



## Summer 2020 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. 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. All sessions will be offered virtually this summer. Please check the PILI website to register to attend each session or event.

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### Thursday, May 28, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### **Intern & Fellow Orientation**

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.

### Wednesday, June 3, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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

This seminar addresses 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, June 10, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **How to Interview Your Legal Aid Client**

**Christy Joyce L. Savellano**, Intake Specialist, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

**Mary Frances Charlton**, Youth Health Attorney, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

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.

### Tuesday, June 16, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **How to Be an Effective Advocate: A View from the Bench**

**Judge Alison C. Conlon**, Cook County Circuit Court

**Judge Catherine A. Schneider**, Cook County Circuit Court

**Judge Edmond E. Chang**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

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.

June 15-19, 2020

**PILI Annual Pro Bono Reception**

PILI's Annual Pro Bono Reception celebrates the inspiring and life-changing pro bono work being done in Illinois through effective pro bono programs, innovative partnerships, and the unwavering dedication of individual attorneys and legal professionals. This year's event will be a virtual celebration to take place the week of June 15-19, which will include a daily feature presentation.

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**An Into to Illinois Landlord-Tenant Law**

**Julie Pautsch**, Pro Bono Coordinator and Staff Attorney, Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

Wait, can my landlord really do that? Maybe not. From discrimination to habitability issues to withholding security deposit, join us for a basic overview of Illinois' landlord-tenant laws and tips to protect your rights and the rights of your clients.

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Protecting Your Client from Violence and Harassment**

**Danielle Ruffatto**, Director of Emergency Services, Ascend Justice

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.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

**Moderator, Lauren Worsak**, Assistant Director of Public Interest Law and Director of the Pro Bono and Community Service Initiative, DePaul College of Law

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

**Susana Sandoval Vargas**, Equal Justice Works Fellow, MALDEF

**Olga Pribyl**, Vice President Special Education Clinic, Equip for Equality

**Eleanor Kittilstad**, Skadden Fellow with the Special Education Clinic, Equip for Equality

Two agency supervisors and the fellows whose project they supported 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 15, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Understanding Illinois' Child Protective System**

**Kimberly Mills**, Assistant Public Defender, Cook County Public Defender

Each year, the Illinois' Department of Child and Family Services investigates thousands of cases of abuse and neglect. Learn about the legal implications for parents and their children when they become part of an investigation and what reforms may be on the horizon.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Public Interest Law Career Path**

**Aneesha Ghandi**, Managing Attorney, National Immigrant Justice Center

**Adam Gross**, Director, Justice Reform and Police Accountability; Staff Counsel, BPI

**Elise Robie**, Attorney, Cook County Public Guardian – Adult Division

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.

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Community Lawyering**

**Patrick Keenan-Devlin**, Executive Director & Juvenile Justice Attorney, Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

**Lam Nguyen Ho**, Executive Director & Juvenile Justice Attorney, Beyond Legal Aid

**Tanya Woods**, Executive Director, Westside Justice Center

Community lawyering is an umbrella term for collaborative, community-based approaches to legal services. Hear attorneys discuss different approaches to working closely with communities to make legal services more readily available and accessible to low-income and underserved people.

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Incorporating Pro Bono into Your Career**

**Sara Ghadiri**, Associate and Pro Bono Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP

**Neha Tannan**, Associate, Ford & Britton, PC

**Steven Trubac**, Associate, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

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 13, 2020

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**PILI Alumni Reception: Welcoming the 2020 Class of Alumni**

**Location TBA**

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 2020 Interns and Fellows are invited for free.