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Greetings JUST News Readers,

Your State Support staff has been busy wrapping up from an invigorating State Conference, and beginning to think about training offerings for 2014! In this edition, you'll read more about our successful 2013 conference, special recognition for Diana Hamilton, MJF's upcoming Annual Awards Celebration, and more.

Keep in touch! Send us your announcements, case notes, press releases, event info, and other news. You can send your submissions to [statesupport@mnlegalservices.org](mailto:statesupport@mnlegalservices.org).

## Legal Services Statewide Conference: Collegiality and Education Together Again



### Words and Deeds to Admire and Inspire - 2013 Legal Services Statewide Awards Banquet

Earlier this month, Legal Services State Support hosted its first in-person state conference since 2009, with 200 participants attending 22 legal education sessions and practice groups between Wednesday evening October 9, and Friday morning, October 11. The conference had something for everyone, starting with a thoughtful conversation about the war on poverty with Chris Farrell, economics correspondent for American RadioWorks. Plenary speaker Jodi Pfarr, and a host of the best and brightest legal services experts convened on Thursday for a

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### LRAP MN Application Deadline Nov. 1st

Loan Repayment Assistance Program applications are available at [www.lrapmn.org](http://www.lrapmn.org) and are due on November 1st. This application cycle is intended for attorneys hired after July 1, 2013. Those who applied in May 2013 need not reapply at this time.

### The International Exhibit: Lawyers

full day of engaging CLEs, and practice groups.

On Thursday evening, the Awards Banquet featured a special video appearance by Senator Amy Klobuchar, whose heartfelt words of praise and encouragement were the perfect preamble for the celebration. In recognition of distinguished service to the civil legal needs of low-income Minnesotans, Robert Enger, past MSBA President and former staff attorney with Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota, and retired Justice Paul Anderson, were presented with the Coalition's Pro Bono Publico Award. Valerie Snyder, lead attorney with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, and Douglas Johnson, litigation director with Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota were chosen from among statewide nominees to receive the Dawn Carlson Family Advocate Award for outstanding service in family law. This year, the Coalition directors bestowed Pillar of Justice honors to Ron Elwood, Legal Services Advocacy Project, Anne Henry, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, and Martha Eaves, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, for their unwavering dedication to justice. Staff members marking 25th anniversaries with legal services were also recognized with a fun tribute, and were joined by career colleagues having surpassed 25 years of service.

The Minnesota Legal Services Coalition would like to thank its dedicated and knowledgeable statewide staff trainers for providing the valuable information, expertise, and resources that comprised the conference CLEs. [Approved credits](#) and [materials](#) are posted on [ProJusticeMN.org](http://ProJusticeMN.org).

## Diana Hamilton Honored by the University of St. Thomas School of Law



### Alumna Achievement Award Bestowed Posthumously

The School of Law Alumna Achievement Award will be posthumously awarded to Diana Hamilton, class of 2006, during the Alumnae Brunch on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013. The award will be presented to Diana's family in recognition and sincere appreciation of her achievements, which exemplified the ideals of the school's mission: characteristics of leadership,

professionalism, hard work, commitment to excellence and respect for others.

Diana was a tireless advocate for the rights of children, working in the Family Law Clinic during law school and championing the rights of children as an attorney at the Youth Law Project of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. Diana played an instrumental role in the passage of the Family Reunification Act (2013). She was a community leader, serving as a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association Children & The Law Section's Board of Officers,

## Without Rights

The U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota is currently hosting The International Exhibit: Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich. The exhibit is on tour in Minnesota through November 21st, and will be the first opportunity for the public to view this thought-provoking look at the disenfranchisement of lawyers and judges by Hitler's decree in 1933. Click [here](#) for dates and more information.

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and as a volunteer and manager of youth programming at her church. Click [here](#) for more information about the brunch.

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## CMLS Managing Attorney to Receive Distinguished Service Award

**Christy Snow-Kaster Honored at MJF's Annual Awards Celebration on November 13th**



MINNESOTA JUSTICE FOUNDATION

The Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) will hold its Annual Awards Celebration at International Market Square in Minneapolis on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

The event will feature keynote speaker the Honorable Jane Kelly, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. MJF will also recognize the winners of their Outstanding Service Awards. Among the winners are Christy Snow-Kaster, managing attorney of Central Minnesota Legal Services - Minneapolis, who will receive the Direct Legal Service Award, and Weida Allen, social worker at the Children's Law Center of Minnesota, receiving the Advocate Award.

Tickets for the event are \$75/person, or \$40 for public interest practitioners, and \$25 for students. Please email Pat Harrigan at [admin@mnjustice.org](mailto:admin@mnjustice.org) for tickets and more information.

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