toolkit for Improving Legal Aid Websites

**Poverty Population Trends**

Calls for Court Reform as Legal Guardians Abuse Older Adults

Expungements Can Erase Stigma That Haunts People of Color

Platform to Help People With Criminal Records Find Work

OH - Budget Bill Ended Cash Assistance Program for People With Disabilities
Voice Response Portals for Legal Advice Planned

WI - Task Force to Study Impact of Elder Abuse

**Law Schools & Legal Education**

Is This the End of Public Service Loan Forgiveness?

Lawmakers Form Bipartisan Caucus to Protect PSLF

Student Loan Company Accused of Mismanaging Debt Forgiveness Program

Department of Ed Seeks to Toss ABA Suit on Loan Forgiveness

FL - FIU Program to Help Families Struggling to Afford a Lawyer

GA - College of Law’s Center for A2J Introduces Student Public Interest Programs

TX - Baylor Law Helps Young Lawyers Open Cost-Conscious Firms

**Civil Right to Counsel**

ABA House Resolution on Right to Counsel in Deportation Proceedings

Cities Are Guaranteeing Tenants Access To A Lawyer

Hate Your Shady Landlord? Here's Something to Celebrate

Podcast Interview With John Pollock

These Cities Are About to Make it Harder for Landlords to Evict People

NY - Law Guaranteeing Lawyer for Tenants Facing Eviction

**General Civil Justice**

New ABA President Sets Sights on Access to Justice, Diversity and Young Lawyers

Preview of 50 State Report on Effective Relief Mechanisms

Supreme Court Decisions Affect LGBTQ Social Acceptance, Research Finds

Commentary on the Legal Needs of Struggling Vets

New Book By Julie Macfarlane on How Clients Are Transforming the Practice of Law

New Research Finds Voters Overwhelmingly Believe Equal Justice Under Law is a Right,
Not a Privilege

Judge Wants Bigger Role for Female Lawyers

CA - Study Illustrates Success of Legal Aid Pilot Program

NJ - Must Innovate to Solve Access-to-Justice Problem

Washington Update

Last month, both the House and the Senate Appropriations Committees approved funding for the Legal Services Corporation for FY2018: the House Appropriations Committee approved $300 million; the Senate Appropriations Committee approved $385 million. The full House is expected to begin action on the appropriations bill during the first full week of September; it is unknown at the time when the Senate will take action. However, if these same numbers for LSC funding are approved by each Chamber, the difference between the House and the Senate numbers will need to be resolved before an appropriations bill can be passed by Congress. The ABA will continue its advocacy on behalf of LSC and is calling upon leaders of the bar, judiciary, ATJ Commissions and others to once again 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

Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice Seeks Executive Director

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program Seeks Executive Director

Iowa Legal Aid Seeks Executive Director, applications due October 31

Montgomery County (Alabama) Bar Foundation Seeks Executive Director

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Seeks Executive Director, applications due October 15

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

MIE National Conference for Legal Service Administrators to take place November 2-3, 2017 in Memphis, TN
MIE New Executor Director Training to take place December 5-6, 2017 in Washington, DC

The National Legal Aid and Defender Association's Annual Conference to take place December 6-9 in Washington, DC

LSC's 2018 Tech Innovations Conference to take place January 10-12, 2018 in New Orleans, LA

The Self Represented Litigation Network's 2nd Annual Conference to take place February 22-23 in San Francisco, CA

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