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Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI): cultivating a lifelong commitment to public interest law

Greetings!

Throughout 2012, we have been celebrating PILI's 35th Anniversary with gratitude and admiration for PILI's many supporters, partners, participants, board members, volunteers and friends, old and new. We capped off this year of celebration with a wonderful Annual Awards Luncheon last week, and this newsletter has not only pictures and spotlights of our inspirational award recipients, but also links to our new PILI video and annual report, which we debuted at the event. As we close out this year, we are looking forward to the next, with application periods open for our Internship & Fellowship Programs, an exciting new PILI Internship position, and a full calendar of events for our Pro Bono Initiative. This and more below!

We thank you for helping us celebrate PILI's 35 years of service to the Illinois legal aid community this year, and we look forward to seeing you in the year to come!

With our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy new year,

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PILI News

Support PILI with a Year-End Gift!
PILI's 35th Anniversary year has been a time of new achievements and historic landmarks for PILI, none of which would have been possible without the involvement and support of donors like you! As this year comes to a close, we hope you will consider making a year-end gift to PILI. Make a donation online today, or learn more about ways to give to PILI. Thank you for your support!

PILI Annual Awards Luncheon: Celebrating 35 Years of Service
On November 29, PILI hosted

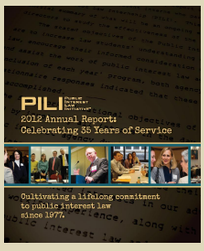
our 35th Anniversary Annual Awards Luncheon. We were thrilled to welcome nearly 500 members of the Illinois legal community, including many new and returning sponsors from law firms, corporations, and law schools, as well as members of the judiciary, representatives from our partner legal service agencies across the state, and new and long-time friends of PILI. Together, we celebrated PILI's 35 years of service to the Illinois legal aid community and acknowledged our inspirational and dedicated award recipients:

PILI's Board President and Executive Director with our 2012 award recipients

Deere & Company, Pro Bono Initiative Award
Amy Zimmerman, Distinguished PILI Intern Alumni Award
Judge Edmond E. Chang, Distinguished PILI Fellow Alumni Award
Harvey Grossman, Distinguished Public Service Award

Our first 3 award recipients are spotlighted below in this newsletter, and you can learn more on our website about Harvey Grossman's distinguished career of advocacy for civil rights that epitomizes the highest ideals of the legal profession. On our website you can also find pictures from the event. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this event such a success!

New PILI Video and 2012 Annual Report



At our Annual Awards Luncheon last week, PILI premiered a new video that tells the story of PILI's impact from the perspective of a widerange of our partners, program participants, and supporters from all sectors of the legal profession. It is available online at www.pili-law.org/PILIvideo.htm. We also debuted our new 2012 Annual Report, with stats and stories about what we have accomplished in the last year. And, you can now see our 35th anniversary timeline on our website as well, which was on display at our Annual Awards Luncheon. Whether you are a newcomer to PILI who wants to learn more about what we do, or a long-time supporter interested in hearing about our progress, we hope you enjoy these exciting new resources!

PILI Law Student Internship & Graduate Fellowship Programs

PILI Interns (first or second year law students) and PILI Fellows (recent law school graduates) work in and learn about public interest law, and begin what PILI hopes is a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono work. Below is the latest news about PILI's Internship and Fellowship Programs. Visit PILI's website to learn more about the Internship and Fellowship Programs.

Application Period Open for PILI Internships & Fellowships
The application period is now open for all law students interested in PILI's spring or summer 2013 Law Student Internship Program, or in PILI's Graduate Fellowship Program. Interested applicants can find lots of useful information on our website, including information on how to apply for school-year Internships, how to apply for summer Internships, how to apply for Graduate Fellowships, and a list of all of our Participating Agencies and their Internship and Fellowship position descriptions. Contact PILI Program Manager Sheila Simhan with any specific questions.

New PILI Internship Position in Peoria, IL!
PILI is very excited to announce our first Law Student Internship opportunity outside of the Chicago area. Made possible with special funding from the Lee L. Morgan and Mary H. Morgan Endowment of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, this PILI Intern will work at the Peoria, IL office of Prairie State Legal Services, a legal aid

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organization serving northern Illinois. Together with our other statewide pro bono projects, like our Pro Bono Case Pairing and Mentor Matching System and our Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees project, we are working to expand and enhance the availability of legal services for people living in poverty across the whole state. Applicants interested in this position should apply through PILI's online application system.

PILI Alumni Network

Today, over 3,000 law students and graduates have participated in PILI's Internship and Fellowship Programs. The Alumni Network maintains the connection between these lawyers, PILI, and the public interest law community. Below is the lastes news about PILI's Alumni Network. Visit PILI's website to learn more about our Alumni Network.

