ABA Access to Justice Headlines
July 2015

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Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery

LSC 2014 Annual Report

LSC Funding News: House Spending Bill Cuts LSC Budget by 20% and Senate Appropriations Committee Approves $385 Million for LSC

The American Lawyer: How Big Law is Failing Legal Aid (registration required for access) or see this New York Times article.

Boston Bar Foundation Awards $950k to Community Organizations

Connecticut Legal Aid To Close Its Lobbying Arm at State Capitol

Florida Supreme Court Rejects Push to Hike Bar Dues for Legal Aid

Massachusetts Governor Baker, the Budget, and Civil Legal Aid

Nebraska and Iowa Legal Aid Groups Introduce Disaster Response Grants

New Hampshire Legal Assistance Receives Grant from New Hampshire Bar Foundation

South Carolina Bar Foundation Awards $1.9 Million to Support Legal Assistance

Wisconsin State Bar Board Supports Cy Pres Petition to Fund Civil Legal Aid

Equal Justice Wyoming Announces More than $850,000 in Grant Awards

ATJ Commission & Related Developments

Arkansas Commission Soliciting Comments on Proposed Rule Changes on Unbundling, Pro Se Assistance

Arkansas Supreme Court Requests Comments on Proposed Rule on Unclaimed, Unidentifiable Client Trust Funds

Florida Justice Technology Center Officially Launched

Revised Maryland Rules for Waiving Prepayment of Court Costs

Maryland Access to Justice Commission Seeks Part-Time Executive Director

Mississippi Access to Justice Commission Director, Selected as American Bar Foundation Fellow

Rhode Island Supreme Court Clears Way for Limited Scope Representation

Legal Aid Funding Success in Texas


*Pro Bono & Public Service*

The American Lawyer’s 2015 Pro Bono Report (subscription required)

The Pro Bono Institute’s 2014 Challenge Report

New York’s First Pro Bono Scholars Admitted to the Bar (subscription required)

ABA Center for Pro Bono: How Business Law Lawyers Contribute to Economic Justice

*Law Schools & Legal Education*

How Law School Clinics are Serving Veterans (subscription required)

Law Schools: Give Migrant Children Legal Representation (subscription required)

Michigan State University: New Center Aims to Improve Practice of Law Through Science

*Civil Right to Counsel*

New York Legislature Resolution Supports Civil Gideon (subscription required)

*Poverty Population Trends*

Poverty, More than Geography, Determines Who Gets Online in America

Black Child Poverty Rate Holds Steady, Even as Other Groups See Declines
London School of Economics Lecture on Psychology of Poverty, by Sendhil Mullainathan

Report from Oxford University Conceptualizes Poverty as Multidimensional

Research & Reports

Brookings Institute Blog Post | Discussion of New Research on Legal Aid and Poverty Reduction

University of North Carolina School of Law: Report on Meaningful Access to Legal Representation

Canada: Special Report on Self-Represented Litigants

Upcoming Events

Client-Centric Legal Services Conference to Take Place at the University of Denver, August 14-15. Also, see a recent blog post by Richard Granat about the conference.