2016 Year in Review
From the President and Executive Director

At PILI, we know what a difference law students and lawyers can make.

So often, people are faced with life-changing problems that require legal attention and expertise. When children with special needs face uncertain educational futures, or when families face threats of eviction from their homes, they need legal help. When people with chronic health conditions face tough decisions about getting the care they need, or when veterans are denied their rightful benefits, they need legal help. When minorities face discrimination or immigrants face threats of deportation, they need legal help.

They shouldn’t have to face these problems alone. We are involved with PILI – and we know you are too – because we believe that justice should be for everyone, and that people who need help with their legal problems should be able to get it.

And more than this, we believe that lawyers are a big part of the solution. That’s why PILI’s mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community. With your help, we’re working to build a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, so that low-income and underrepresented people and families can get the help they need with their legal problems.

PILI is so grateful for the many donors, supporters and friends like you who make it possible for us to pursue this important mission. To the many law firms, corporations, foundations, law schools, and individual donors whose generosity sustains us, we thank you. PILI is particularly thankful to the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP for their in-kind donation of office space, and to The John Marshall Law School for housing our summer programming for Interns and Fellows.

As PILI looks ahead to celebrating our 40th Anniversary in 2017, we are more certain than ever that law students and lawyers have the power to make a real difference in the lives of people who need it most. We invite you to read our 2016 Year in Review and learn how our programs are engaging law students, lawyers and legal professionals at every stage in their career in service to their community.

We invite you to join us, and work with us, to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need.

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PILI's mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need.

We envision a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where law students, lawyers and legal professionals at all stages of their careers engage in public interest law or pro bono work, and remain committed to addressing the unmet legal needs of the poor and underrepresented.

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Law Student Internship Program

PILI’s Law Student Internship Program connects law students from across the country with public interest law organizations in Illinois. Interns work 400 hours full-time during the summer or 200 hours part-time during the school year, with PILI funding their stipends, ensuring quality supervision by experienced agency attorneys, and providing supplemental educational, networking and mentoring opportunities.

Through this program, PILI helps our partner agencies increase their impact while also helping law students develop their legal and client interaction skills, build their professional networks, and strengthen their commitment to public interest law and service.

In 2016, 62 PILI Interns (47 summer and 15 school-year) provided 21,800 hours of legal services at 26 legal aid organizations to 2,212 clients, and policy and advocacy work on behalf of thousands more at the city, county, state and national level.

We now have Interns in five Illinois cities: Alton, Champaign, Chicago, Peoria and Rock Island.

“I believe in advocacy work because it presents the unique opportunity to tackle wide-ranging policy and institutional barriers that threaten those at society’s margins. As a “double PILI” my experience has provided practical guidance for recognizing important legal and policy issues facing the Chicago community, and identifying ways to mobilize resources around those concerns.”

Ndjuoh Mehchu
2016 Summer PILI Intern at the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU of Illinois and Fall PILI Intern at LAF

“A commitment to service is the driving force in my legal education and career. PILI has truly been a saving grace in giving me the financial ability to continue my lifelong commitment to public service.”

Lindsey Schmeidler
2016 Summer & Fall PILI Intern at CARPLS

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Graduate Fellowship Program

New associates at Chicago law firms spend 300 hours between graduation and joining their firm working at public interest law organizations in Illinois. PILI ensures quality supervision by experienced legal aid attorneys and provides supplemental educational, networking and mentoring opportunities.

New associates who participate in PILI’s Fellowship Program are connected to pro bono from the very beginning of their careers, and after joining their firms, they often continue to work with their agency on pro bono matters.

In 2016, 78 PILI Fellows provided 23,400 hours of legal services at any of 56 legal aid organizations to 1,048 clients, and policy and advocacy work on behalf of thousands more.

With thanks to the 2016 PILI Fellow Sponsors

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Is your law firm interested in sponsoring PILI Fellows? Firms can benefit from their Fellows’ experience and training in law as well as their connections to legal service agencies once they start at the firm. Sponsoring firms also take an active role in encouraging their incoming associates to develop a long-term commitment to pro bono practice.

Visit www.pili.org/fellowships/sponsoring-pili-fellows or contact PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann by e-mail at mbergmann@pili.org for more information about the benefits of sponsoring PILI Fellows and details about how your firm can get involved.

