



One of the hallmarks of PILI's Internship and Fellowship Programs is the weekly Educational Seminar Series we provide. Funded in part by the Chicago Community Trust, these 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.

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Thursday, May 30, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 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 throughout the summer. 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.

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

9:30am – 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 Offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the Cook County Law Library and more.

Thursday, June 6, 2019

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 and tools for eliciting information needed to assist them such as questioning techniques, approaches to make the client feel comfortable, and how to structure the interview.

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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

**Helping Ourselves to Help Others: Understanding and Addressing Vicarious Trauma**

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

**Sybil Baker**, Mental Health Consultant, Center for Childhood Resilience

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 to help you become a better advocate for your client.

Monday, June 17, 2019

3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Volunteer with PILI at Jackie’s Meal, Lawson House YMCA**

*Lawson House YMCA, 30 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL*

Volunteer with PILI Alumni helping to prepare and serve a meal to residents of Chicago’s Gold Coast neighborhood who live at Lawson House YMCA. Volunteers will help set up for the meal beginning at 3:30pm and then help serve the meal at 4pm and clean up afterward.

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

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 19, 2019

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.

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

8:15a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Serving with Excellence in Legal Aid: Understanding Implicit Bias**

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

**Dr. Arin N. Reeves**, President, Nextions LLC

Invite your PILI Advisor to this breakfast seminar that 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.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

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

**Why the 2020 Census Matters and How You Can Help**

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

**Griselda Vega Samuel**, Midwest Regional Counsel, MALDEF

The United States Constitution requires an accurate count of the nation’s population every 10 years through a nationwide census which is used to allocate funding, craft policy, and make other important decisions. Learn about the daunting set of challenges facing the 2020 Census and how you as lawyers and law students can help ensure it be fair and accurate.

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

3:30p.m. - 4:45p.m.

**Post-Grad Fellowships: From Pipe Dream to Project in Action**

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

Moderator: **Kathryn Shelton**, Associate Director, Public Interest Center, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
**Allyson Bain**, Skadden Staff Attorney, ACLU Illinois

**Megan Harkins**, Staff Attorney Equal Justice Works Fellow, Legal Council for Health Justice

**Lisa Parsons**, Program Director, Legal Council for Health Justice

**Claire Stewart**, Staff Attorney, ACLU Illinois

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.

Thursday, July 18, 2019

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

**Protecting Your Client from Violence and Harassment**

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

**Danielle Parisi Ruffatto**, Director of Emergency Services, Domestic Violence Legal Clinic

Learn about the legal issues that survivors of violence and legal aid practitioners must consider before deciding which remedy to seek. Learn about orders of protection, civil no contact orders, criminal remedies and other ways to protect your client from unwanted harassment.

Thursday, July 25, 2019

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

**Public Interest Law Career Path**

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

**Veronica Cortez**, Staff Attorney, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

**Kate Shank**, Deputy Director, LAF

**Ken Walden**, Managing Attorney, Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago

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 31, 2019

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*

Help make our program better by sharing your experiences and providing feedback on PILI's Law Student Internship Program.

Thursday, August 8, 2019

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

**Social Justice Strategies and the Power of Direct Representation, Policy Work and Impact Litigation**

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

**John Bouman**, President, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

**Rebekah Azar Rashidfarokhi**, Director, Guardian ad Litem for Minors Program, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

**Laura Miller**, Managing Attorney, Equip for Equality

When considering the influence of public interest and pro bono attorneys, there are differences and intersections between direct representation, impact litigation, policy advocacy. Hear from attorneys from diverse backgrounds discuss their work, when certain types of legal tactics make the most sense, and the challenges that come up in the field.

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 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 working in the private sector will share insights and practical advice from their own experiences about how to make pro bono fit into a busy professional life.

Thursday, August 15, 2019

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**PILI Alumni Reception: Welcoming the 2019 Class of Alumni**

*Chicago French Market, 131 North Clinton Street*

Join us in celebrating your accomplishments this summer and your induction into the PILI Alumni Network. PILI's Alumni Network spans over 40 years and includes over 4,000 past Interns and Fellows. PILI's Alumni Reception celebrates the lifelong commitment to service demonstrated by the Alumni as well as the amazing accomplishments of the most recent class of Interns and Fellows. The class of 2019 Interns and Fellows are invited for free.