Announcements

The ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants seeks nominations for the Harrison Tweed Award, which recognizes the extraordinary achievements of state and local bar associations that develop or significantly expand projects or programs to increase access to civil legal services for persons living in poverty or criminal defense services for indigents. Submit your nominations by April 2, 2018!

News Headlines

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Developments in the Courts
IA - Court Chief Warns: Iowans Losing Access to Justice System

Civil Right to Counsel
Cities Are Guaranteeing Tenants Access to a Lawyer to Help Them Fight Eviction

When ICE Tries to Deport Americans, Who Defends Them?

OH - Provide Right to Counsel in Housing

Law Schools & Legal Education
Legal-Aid Services Are Being Starved

GA - Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Approved as a Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP)

GA - Teaching to Close the Justice Gap
Cases to Reduce Evictions, Tackle Poverty

OH - How Legal Representation for Tenants in Housing Court Can Affect Eviction Outcomes in Cleveland

UT - Utah Becomes 27th State to Guarantee Counsel for Parents in Private Termination Cases

TX - Texas Court: When Parents Square Off in Private Termination Case, Kids Must Have Counsel

IN - Startup by Notre Dame Law Students Will Aim to Help Undocumented Children

MA - Law Students Help to Mend Puerto Rico

NY - Fordham Law Event Calls for Criminal Justice System Reform

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CA - This New Bill Would Make Pro Bono Mandatory - Or Else Pay Up

VA - Supreme Court Enacts Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting

Technology & Data

Approaching Access to Justice with a Designer's Mindset

Legal Tech is Opening the System to Those Who Need Legal Representation the Most

Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

LSC Receives $25 Million Spending Boost from Congress

Congress Gives $410 Million to Legal Services Corp.

Trump Has a Chance to Help Domestic Violence Survivors

Congressional Briefing Will Highlight Legal Aid's Role in Disaster Recovery

Proposed Cuts to Civil Legal Services Will Deny Courtroom Justice to the Poor

Google Privacy Case Risks Disrupting a Key Source of Nonprofit Funding

CT - Encouragement and Aspirations for the #LegalAidDefenders

FL - Florida Nonprofit Legal Clinic Hires Puerto Rican Attorneys Displaced by General Civil Justice

A 'Quiet' Closing With Resounding Impacts on Equal Justice

ABA Expresses Concern About Sessions' 'Apparent Intent' to Close Access to Justice Office

Addressing Social Determinants of Health Through Medical-Legal Partnerships

Providing Legal Services in Clinical Settings Can Help Promote Health Equity, According to New Research in 'Health Affairs'

When You Can't Afford to Go Bankrupt

FL - We Need to Talk About Lawyers' Behind-the-Scenes Help to Pro Se Clients

WY - Access to Justice Center to Expand Mediation Services

WY - Migrant Legal Aid in High Demand
Hurricane Maria

FL - Legal Aid Funding 'Crucial' After Hurricanes, Florida Chief Justice Says

HI - Legal Aid on Wheels: A Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Initiative Helps Hawaii's Homeless Population

KY - Kentucky Could Become Third State Not to Fund Legal Aid

KY - Legislative Fight in Kentucky Threatens Legal Services Funding

LA - SLLS Executive Director Says Legal Help is an 'Often Overlooked Solution' for Homeless Veterans

MN - Medical/Legal Partnership a Positive Prescription

NC - NC Legislature Eliminates Access to Civil Justice Act

TX - Proposed Cut for Legal Aid for Low-Income Americans Hurts Programs for Poor

WI - Advocates Call for Expanded Access to Legal Aid in Civil Cases

Washington Update

On March 23, 2018, the President signed into law the FY2018 omnibus appropriations legislation passed by Congress to fund the government through September 30, 2018. The legislation included $410 million for the Legal Services Corporation, an increase of $25 million from its funding level for the past two fiscal years. This amount represents the largest appropriation for LSC since 2010. $24 million of the increase is for basic field grants. With the FY2018 appropriation behind it, Congress has now begun the appropriations process for FY2019. In the House of Representatives, a total of 181 House members, including 30 Republicans, have signed a letter in support of robust funding for LSC for FY2019, the highest number of signers in LSC's history. A Senate version of the letter is currently being circulated for signature by noon on April 11th.

ABA Day in Washington, D.C. takes place on April 10-12 and will provide leaders of the bar, judiciary, ATJ Commissions and others with an excellent opportunity to advocate with Members of Congress for additional funding for LSC in FY2019. For more information on ABA Day, go to https://www.americanbar.org/advocacy/governmental_legislative_work/aba-day.html. 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**

**Massachusetts (Boston)** - Rosie's Place Seeks Director of Legal Program.

**Illinois (Chicago)** - Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Seeks Development Director. Applications due April 2, 2018.

**California (Pacoima)** - Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County Seeks Staff Attorney. Applications due April 3, 2018.

**New Jersey (Camden)** - South Jersey Legal Services Seeks Managing Attorney. Applications due April 5, 2018.

**Pennsylvania (Erie)** - Northwestern Legal Services Seeks Executive Director. Applications due April 6, 2018.

**California (San Luis Obispo)** - California Rural Legal Assistance Seeks Directing Attorney. Applications due April 8, 2018.

**Maryland (Landover)** - Metropolitan Maryland Office of Maryland Legal Aid Seeks Staff Attorney. Applications due April 11, 2018.


**Iowa (Davenport)** - Iowa Legal Aid - HELP Regional Office Seeks Managing Attorney. Applications due April 17, 2018.


**Nevada (Las Vegas)** - Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Seeks Children's Attorney. Applications due April 22, 2018.

**Maryland (Baltimore)** - Maryland Legal Aid Seeks Staff Attorney - Housing/Consumer Law. Applications due April 23, 2018.

**California (Fresno)** - Central California Legal Services, Inc. Seeks Staff Attorney. Applications due April 23, 2018.

**Virginia (Danville)** - Virginia Legal Aid Society Seeks Staff Attorney. Applications due April 25, 2018.

**California (Los Angeles)** - Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Seeks Managing Attorney. Applications due April 27, 2018.
Ohio (Columbus) - Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Seeks Pro Bono Director. Applications due April 29, 2018.

Alaska (Wasilla) - Alaska Legal Services Corporation Seeks Staff Attorney. Applications due April 30, 2018.

Conferences & Events

ABA Day to take place May 10-12 in Washington, D.C.

MIE New Executive Director Training to take place May 8-9 in San Diego, CA

2018 Equal Justice Conference to take place May 10-12 in San Diego, CA

2018 National Meeting of State Access to Justice Commission Chairs to take place May 12 in San Diego, CA

MIE 2018 National Fundraising Conference to take place July 25-27 in Los Angeles, CA

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