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Connecting Minnesota's Justice Community

Hello JUST News Readers,

State Support is gearing up for next month's Legal Services Statewide Conference and we hope to see you in Alexandria, October 9th - 11th!

In this edition, read about our special guests for the conference kick-off event, and other details about the opening of the conference on October 9th. You'll also be linked to an article about the Affordable Care Act, co-authored by two MMLA supervising attorneys, and learn how Call For Justice and United Way 2-1-1 are helping connect the community to legal services.

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.

State Conference Kick-off Event Features American RadioWorks Reporters

Public Radio Luminaries to Discuss the War on Poverty Wed. October 9th



Chris Farrell and Stephen Smith

Be sure to arrive to the Legal Services Statewide Conference in time for the Wednesday evening kick-off event featuring Chris Farrell and Stephen Smith, prominent public radio reporters and creators of the radio documentary, "The War on Poverty: From the Great Society to the Great Recession." This [documentary](#) examines the modern face of poverty and asks why LBJ's dream of a Great Society has yet to be reached. Chris Farrell is an economics correspondent and author, and Stephen Smith, is the executive editor for American RadioWorks. Farrell and Smith will moderate this session and take questions from our community as we aptly kick-off the conference theme of increasing our understanding of poverty.

The session will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wed. October 9th and 1.5 hours of standard CLE credit will be applied for. Afterwards, join your colleagues as we mix, mingle and break the ice in a fun array of social activities. The conference officially begins at 4:00 p.m. with conference sign-in and hotel check-in, the housing law practice forum, and the [Legal Services Art and Craft Show](#). A welcome buffet dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

There's still time to [register](#), but don't delay. Registration ends Friday, September 13th!



MMLA Supervising Attorneys Co-Author Article on Affordable Care Act

The Hennepin Lawyer Feature Covers Background and Tips From Kathleen Davis and Ralonda Mason

Kathleen Davis and Ralonda Mason, supervising attorneys with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid have co-authored "Advising Low-Income Clients on the Affordable Care Act," an insightful and practical article for The Hennepin Lawyer. Their objective, set forth in the opening paragraphs, is to "clarify the provisions of this comprehensive legislation that expands eligibility for public programs and provides subsidies for low and moderate income families and individuals to purchase private health insurance. This information will enable attorneys to advise and represent low-income clients on the impact of the ACA and on their legal rights to obtain healthcare coverage."

In the article, Ralonda and Kathleen outline the basics of the legislation, and provide practice suggestions to those advising clients on the impact of these provisions. [Read the full article here](#).

Report on Unique Legal Referral Training Model

Call for Justice and United Way 2-1-1 Boost Referrals to LawHelpMN.org



Call for Justice, LLC, a Minneapolis nonprofit, and United Way 2-1-1, Minnesota's leading

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Volunteer Lawyers Network Annual Benefactors' Pro Bono Picnic - Sept. 12th

Join VLN for a fun evening of fundraising and help support their continuing mission to promote access to justice by providing legal services to low-income people through volunteer attorneys.

Thursday, September 12, 2013
at Nicollet Island Pavillion
40 Power Street, Minneapolis
4:30 – 6:00 pm cocktail reception & 6:00 – 7:00 pm dinner and program.
Click [here](#) or call 612-752-6644 for reservations or more information.

Children's Law Center 18th Annual Benefit and Celebration - Sept. 12th

information and referral resource for health and human services, have released a joint report titled, "Training on Legal Resources and Referrals: A Report on an Innovative Collaboration" which details a unique model for expanding the scope and quality of legal referrals in the Twin Cities.

Call for Justice originated because the Twin Cities legal community and Greater Twin Cities United Way sought to better connect low-income people with legal resources. They found a natural partnership with United Way 2-1-1, which annually receives more than 30,000 calls from people with legal needs. After 16 months of training, the results of the Call for Justice—United Way 2-1-1 collaboration are compelling. Some of the outcomes included in the report include:

- A 200 percent increase in referrals for 9 key legal resources—to providers that previously had received more limited referrals, effectively helping connect callers to programs more appropriate to the callers' legal needs.
- A 786 percent increase in referrals to LawHelpMN.org, a resource-based website related to the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition.
- Increases of 336 percent and 560 percent to Court Self-Help resources in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, respectively.
- Connecting attorneys with nearly 80 women and their children involved in a large Twin Cities program fighting intergenerational poverty. This "adoption" by two Minneapolis law firms was the result of an offshoot program that convenes various nonprofit legal and social service providers to facilitate organic collaborations.
- Providing more than 70 homeless individuals with legal advice within the first four months of a collaboration between a Legal Aid organization and a homeless meal and resource center.
- The creation of the first-of-its-kind (in Minnesota) panel of LGBT lawyers to serve homeless and at-risk LGBT youth.

Call for Justice, LLC has also created the first-ever list of Twin Cities-based volunteer interpreters who gave hundreds of hours of free service to various nonprofit legal and social service providers. The joint report between Call for Justice, LLC and United Way 2-1-1, which contains other findings and tips on how to duplicate the training program on a national basis, can be accessed at www.callforjustice.org.



Minnesota Justice Foundation Seeks Poverty Law Nominees for Anniversary Awards Celebration

Nomination Deadline: September 30th, 2013

Do you know an attorney (private practice or public interest), law student, paralegal or legal advocate who has made a significant contribution to poverty law or public interest work? If so, the Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) encourages you to submit your nominations for deserving recipients in one or more of five award categories.

Visit MJF's website to download a nomination form. Nomination forms may be returned electronically, by email, or by regular mail no later than September 30, 2013. Awardees will be announced on October 18th and will be honored at MJF's 31st Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at International Market Square. The keynote speaker for the event will be the Honorable Jane Kelly, Eighth District Court of Appeals.

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State Support is a project of the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition

Join CLC as they celebrate over 18 years of providing free legal advocacy to at-risk, abused and disenfranchised children and children in foster care.

Thursday, September 12, 2013
5:30-8:00 pm

at Windows on Minnesota, 50th floor, IDS Center,
80 South 8th Street,
Minneapolis, MN.

Featuring hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live auction and raffle. Click [here](#) or call 651-644-4438 for reservations or more information.

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