Announcements

Access-to-Justice Work Earns MacArthur 'Genius Grant' for American Bar Foundation Faculty Fellow, Rebecca Sandefur.

ABA Resource Center for Access to Justice Initiatives announces the release of its new comprehensive report on effective staffing and funding for Access to Justice Commissions.


ABA Center for Professional Responsibility is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Michael Franck Professional Responsibility award; the deadline for submissions is December 31, 2018.

News Headlines

ATJ Commissions & Related Developments

'Commissioning' Access to Justice

MD - Access to Justice Commission Merges With MSBA

Developments in the Courts

AZ - City Court Receives Grant to Continue Domestic Violence Program
NC - Interactive Map Shows Who Needs Legal Help After Hurricane Florence

OK - Oklahoma Summit on A2J: Access to Justice Commission Goals

SC - SC Judiciary Considers Limited Scope Representation

Pro Bono & Public Service
Supreme Court Justice Kagan on Pro Bono Service

What Justice Kagan Told ABA About Decision-Making, Politics, Pro Bono, and More

ICYMI: Highlighting 7 Pro Bono and Tech Projects in Our Annual Report

Serving the Public Good: Pro Bono Celebration 2018 Highlights Disaster Resiliency Efforts

The Pro Bono Policies Worth Adopting in Every State

FL - Hurricane Michael Survivors in Florida Can Call Hotline for Legal Assistance

MA - Western Massachusetts Dial-A-Lawyer Program to Offer Free Legal Advice on Tuesday

MT - Northcentral Montana Attorneys Are Answering the Call for Access to Justice

NC - NC Will Let Out-of-State Attorneys Aid Florence Victims

NC - North Carolina Order Opens Up Pro Bono Opportunities to Serve Hurricane Florence Victims

OK - Oklahoma Summit on A2J: Free Legal Answers

Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

Legal Aid Funder Faces Existential Crisis Under Trump

A Thank You to Legal Aid Lawyers

FL - Column: Elections Matter and Access to Justice Issues Should Count

FL - Fund Equal Access to Justice

GA - Saving Grace

ID - Domestic Violence Victims Face Unique Challenges in Rural Areas

NC - Amazing New Website Explores How Legal Aid Will Be Critical to Florence Recovery

NY - St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence to Get $114,640 in Federal Funding

NY - State Pilots New Website to Connect Attorneys with Victims for Civil Legal Services

OH - Column: Survivors Rely on Legal Aid to Break Cycle of Abuse

SC - SC Assoc. of Justice Offers Legal Aid to Flood Victims

WV - Legal Aid Gives Domestic Violence Victims Meaningful Options
TX - Organization Provides Pro Bono Legal Services to Immigrant Families in Dilley Detention Center

**Poverty Population Trends**

Election 2018: What Are Candidates for Governor Saying About Poverty?

The New Economics of Inequality Shaping Policy

Too Poor To Vote

A Snapshot of Poverty in America

CA - CA Ballots Get Creative on Homelessness and Affordable Housing

CA - Why One of America's Richest States is Also its Poorest

GA - How Atlanta Became the Capital of Income Inequality

NY - Baby Antonio: 5 Pounds, 12 Ounces and Homeless From Birth

TN - Tennessee City Struggles with Affordable Housing Crisis

**Civil Right to Counsel**

Liberals Abandoned Civil Legal Aid. Now They Need to Bring It Back.

Give Tenants Lawyers

CA - Homelessness Can't Be Solved with Fines and Arrests

CO - Eviction Reduction Effort set for Adams, Broomfield Counties as Tenant Rights Pilot Program Readies for Launch

OK - Oklahoma Summit on A2J: Is It Time for Civil Gideon?

WA - New Report Details Seattle's Eviction Trends

WA - Washington Supreme Court Rules Kids Don't Have a Right to a Lawyer in Dependency Hearings

**Technology & Data**

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New Game Lets Players Train AI to Spot Legal Issues

In the Battle for Net Neutrality, the A2J Community is Notably Quiet

Bankruptcy is a Powerful Tool for Fighting Predatory Bills. This App Helps You Do it for Free.

OK - Oklahoma Summit on A2J: How Data Deepens Our Understanding of Access to Justice

**General Civil Justice**

MacArthur 'Genius' Grant Spotlights Access to Justice Field

IL - MacArthur Fellow Talks Research, Goals

IN - Access to Justice Forum, Pro Bono Awards on LSC Agenda


MI - Opinion: A Pathway for Detroit Tenants to Enforce Their Rights
Law Schools & Legal Education

NC - Law Students Partner With Neota Logic on Criminal Records Expunction App

Washington Update

On September 28, President Trump signed H.R. 6157 (P.L. 115-245) which provided full-year funding for the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Education. The bill also includes a continuing resolution to ensure that the entire federal government will be funded through December 7, 2018. This includes funding LSC at $410 million.

On September 18, the American Bar Association sent thank you letters to the House and Senate co-sponsors of the POWER Act for their leadership on passing that bill. The law, which was enacted September 4th, requires the chief judge in each federal judicial district to promote annually pro bono legal services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

On September 11, the ABA sent a letter to the Senate HELP committee regarding the nominations to the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors. The ABA supports the confirmation of Robert J. Grey, Jr., Abigail L. Kuzma, John G. Levi, John G. Malcolm, Frank X. Neuner, Jr., and Gloria Valencia-Weber.

For more information on the ABA's advocacy efforts on behalf of LSC and to learn how to join them contact Aloysius Hogan, Legislative Counsel, ABA Governmental Affairs Office, or call 202/662-1767.

Job Postings

Alabama (Montgomery) - Alabama Access to Justice Commission Seeks Director.

Alabama (Montgomery & Selma) - Legal Services Alabama Seeks Coordinating Project Attorney in Montgomery and Staff Attorney in Selma. Applications due November 30, 2018.

California (Santa Ana) - Legal Aid Society of Orange County Seeks Director of Pro Bono. Applications due November 14, 2018.

Connecticut (West Haven) - Connecticut Veterans Legal Center Seeks Executive Director. Applications due November 18, 2018.

Georgia (Dalton) - Georgia Legal Services Program Seeks Staff Attorney. Applications due November 13, 2018.

Illinois (Joliet) - Prairie State Legal Services Seeks Staff Attorney (Domestic Violence Victims Services).
Applications due November 29, 2018.

Indiana (Bloomington & Lafayette) - Indiana Legal Services Seeks a Senior Law Project Attorney in Bloomington and Managing Attorney in Lafayette. Applications due November 14, 2018.

North Carolina (Charlotte) - Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy Seeks Staff Attorney Social Security and VA Disability. Applications due November 21, 2018.

Ohio (Northwestern Ohio) - Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. Seeks Director of Advocacy. Applications due November 30, 2018.

Tennessee (Memphis) - Memphis Area Legal Services Seeks Chief Advocacy Officer. Applications due November 22, 2018.


Conferences & Events

MIE National Conference for Legal Services Administrators to take place January 8-9, 2019 in New Orleans, LA

MIE National Fundraising Conference 2019 & Voices for Civil Justice Media Training to take place July 24-26, 2019 in Chicago, IL

2019 State of the South Conference to take place February 7-8, 2019 in Atlanta, GA

SRLN19 Conference to take place on April 11-12, 2019 in Chicago, IL

Equal Justice Conference to take place May 9-11, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky.

National Meeting of State Access to Justice Commission Chairs to take place May 10-11, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky

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