“I believe in legal aid work because high-quality legal service should be accessible by everyone regardless of income. I plan to continue to devote time to the Center for Disability & Elder Law in the future as a pro bono attorney.”

Han Cui
2016 PILI Fellow at the Center for Disability & Elder Law, sponsored by Kirkland & Ellis LLP

“I am fortunate to be in a unique position to pursue justice, raise awareness, and promote the fundamental values and liberties that are paramount to our American identity.”

Nasir Hussain
2016 PILI Fellow at the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)-Chicago, sponsored by Winston & Strawn LLP
Alumni Network

Over 3,800 law students and graduates have participated in PILI’s Internship and Fellowship Programs. These public interest lawyers span the globe and the profession: from firm and corporate attorneys, to members of the government sector and the judiciary, to members of the higher education and public interest law sectors. PILI’s Alumni Network builds and maintains the connection between past PILI Interns and Fellows and the public interest law community through educational, networking, service and leadership opportunities.

PILI Alumni activities are guided by the PILI Alumni Network Leadership Council, a group of Alumni leaders from different sectors of the legal profession who are committed to staying connected to PILI and to public interest law. The Council plans CLE programs, organizes service opportunities, raises money to support PILI’s programs, and promotes involvement with PILI to the broader legal community.

PILI Alumni from Latham & Watkins volunteering at the Alumni Network’s monthly Community Law Clinic at Legal Prep Charter Academies in the Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Learn more about this and other opportunities to get involved on our website at www.pili.org/alumni.

Meet your Alumni Class Representative!

New in 2016, this special group of ambassadors for PILI’s mission and work personally connect with their Intern and Fellow classmates to strengthen the community of PILI Alumni.

Learn more at www.pili.org/alumni/class-reps.

“I learned I loved working in legal aid as a PILI Intern. I gain a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from my work and as a result, I have spent the majority of my now 22 years as an attorney dedicated to working in legal aid.”

Kathleen Callahan
1992 PILI Intern LAF
1991-1995 Interns Class Representative

“My Fellowship provided me a solid foundation of helping those in need and the positive results that can be achieved for those who typically would not have access to a lawyer.”

Louis Fogel
2003 PILI Fellow at the Illinois Institute of Technology
2001-2005 Fellows Class Representative

“My experience as a PILI Intern allowed me to gain experience representing immigrants. After my PILI Internship I knew that I wanted to focus my practice on immigration law, and that is what I have done ever since.”

Charlie Wintersteen
1990 PILI Intern at the National Immigrant Justice Center
1986-1990 Interns Class Representative
Pro Bono Initiative

PILI works collaboratively with law firms, corporations, public interest law organizations, law schools, and members of the bar and bench to expand the availability of pro bono legal services across Illinois. Through our Pro Bono Initiative, we offer a wide range of pro bono programming and resources, we develop innovative projects and cultivate best practices, and we celebrate ongoing pro bono service to enhance the scope and quantity of pro bono legal assistance in Illinois.

Pro Bono Roundtables and Forums:
PILI’s Pro Bono Roundtables bring together pro bono leaders from law firms, corporations, legal service agencies and law schools for constituent group-specific discussions of timely pro bono issues, challenges and best practices. The Forums, which have been held now in 7 locations across the state, bring everyone together for in-depth discussion among a cross-section of the legal profession.

Pro Bono Resources:
PILI’s resources share information and guidance on creating pro bono programs, expanding existing pro bono programs, learning about pro bono opportunities, engaging volunteers, taking advantage of existing relationships within the legal and public interest community, and more.

Celebrating Pro Bono:
PILI firmly believes in the importance of honoring the pro bono contributions of law students, lawyers and legal professionals who are making a difference for low-income people with legal needs. Through a variety of awards and recognition events, PILI raises the profile of pro bono across Illinois.

Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees:
PILI has launched Pro Bono Committees in six of Illinois’ judicial circuits in partnership with Prairie State Legal Services and Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation. These committees bring together the judiciary and the local bar to raise awareness of the need for legal services, to recruit more attorneys to do pro bono, and to recognize each circuit’s pro bono champions. In 2016, our Pro Bono Committees created new legal clinics and help desks, held pro bono CLE programs and trainings, celebrated their local pro bono heroes, and explored new ideas to address specific community needs. These six Pro Bono Committees are engaging hundreds of lawyers and legal professionals across the state in an innovative approach to expanding pro bono.

