



SUMMER 2017 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 and enjoy your PILI experience. Please check the PILI website to register to attend each session or event.

Thursday, June 1, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 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.

Monday, June 5, 2017

9:00am – 12:00pm

Daley Center Tour

Meet at the Picasso Sculpture

Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington

PILI Law Student Interns and Graduate 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.

Wednesday June 7, 2017

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

Parentage, Divorce, Custody and Child Support 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 as well as the overhaul of the Illinois child support formula which is set to take effect on July 1.

Tuesday June 13, 2017

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

How to Interview Your Legal Aid Client

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

Learn strategies to interview low-income clients in a variety of settings as well as the tools needed to elicit information needed to assist them, including questioning techniques, approaches to make the client feel comfortable, and how to structure the interview.

Tuesday June 20, 2017

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

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

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.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

11:45a.m. – 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 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.

Thursday, June 29, 2017

7:10 p.m. game start time

Chicago White Sox v. New York Yankees

US Cellular Field, 333 West 35th Street

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.

Thursday July 6, 2017

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

What You Need To Know About Vicarious Trauma

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

It is common for those working with clients who have experienced traumatic life events to also bear an emotional impact from the exposure to hearing the client's stories and witnessing the client's pain and fear. Learn how to become aware of the signs and symptoms of vicarious trauma and practical tips you can utilize to promote self-care.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Public Interest Law Career Path

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.

Thursday, July 20, 2017

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

How Will Immigration Law Affect Your Practice

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

To say that immigration law is extensive and complex is an understatement. Learn the basics of Immigration Law and understand the key issues to look for when dealing with non-citizen clients, including the recent updates to immigration policies and the effect these policies have had on the practice of immigration law.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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 are invited to share their experiences and provide feedback on PILI's Law Student Internship Program.

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Intern & Fellow Reception

Location TBD

The Alumni Network Leadership Council welcomes all 2017 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.

Thursday August 3, 2017

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

Engaging in Your Community

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

From writing to their legislature about a specific issue to serving on young professional and non-profit boards and other community and politically active institutions, attorneys engage in their community on various levels. Learn how to become more active in your community as well as the considerations to make as you decide to become more politically and socially active.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

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