Public Interest Law Initiative®

SUMMER 2016
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR SERIES & EVENTS FOR PILI INTERNS AND FELLOWS

One of the hallmarks of PILI's Internship and Fellowship Programs is the weekly Educational Seminar Series we provide. Seminars feature special guest speakers from the Illinois public interest law and pro bono community, and cover a range of substantive law topics related to public interest law, as well as career development issues and skill building strategies. In addition to the Educational Seminar Series, PILI has several special events planned throughout the summer which offer the opportunity to build your professional network. Please visit the PILI website at www.pili.org for further details and to register to attend each session or event.

Wednesday, June 1, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Intern & Fellow Orientation
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
This full-day orientation will provide a solid foundation for you to better serve your clients and the organizations where you work this summer. In addition to practical trainings, the orientation will also include valuable networking opportunities and will conclude with a reception where you will have an opportunity to connect with your Advisor.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Trauma-Informed Lawyering
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
Trauma can have a lasting impact, but you might not always be aware of the trauma that your client faced or how it affects them. This seminar will provide an overview of the effects of trauma and techniques to engage clients who have experienced trauma.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
PILI Annual Pro Bono Reception: Celebrating Pro Bono
Ivy Room, 12 East Ohio Street (Ohio & State)
A favorite in the Illinois pro bono community's summer calendar, PILI's Annual Pro Bono Reception celebrates the inspiring and life-changing pro bono work being done in Illinois with 250 guests from across the state. PILI Interns and Fellows receive complimentary admission to this event.

Thursday, June 16, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
What's in My Water?
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
From Chicago's lead pipes to the Flint water crisis to the impact of fracking on our water supply, worries about our drinking water are flowing locally and around the country. Public interest lawyers play a critical role in protecting our natural resources, including our water supply, and this session will explore these pressing environmental issues and how they are being addressed.

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Wednesday, June 22, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Lawyers as Citizen-Advocates
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
Being aware of legislative issues that impact low-income and underrepresented communities can help you be an effective citizen-advocate for your clients. This seminar will provide an overview of key issues as well as tips on how you can stay informed and take action.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
PILI Alumni CLE Program & Networking Reception
Dentons US LLP, 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 5900
The Alumni Network Leadership Council invites all current PILI Interns and Fellows, along with PILI Alumni, to a CLE program spotlighting a local pro bono partnership that achieved significant results. A reception will immediately follow. This is an opportunity for PILI Interns and Fellows participating in the Advising Program to connect with their PILI Advisor as well as other members of PILI's Alumni Network.

Thursday, June 30, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Serving with Excellence in Legal Aid: Understanding Implicit Bias
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
This seminar will address how we can become more aware of our own assumptions, behaviors and impact, especially when we are interacting with people who we (consciously and unconsciously) see as different from us. Unpacking the concept of implicit and unconscious bias to understand the "mental shortcuts" that we take that impact how we work with and value others is critical to serving legal aid clients with excellence.

Wednesday, July 6, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Immigration Law Update: A Review of DAPA and the Supreme Court Ruling
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hand down a ruling by the end of June on DAPA, the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents. This is an executive action that President Obama announced in November 2014, which was later enjoined by a federal judge and the Fifth Circuit. This seminar will explore the outcomes of this decision and its implications in the context of the election cycle.

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Parentage, Divorce and Child Custody in Illinois
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
Family law is one of the greatest areas of need in legal aid. This seminar will highlight the significant changes to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and the Parentage Act that recently went into effect, impacting parentage, divorce and child custody.

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Saturday, July 16, 2016
10:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Legal Prep Service Day
Legal Prep Charter Academies, 4319 W Washington Blvd
Help Legal Prep, a legal-themed college preparatory high school in West Garfield Park, prepare their school for the 2016-2017 academic year. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday, July 21, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Public Interest Law Career Path – INTERNS ONLY
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
This seminar features a panel of dedicated public interest law attorneys who will share their experiences in charting a career in public interest law. Panelists will include attorneys who have experience in legal aid and government, and with judicial clerkships and post-graduate fellowships.

Wednesday, July 27, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Reflecting on Your Internship: Evaluation & Sharing Session – PILI INTERNS ONLY
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
Interns are invited to share their experiences and provide feedback on PILI's Law Student Internship Program.

Tuesday, August 2, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
How to Be an Effective Advocate: A View from the Bench
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
A panel of judges will share their expectations and suggestions for new attorneys to be effective advocates, and will discuss the role attorneys play in addressing the access to justice gap.

Friday, August 5, 2016
7:10 p.m. game start time
Chicago White Sox v. Orioles
US Cellular Field, 333 West 35th St
Enjoy a fun night at a baseball game with PILI Interns & Fellows. PILI will have a limited number of complimentary tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wednesday, August 10, 2016
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Incorporating Pro Bono into Your Career
The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200
PILI Alumni will share insights and practical tips from their own experiences about how to make pro bono fit into a busy professional life.

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Thursday, August 11, 2016
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Intern & Fellow Reception
Theory Bar, 9 West Hubbard Street
The Alumni Network Leadership Council welcomes all 2016 PILI Interns & Fellows to a reception recognizing and celebrating the important work they did this summer to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need. Advisors will also be invited, and this will be one last scheduled opportunity to connect.