Illinois Pro Bono Pledge:
Over 120 law firms, corporations, and individual attorneys and mediators across Illinois have signed on to PILI’s Pro Bono Pledge, which has launched through our Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees. These signatories acknowledge the responsibility of all members of the legal profession to increase access to our legal system by expanding pro bono legal services to address the significant unmet need for legal assistance among the low-income underrepresented individuals and families in Illinois.
Annual Awards Luncheon

PILI’s Annual Awards Luncheon celebrates the best aspects of the legal profession: the skill, commitment, and generosity of the lawyers, law students, law firms and corporations dedicating countless hours each year to public interest work.

In fiscal year 2016, our Annual Awards Luncheon was held on December 9, 2015. With over 500 guests from law firms, corporations, law schools, the judiciary, and our partner legal service organizations across the state, we were pleased to recognize our four award recipients, whose remarkable service has inspired us and made us proud.

Distinguished Public Service Award:
Chief Justice Rita B. Garman
Illinois Supreme Court

Pro Bono Initiative Award:
United Airlines

Distinguished PILI Alumni Awards:
Cynthia Cornelius
2011 PILI Intern
Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Jordan M. Heinz
2003 PILI Intern & 2005 PILI Fellow
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Annual Pro Bono Reception

On June 15th, nearly 300 attorneys from across the state and across the legal profession came to the Ivy Room at Tree Studios in Chicago for PILI’s Annual Pro Bono Reception. This event celebrates the pro bono contributions of the many law firms and corporate legal departments named to PILI’s Pro Bono Recognition Roster.

2016 Pro Bono Recognition Roster

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Donations to PILI are an investment in the long-term stability of public interest law and pro bono, helping meet immediate legal aid needs, and providing the building blocks for participants in our programs to become leaders in public interest law and pro bono.

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Online at www.pili.org/donate
Or by mail: Public Interest Law Initiative
c/o Foley & Lardner LLP
321 North Clark Street, 28th Floor
Chicago, IL 60654

ATTEND OR SPONSOR ONE OF OUR EVENTS:
The Annual Awards Luncheon is held every year in December and celebrates the legal profession at its best - www.pili.org/annual-awards-luncheon.
The Annual Pro Bono Reception is held every year in June and celebrates the significant pro bono contributions of law firms and corporations - www.pili.org/pro-bono-reception.

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PILI is eligible to receive cy pres and residual fund awards. If you would like to designate PILI as a recipient of cy pres or residual funds in a class action settlement or judgement you are involved with, please contact PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann at mbergmann@pili.org or 312-832-5129.

PLAN YOUR PILI LEGACY:
Support the future of public interest law and pro bono, increase the impact of your donation, and save on taxes by including PILI in your estate plan. A simple bequest, or designating PILI as a beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy, helps PILI and reduces your taxable estate. Establishing a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity gives you an immediate tax deduction, provides income to you and your family during your lives, and ultimately provides a meaningful gift for future PILI program participants.

Contact PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann at mbergmann@pili.org or 312-832-5129 to learn more.

Ways to Support PILI: Giving Circles

Members of PILI Giving Circles are a special group of supporters who embrace our mission and take a personal interest in our success. Giving Circle members pledge a specific amount to PILI each year for five years. Their gift goes farther than a simple donation - it allows PILI to better anticipate revenue in our budgeting, to better attract new donors, and to better recognize our core supporters.

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Ways to Support PILI: Named Internships

In addition to the dozens of Law Student Interns that PILI is able to fund out of our general fundraising from law firms, foundations, individuals and corporations, PILI also designates a number of Named and Honorary Interns each year, thanks to special funding commitments made by individual and organizational champions for public interest law.

ALFRED C. TISDAHL MEMORIAL INTERN
Funded by the Francis Beidler Foundation, this annual Internship honors the memory of prominent Chicago litigator Alfred C. Tisdahl, who died in 2000.

BAKER & MCKENZIE INTERNS
The law firm of Baker & McKenzie LLP, a longtime sponsor of PILI’s programs and events, increased its support in 2014 and again in 2016 to fund two school-year Interns.

CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION INTERNS
As the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, The Chicago Bar Foundation brings the legal community together to improve access to justice for people in need and to make the legal system more fair and efficient for everyone. The CBF generously funds 3 summer and 2 school-year PILI Interns each year.

