This workshop was held at the 2017 Equal Justice Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Title:
Mr. and Ms. Smith Go to Washington and the State Capital Too: Mobilizing Your Legal Community to Advocate for Legal Aid Funding

Presenters:
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Hon. Lora Livingston, American Bar Association, Austin, TX
Allan Ramsaur, Tennessee Bar Association, Nashville, TN
Betty Balli Torres, Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Austin, TX

In the famous words of former House Speaker Tip O’Neill, all politics is local. And your legal community’s voice in speaking out for funding for the Legal Services Corporation and other government funding for legal aid is more important than ever in the current political climate. This session will give you an overview of the issues involved and practical tips you can take home based on successful bipartisan advocacy strategies from three different types of states.
NOTE: We may split up into multiple groups due to our large size and potentially conflicting appointments. Assignments will be made and may change as needed.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

1:00 p.m.  Representative John Shimkus (R-15)  
House of Representatives  
2217 Rayburn House Office Building  
(202) 225-5271  
Meet with Chase Clanahan, Legislative Assistant  
(Jim C, Angela, Dawn)

1:45 p.m.  Representative Randy Hultgren (R-14)  
House of Representatives  
2455 Rayburn House Office Building  
(202) 225-2976  
Meet with Elise Tollefson, Legislative Assistant  
(Jim C, Angela, Dawn, Emily, Jess)

2:30 p.m.  Representative Mike Bost (R-12)  
House of Representatives  
1440 Longworth House Office Building  
(202) 225-5661  
Meet with Noah Barger, Legislative Assistant  
(Jim C, Angela, Dawn, Emily, Jess)

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration (or Wednesday AM)  
Holiday Inn Capitol  
550 C Street SW  
You can stop by the ABA registration table to pick up your name tag and materials. State Captains will pick up enough leave behind folders for each scheduled meeting.

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. LSC Supreme Court Reception  
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<td>Join the ABA for the kick-off session where we will hear about the ABA Day advocacy issues.</td>
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<td>House of Representatives 515 Cannon House Office Building (202) 225-3711</td>
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<td>House of Representatives 2346 Rayburn House Office Building (202) 225-5701</td>
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Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-16)  
House of Representatives  
2245 Rayburn House Office Building  
(202) 225-3635  
Meet with Sarah Czufin, Legislative Assistant  
(Jim C, Judge Hartigan, Dawn, Emily, Bob, Jess)

11:00 a.m.  
Representative Bobby L. Rush (D-1)  
House of Representatives  
2188 Rayburn House Office Building  
(202) 225-4372  
Meet with Mr. Nishith Pandya | Legislative Director  
(Chuck, Cindy, Angela)

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
ABA Headquarters on the Hill  
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2043  
50 Independence Ave. SW  
Stop by the ABA Headquarters on the Hill between or after your lobbying meetings for camaraderie and refreshments. Box lunches and cold drinks will be available.

12:00 p.m.  
Representative Bill Foster (D-11)  
House of Representatives  
1224 Longworth House Office Building  
(202) 225-3515  
Meet with Congressman Bill Foster  
(Chuck, Russ Hartigan, Jim C, Dawn, Dave S, Emily, Angela, Jess)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
"Why Is Legal Aid Important to American Business?"  
ABA Day registrants are invited to attend a lunch briefing hosted by the LSC where distinguished guests will speak about corporate involvement in civil legal aid in their communities, and their partnerships with law firms and legal service providers to help deliver quality legal services to low-income individuals and their families.  
Please RSVP to rsvp.lsc@gmail.com.
1:00 p.m.  Representative Rodney Davis (R-13)
House of Representatives
1740 Longworth House Office Building
(202) 225-2371
Meet with Jimmy Ballard, Legislative Assistant
(Jim C, Russ Hartigan, Dave S, Emily, Jess)

1:15 p.m.  Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-9)
House of Representatives
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
(202) 225-2111
Meet with Congresswoman Schakowsky and Cathy Hurwit, Chief of Staff
(Chuck, Dawn, Maja, Cindy, Cara, Terry, Dick, Bob, Angela)

2:00 p.m.  Representative Darin LaHood (R-18)
House of Representatives
1424 Longworth House Office Building
(202) 225-6201
Meet with Mary Ellen Richardson, Legislative Assistant
(Jim C, Allegra, Dave S, Emily, Angela, Jess)

3:45 p.m.  Representative Robin Kelly (D-2)
1239 Longworth House Office Building
(202) 225-0773
Meet with Congresswoman Robin Kelly
(Chuck, Allegra, Maja, Cindy, Cara, Dick, Bob, Emily, Jess)

4:30 p.m.  Representative Peter Roskam (R-6)
House of Representatives
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
(202) 225-4561
Meet with Hannah Schiller, Legislative Assistant
(Jim C, Dawn, Angela)

5:00 p.m.  Senator Richard J. Durbin (D)
United States Senate
S-321 in the U.S. Capitol
(202) 224-2152
Meet with Senator Durbin, Dan Swanson, Brad Middleton, and Emily Webb
(Chuck, Hilarie Bass (ABA President-elect), John Levi, Dawn, Cara, Maja, Jim C, Cindy, Dave, Terry, Bob, Angela)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
ABA Supreme Court Reception  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First St NE  
Join the ABA Supreme Court Reception during which select individuals and organizations will be recognized for their outstanding advocacy work and presented with ABA Grassroots Advocacy Awards.

