

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 and enjoy your PILI experience. Please check the PILI website to register to attend each session or event.

Thursday, May 31, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Intern & Fellow Orientation

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

Kick-off your summer at PILI's orientation! This full day of programming will provide you with a solid foundation to help you better serve your clients and the organizations where you work. You will also have a chance to meet other PILI Interns and Fellows as well as members of PILI's Alumni Network and Board of Directors.

Monday, June 4, 2018

8:30am – 11:30am

Daley Center Tour

Meet at the Picasso Sculpture

Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington

PILI Interns and Fellows will get to tour the Richard J. Daley Center, where many of you will go to state court for civil matters over the summer. This tour will also include the Cook County Law Library and offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Tuesday June 5, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Writing for Public Interest Law Attorneys

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

This workshop will provide specific strategies for writing clear, concise and compelling legal documents. Learn to eliminate common writing weaknesses and better organize your writing. This is one of our highest rated seminars every year.

Wednesday June 13, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Conflict Management

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

Conflict in the courtroom (and even the workplace) may be unavoidable. Gain insights, tools, and techniques on how best to manage disputes and create meaningful resolutions.

Tuesday June 19, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Restorative Justice in Chicago

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

Learn about an innovative approach to address the problems of crime and human conflict that incorporates the values of accountability and reconciliation between offenders and victims.

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

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 300 guests from across the state. PILI Interns and Fellows are invited to attend for free.

Thursday, June 28, 2018

11:45a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

From You, to Your Online Presence, to Your Vote: Equality in 2018

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

Hear from attorneys working to advance equal rights on the current concerns, successes and struggles, including attorneys working on disability, LGBTQ, gender, privacy and voting rights issues.

Tuesday July 3, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.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 whom 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 11, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Public Interest Law Career Path

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 200

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.

Thursday, July 19, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Fellowship: From Pipe Dream to Project in Action

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

Two agency supervisors and the Fellows whose project they green-lighted give you a deeper dive into how to design and implement an Equal Justice Works or Skadden Fellowship, moderated by a law school career counselor.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Evaluation Session: How Can We Make the Internship Experience Better? – PILI INTERNS ONLY

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

Interns share their experiences and provide feedback on PILI's Law Student Internship Program.

Tuesday July 31, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Social and Economic Impact of Transactional Pro Bono Work

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 1200

From applying for federal tax exemption to drafting start-up documents, transactional pro bono work plays a critical role in community and business development. Learn how your transactional pro bono assistance to nonprofits and other community groups can make an impact from an individual to macro level.

Thursday, August 2, 2018

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Intern & Fellow Reception

Theory Bar, 9 W Hubbard Street

The Alumni Network Leadership Council welcomes all 2018 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. PILI Alumni and Board Members will also be invited.

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

11:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Incorporating Pro Bono into Your Career

The John Marshall Law School, 304 South State Street, Room 200

PILI Alumni will share insights and practical advice from their own experiences about how to make pro bono fit into a busy professional life.