News Headlines

**Legal Aid Funding & Service Delivery**

- Civil Legal Aid, Crucial for Re-Entry After Incarceration
- A Secret Weapon in Fighting Domestic Violence
- We Need Fighters for the Poor - Civil Legal Aid Can Help
- FL - Civil Legal Aid Breaks the Cycle of Poverty, Benefits Taxpayers
- GA - Legal Aid Fights Georgia Poverty
- NC - Cuts to Legal Aid an Injustice to North Carolina’s Poor
- TN - Online TN Justice Reaches 10,000 Question Milestone, also see [this related column](https://www.abanet.org) in the ABA Dialogue Magazine

**ATJ Commission & Related Developments**

- FL - Chief Justice Column on Removing Barriers to Civil Justice, ATJ Commissions
- FL - Commission Interim Report Released, and the full report available [here](https://www.abanet.org)
- MT - Commission Kicks off Seven City Tour, also read [this](https://www.abanet.org) op-ed

Sidebar

- [www.ATJSupport.org](http://www.ATJSupport.org) has added new material to the website. Check out [this page](https://www.abanet.org) to view legal needs and impact studies. And, archived monthly ATJ headlines can be accessed [here](https://www.abanet.org).
- [www.srln.org](http://www.srln.org) has announced the launch of their brand new website featuring a curated access to justice resource library.

Mark Your Calendars

- Workshop Proposals for the 11th Annual Medical-Legal Partnership Summit are due by 8pm EST on December 4, 2015
- Nominations for the 2016 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access are due by December 11, 2015

Job Postings & Related Announcements

- The Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) seeks an Executive Director to lead this nonprofit foundation whose mission is to promote racial, social, and economic justice through litigation, education, and social services for low income persons least able to defend themselves. Click [here](https://www.abanet.org) for more information about how to apply. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
**Developments in the Courts**

- Latest National Caseload Stats, NCSC's Court Statistics Project
- Negative Court Funding Impacts Economy
- Virtual Court Appearances Could Diminish Bias, Improve Efficiency
- NC - Chief Justice Launches Review of State Courts
- NY - Seven Candidates Nominated for NY's Next Chief Judge
- NY - Big Progress on Multi-Lingual Court Orders (Richard Zorza's Blog)

**Pro Bono & Public Service**

- National Pro Bono Celebration Week: Over 1,000 Events Held
- Chicago Bar Foundation 7 Park Series on Pro Bono Myths and Realities
- IL - Chicago-Kent College of Law Pro Bono Patent Programs to Assist Low-Income Inventors
- NE - Releases Results of 2015 Pro Bono Survey
- NY - Firms Pledge Nearly $2 Million for New 'Low Bono' Efforts

**Law Schools & Legal Education**

- The Law School Debt Crisis

**Civil Right to Counsel**

- Need for a Civil Right to Counsel in Domestic Violence Cases
- NH - Sup Court Rejects Attempt to Truncate Parental Right to Counsel
- NJ - Appellate Court Recognizes Right to Counsel for Parents in Agency Adoption Cases

**Poverty Population Trends**

- Payday Loans Cost the Poor Billions, and There's an Easy Fix
- How to Reduce Poverty and Increase Economic Mobility

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The ABA Center for Pro Bono is looking for student interns to help with policy research and writing. Law students and students pursuing graduate degrees in the social sciences are encouraged to apply. The internship is unpaid or for course credit. Click here for more information.

**Social Justice Art Spotlight**

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Refinery29 partnered with Safe Horizons to provide some real stories from domestic violence survivors and advocates. Click the image below to view the 16 poignant photos they published to show what a domestic violence shelter really looks like and to read the stories.
General Civil Justice

Black Americans Failed by Inherently Biased Legal System, Says ABA President
Rebecca Sandefur Examines Lawyers' Impact on Civil Case Outcomes
Huffington Post Blog: Is Preventing Injustice Possible?
Washington Civil Legal Needs Study Update, and the full report available here.
Vermont Joint Commission on the Future of Legal Services Report, Recommendations
Harvard Law School Library Digitizes and Opens Up Access to Judicial Decisions
ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services, Releases Draft Issues and Regulatory Objectives Papers

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