FLORENCE MILLER MEMORIAL INTERNS
Florence Miller, who passed away in 2008, was well-known in the international trademark law community and a strong advocate for women in the profession. Through Florence Miller’s generosity, PILI was able to establish the Florence E. Miller Endowment Fund to provide much-needed funding for Internship positions every year.

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION INTERN
The ISBA YLD’s Children’s Assistance Fund funds one Named Intern each summer to provide direct legal services to, or on behalf of, poor, disenfranchised and underrepresented children.

JEROME GILSON HONORARY INTERN
The law firm of Brinks Gilson & Lione generously funds one summer Intern in honor of one of the firm’s named partners and longstanding member of PILI’s Board of Directors, Jerome Gilson.

JEROME MIRZA MEMORIAL INTERNS
The Jerome Mirza Foundation funds two summer PILI Interns, one in Alton, IL and one in Rock Island, IL. Jerome Mirza, a 1963 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law, was a leader in the field of trial advocacy and in the legal profession throughout his long career.
Named Internships (cont’d)

**Kimball & Karen Anderson Intern**
Recognizing the important work of the Legal Council for Health Justice, the Andersons generously provide funding for an annual Internship at this agency.

**LAGBAC Interns**
The LAGBAC (Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago) Foundation sponsors two school-year Interns at the National Immigrant Justice Center’s LGBT Immigrant Rights Initiative. The LAGBAC Foundation’s mission is to improve access to the legal and judicial system for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed and questioning persons by giving law students the opportunity to learn valuable, practical legal skills while giving back to our community.

**Mary C. Russo Memorial Intern**
This school-year internship is funded by Mary’s children to honor the memory of their mother, who died in 2014. Mary C. Russo was the consummate volunteer. She formed the Office of Volunteer Resources for her city, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and served as Director for 37 years. Mary also chaired many volunteer initiatives focused on education, mental health, drug abuse, and the court system, among others.

**Nikki Will Stein Honorary Intern**
This Internship is generously funded by the Polk Bros. Foundation in honor of its long-serving immediate past Executive Director and member of PILI’s Board of Directors, Nikki Will Stein.

**PILI Alumni Named Intern**
Recognizing the important role PILI played in their development as lawyers and their own commitment to service, PILI Alumni across the country contribute to fund this special Named Internship.

**Polk Bros. Foundation Intern**
The Polk Bros. Foundation is the largest supporter of PILI’s Law Student Internship Program, and each summer PILI names one Intern in honor of their generous support.

**Ruth Ann Schmitt Legal Aid Intern**
The Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois (LTF) is funding this Named Internship for five years in honor of Ruth Ann Schmitt, who retired in 2015 after 32 years as its Executive Director. LTF is the largest state-level funder of civil legal aid for the poor in Illinois, making grants to support non-profit organizations that provide a legal safety net for low-income people with desperate needs and nowhere else to turn.

**Roslyn C. Lieb Honorary Intern**
Funded by individual donors as well as PILI Board Members, the Roslyn C. Lieb Honorary Internship Fund honors the work and career of Roslyn C. Lieb, a former PILI Executive Director.
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Personnel (Salary, Tax, Benefits) ........................................... 358,853
Grants & Education .................................................................. 264,356
Professional Fees (Audit, Payroll) ............................................. 5,525
Printing & Publications ............................................................ 5,316
Postage & Shipping ................................................................ 4,626
Office Supplies & Equipment .................................................. 1,142
Telephone & Internet ................................................................ 762
Occupancy ................................................................................ 44,000
Program Meetings, Conferences and Travel ......................... 18,696
Dues & Subscriptions ............................................................... 2,938
Insurance ............................................................................... 5,448
Special Events ......................................................................... 50,021
Depreciation ......................................................................... 1,434
Miscellaneous ........................................................................ 9,363
Total: $772,480

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Foundations & Corporations .................................................... 227,511
Law Firms .............................................................................. 118,100
Board & Individual Contributions .......................................... 68,927
Special Events ....................................................................... 267,107
Interest & Dividends * ............................................................ 33
In-kind Support ...................................................................... 44,000
Contribution from Endowment .............................................. 55,000
Total: $780,678

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PILI receives substantial in-kind support from Foley & Lardner LLP, which provides us with office space, and from many other law schools, law firms, and corporations that donate space and other resources to host our programs and events. In addition to this, in FY 2015 we received generous in-kind support from the following companies:

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