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  
Breakfast Briefing  
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2043  
50 Independence Ave. SW

10:00 a.m.  
Representative Cheri Bustos (D-17)  
House of Representatives  
1009 Longworth House Office Building  
(202) 225-5905  
Meet with Alexandra (Ally) Fields  
(Dave, Terry, Angela)

10:30 a.m.  
Senator Tammy Duckworth (D)  
United States Senate  
524 Hart Senate Office Building  
(202) 224-2854  
Meet with Erika Moritsugu, General Counsel  
(Jim C, Cindy, John Levi(?), Emily, Bob)

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
ABA Headquarters on the Hill  
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2043  
50 Independence Ave. SW  
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12:30 p.m.  
Representative Mike Quigley (D-5)  
House of Representatives  
2458 Rayburn House Office Building  
(202) 225-4061
Meet with Congressman Quigley and Doug Lee,
Legislative Director
(John Levi (?), Emily, Bob, Angela)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Exclusive Visit to the Law Library of Congress
Law Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave. SE
ABA Day registrants are invited to participate in an exclusive tour of the Law Library of Congress hosted by the ABA's Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress. This visit has been designed for ABA Day participants and includes: an overview of the Law Library of Congress; a rare book presentation given by Nathan Dorn, Law Library of Congress Rare Book Curator; a tour of the renovated Law Library Reading Room (which includes the “Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015” traveling exhibit, developed through a collaboration between the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress and the Library of Congress).

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TO BE SCHEDULED

Time        Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (D-4)
            House of Representatives
            2408 Rayburn House Office Building
            (202) 225-8203
            Meet with

Time        Representative Brad Schneider(D-10)
            House of Representatives
            1432 Longworth House Office Building
            (202) 225-4835
            Meet with

Time        Representative Danny Davis (D-7)
            House of Representatives
            2159 Rayburn House Office Building
            (202) 225-5006
            Meet with
Welcome to ABA Day in Washington

Save the Date!

**ABA Day 2017: April 25-27, 2017**

Join ABA Leadership and your fellow ABA, state, local and specialty bar leaders for the ABA’s annual “lobby day” in Washington, D.C. April 25-27, 2017!

Registration for ABA Day 2017 is now closed.

Ticket sales for the Justice Awards Reception and Dinner will close on March 19th, 2017 at 12am EST (midnight). Tickets may be cancelled until April 23rd at 12:00 am EST. All cancelled tickets will incur a $25 cancellation fee. No refunds will be provided for tickets cancelled after April 23rd at 12:00 am EST, without exception. PLEASE NOTE: ALL TICKET CANCELLATIONS MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE ABA SERVICE CENTER. GAO staff members are not able to process ticket cancellations. To reach the Service Center, please call: (800) 285-2221 or (321) 988-5000.

Starting on March 24, a non-refundable late fee will be applied to ABA Day registrations. Information about the ABA Day 2017 Headquarters Hotel is available on our Travel page.

If you have any questions, please email David Eppstein at david.eppstein@americanbar.org.

ABA Day Advocacy Issues

**2017 Advocacy Issues:**

During ABA Day 2017, ABA members will be advocating on the following issues:

- **Funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC):** LSC grantees provide civil legal aid to constituents at 125% of the poverty level and below. Congress should return LSC funding to $450 million—roughly the FY2010 appropriation (inflation adjusted) before the dip in the economy.

- **Access to Justice for Homeless Veterans:** Nearly 40,000 veterans experience homelessness on any given night, and according to the VA, many need a lawyer’s help to overcome their circumstances. This ABA Day, as a secondary issue, we will advocate for legislation authorizing private-public partnerships with the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve access to justice for homeless veterans.

Two training sessions will be held via teleconference in the weeks leading up to ABA Day to help prepare attendees for Hill visits. Please visit our Resources page for additional information on training dates and materials.

Issue Resources

Key Information

ABA Day Registration and Information

- ABA Day 2017 Registration-CLOSED
- About ABA Day
- ABA Day 2017 Schedule
- ABA Day Highlights
- Past ABA Day Honorees
- ABA Day 2017 Registrants

Hill Visits

- Tips for Successful Congressional Visits
- ABA Policy Points on LSC

State Captains

- State Captain List (email cecilia.pupillo@americanbar.org with any questions)

Sponsors and Planning

ABA Day 2017 Planning Committee

Chair: Patricia Lee Refo
Phoenix, AZ
Organized by the ABA Govermental Affairs Office

ABA Day Mobile App

The ABA Grassroots mobile app was created to enhance your ABA Day experience and provide you with all of the ABA Day resources right in your pocket. Features include: interactive maps, a calendar of events (which can be exported to your personal calendar), mobile talking points and issue resources, mobile Hill Visit Reports, videos, a live Twitter feed, and more
Illinois Depends on Legal Services
DON'T CUT LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
Justice Award '13 & '04