Alumni Reunion Reception Held On October 10

PILI's 2012 Alumni Reunion Reception, held on October 10 at Haymarket Pub & Brewery, raised over $3,600 toward the PILI Alumni Named Internship Fund! We had more than 50 guests in attendance, including Alumni from over 30 years of PILI history, along with many PILI supervisors and friends of PILI as well. PILI wishes to thank our Alumni Network Leadership Council and our event sponsors for their making this event a success! Visit PILI's Facebook page to see more pictures from the event.

Alumni Spotlight: Amy Zimmerman, 1989 PILI Intern Alumna, 2012 Award Recipient

Amy Zimmerman at the Annual Awards Luncheon with her family

Amy Zimmerman has spent her legal career focusing on children's health advocacy, program and policy analysis and community-based partnerships. As director of one of the oldest medical legal partnerships in the U.S., the Chicago Medical Legal Partnership for Children, at Health & Disability Advocates (HDA), Amy cultivates opportunities to grow and share the power of this innovative model with government, business, health, special education and justice communities. Since joining HDA in 2006, Amy has provided leadership to growing medical legal partnerships nationwide. Over her years of practice, Amy has spearheaded legislative initiatives and helped to implement groundbreaking health policies. *Click here to read more.*

Alumni Spotlight: Judge Edmond E. Chang, 1994 PILI Fellow Alumnus, 2012 Award Recipient

Judge Chang with presenter Elizabeth Lewis, PILI Alumni Network Council Vice Chair

In December 2010, the Senate unanimously confirmed Edmond Chang as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Chang began service on the court in early January 2011, and was at that time the youngest federal judge in the nation. He is the first Asian-Pacific American Article III federal judge in Illinois and in any of the states in the Seventh Circuit. Judge Chang earned his law degree with honors from Northwestern, where he served on the Northwestern University Law Review and was awarded Order of the Coif. During law school, he externed at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and after graduating from law

school, he was a PILI Fellow sponsored by Sidley Austin at Chicago-Kent College of Law's legal clinic, where he worked primarily on criminal defense matters. *Click here to read more.*

PILI Pro Bono Initiative Program

Through its Pro Bono Initiative, PILI works collaboratively with law firms, corporations, public interest law agencies and law schools to create and promote work environments, programs and opportunities that help new associates and seasoned attorneys actualize their commitment to pro bono work. Below is the latest news about PILI's Pro Bono Initiative. Visit PILI's website to learn more about our Pro Bono Initiative Program.

2013 Pro Bono Roundtable Schedule Announced
Each year, PILI organizes constituent group-specific Pro Bono Roundtables for pro bono leaders from across the state to come together and share ideas, strategies and best practices. These programs are complimentary and open to all interested participants. All of PILI's 2013 Roundtables are on the calendar:

- February 28: Legal Service Agency Roundtable
- April 16: Corporate Pro Bono Roundtable
- July 10: Law School Pro Bono Roundtable
- November 5: Law Firm Pro Bono Roundtable

Mark your calendars, and check our website for event agendas and registration information as each Roundtable approaches.

PILI Holds First Law Firm Pro Bono Roundtable

On November 13, PILI organized our first-ever Law Firm Pro Bono Roundtable, hosted at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to strategize with other law firm pro bono leaders and to discuss together challenges specific to law firm pro bono. Remarked one participant, "I learned some very creative solutions that I was able to take back to my firm concerning how to shape and grow our pro bono program." PILI wishes to thank all of our participants and Drinker Biddle & Realth for hosting. Our next Law Firm Pro Bono Roundtable is already on the calendar for November 5, 2013 - save the date!

Save the Date for PILI's Annual Pro Bono Reception!
On June 19, 2013, PILI will host our Annual Pro Bono Reception from 5:30-7:30 pm at The Ivy Room at Tree Studios, 12 East Ohio Street. PILI looks forward to this event every year as an opportunity to celebrate the community's pro bono relationships and successes, as well as the work of PILI's Pro Bono Initiative Program. The Pro Bono Reception features appetizers and refreshments, conversation and networking, a brief program, and the unveiling of our Pro Bono Recognition Roster. Visit our website to learn more about this event and about available sponsorship opportunities. We hope to see you there!

Pro Bono Spotlight: Deere & Company, 2012 Award Recipient

Deere & Company Global Law Services Group accepting their Pro Bono Initiative Award at PILI's Annual Awards Luncheon

The Deere & Company Global Law Services Group recently

celebrated the 10th Anniversary of their pro bono program. Officially launched in 2002, Deere's pro bono program is dedicated to serving those in need of legal services and committed to promoting a work environment in which employees are encouraged to engage in volunteerism for the betterment of their communities. Deere & Company's story of volunteerism and community involvement originates from its founder and namesake, John Deere. John Deere served as the mayor of Moline, IL (the location of Deere's headquarters) from 1873 to 1875. In addition to improving Moline's infrastructure and development, John Deere sought to improve social and legal conditions. John Deere's commitment has lived on through his company. Over the last ten years, the John Deere Global Law Services Group Pro Bono Program has continued to grow, working with community partners to provide pro bono services in contracts, corporate governance, dispute resolution, education, estate planning, litigation, real estate and other areas. *Click here to read more.*

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