People in Illinois who can benefit from LSC programs:

- 1,478,900 Rural Residents
- 3,407,900 Seniors
- 857,762 Veterans
- 1,851,840 Living in Poverty
- 1,036 Disaster Declarations

EVERY YEAR LSC PROVIDES LEGAL AID FOR 1.9 MILLION LOW-INCOME AMERICANS & THEIR FAMILIES

Chances that a victim of domestic violence will obtain a restraining order:

- Without Lawyer: 32%
- With Lawyer: 83%

TOTAL FEDERAL BUDGET = $3.9 TRILLION
TOTAL LSC BUDGET = $385 MILLION (1/10,000th)

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The Illinois Equal Justice Foundation:
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- Fairness in the justice system should not depend on how much money a person has.
- IEJF provides access to legal help for people to protect their livelihoods, their health, and their families. The people who depend on IEJF-funded legal aid organizations include women and children victimized by domestic violence; veterans struggling after returning from combat; disabled and elderly persons who have been financially exploited and abused; and many other vulnerable Americans.
- Legal aid is consistently one of the top referrals for General Assembly members serving constituent needs.

With a record number of Illinoisans in need, maintaining IEJF funding is especially critical right now

- A record high one third of Illinoisans are low-income or living in poverty, making them eligible for legal aid, yet IEJF funding has not been included in ongoing budget negotiations.
- As a result, more than half of people in need of legal aid are turned away due to lack of resources.
- The legal community is doing its part, providing more than two million hours of pro bono service and donating more than $15 million each year to support pro bono and legal aid organizations in Illinois alone.

IEJF funding is a solid investment in Illinois’ families and communities that saves taxpayer money and needs to be increased, not cut further

- Access to needed legal help can mean the difference between shelter and homelessness; medical assistance and unnecessary physical suffering; food on the table and hunger; economic stability and bankruptcy; or productive work and unemployment.
- IEJF is a solid economic investment as well, saving money on other expensive government services and helping streamline the court system and cut down on court costs. A recent study found that legal aid in Illinois produces an almost 2:1 return on investment in economic benefits.

For more information, contact Bob Glaves at The Chicago Bar Foundation at bglaves@chicagobar.org or (312) 554-1205 or Jim Covington at The Illinois State Bar Association at jcovington@isba.org or 1-800-252-8908.
April 21, 2017

Senator Dick Durbin
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Legal Services Corporation Appropriation

Dear Senator Durbin:

As leaders of major law firms and companies in the Chicago area, we urge you to support increased funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), a cost-effective yet chronically underfunded program that is an integral part of fulfilling our nation’s fundamental promise of equal access to justice for all Americans. LSC provides core funding to 134 legal aid programs throughout the country, including three here in Illinois, and directly helps thousands of Illinoisans—including many of your constituents—to get necessary legal help each year.

LSC provides access to legal help for people to protect their livelihoods, their health and their families. The people who depend on LSC-funded legal aid organizations include women and children victimized by domestic violence; veterans struggling after returning from combat; people displaced by disasters; elderly and disabled persons who have been financially exploited and abused; and many other vulnerable Americans. LSC is a solid economic investment as well, saving money on expensive government services and helping streamline the court system and reduce costs.

While we recognize that there are many competing funding priorities, LSC is a vital investment in our communities yet is near an all-time low in funding at the same time a record number of Americans are in need of these services. LSC funding is down more than 50% in real dollars since 1981, while at the same time the number of Americans eligible for legal aid has increased by more than 50% to a record of more than 60 million people. As a result, more than half of people in need of legal aid are turned away due to a lack of capacity.

Our legal community in Illinois is dedicated to doing our part and brings a strong pro bono and financial commitment to this cause, each year providing more than two million hours of pro bono service and donating more than $15 million to support legal aid. We will continue to build on that commitment, but our voluntary efforts can never replace proper funding from Congress for this core governmental responsibility. Congress should invest in access to justice with the same urgency as our country treats other priorities like defense, national security, infrastructure and health care.
For all of these reasons, we urge you to oppose any efforts to reduce or eliminate LSC’s funding and to instead support an increase in this critical funding. It is a cost-effective investment in your constituents and their families and communities, and it is more important than ever.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Susan L. Lees  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
Allstate Insurance Company

Kathleen M. Cronin  
Senior Managing Director, Corporate Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
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- Legal aid is consistently one of the top referrals for local congressional offices serving constituent needs.

LSC funding is near an all-time low while a record number of vulnerable and disadvantaged Americans are in need of these services

- Since 1981, the number of Americans eligible for legal aid has increased by more than 50% to a record of more than 60 million people, yet Congress now allocates over 50% less in funding for LSC than it did in 1981 after adjusting for inflation.
- As a result, more than half of people in need of legal aid are turned away due to lack of resources.
- The legal community is doing its part, providing more than two million hours of pro bono service and donating more than $15 million each year to support pro bono and legal aid organizations in Illinois alone.

The original FY17 budget proposal to increase LSC’s funding to $475 million is a solid investment in America’s families and communities that saves taxpayer money

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