



## Summer 2021 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, June 3, 2021

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 9, 2021

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

*Judge LaShonda A. Hunt, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge 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.

### Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

#### **Engaging with Your Community**

*Rachel Arfa, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities*

*Jenna Kim, Korean American Bar Association of Chicago*

*Vincent Rizzo, LAGBAC Chicago's LGBTQ+ Bar Association*

*Jerrod Williams, Joint Minority Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Planning Committee*

From advocating for specific issues to serving on young professional board, non-profit boards and bar associations, attorneys engage their community on various levels. Learn how to become more active in your community as well as important considerations when becoming more politically and socially active.

### Wednesday, June 16, 2021

#### **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.

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p. m.

**PILI Intern, Fellow & Advisor Virtual Happy Hour**

Join us for this virtual networking session for PILI Advisors to connect with 2021 Interns and Fellows. While this is a great opportunity for PILI Advisors to meet with their Advisees, all Interns and Fellows as well as PILI Alumni and board members are welcome!

Thursday, June 24, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Healthy Habits for Working From Home This Summer & Beyond**

*Fawn Pettet, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid*

*Susan Zielke, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid*

Working from home presents a multitude of mental health challenges but also may be part of our new normal. Let's check-in to talk about boundaries, engaging with colleagues, and avoiding professional isolation. Hear how to serve clients better while working from home with patience, creativity and perseverance.

*After the Ed Session: Stay on to chat with other Interns and Fellows.*

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

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, July 7, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Public Interest Law Career Path**

*Mona Elgindy - Attorney At Law - Prairie State Legal Services*

*Patrick Keenan-Devlin, James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy*

*Kejai McNeal, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian*

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.

*After the Ed Session: Stay on to chat with other Interns and Fellows.*

Thursday, July 8, 2021

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**PILI Intern, Fellow & Advisor Illinois Free Legal Answers Clinic**

Join PILI for a virtual pro bono opportunity! Learn about the platform and answer legal questions for those in need. While this is a great opportunity for PILI Advisors to work with their Advisees, all Interns and Fellows as well as PILI Alumni and board members are welcome!

Thursday, July 15, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Brooke Meckler, Equal Justice Works <bmeckler@equaljusticeworks.org>

Karla Olivas, National Immigration Justice Center

Kathleen Rubenstein, Skadden Fellowship Foundation

Emily Wilson, Equip for Equality

Hear from organizations and recent fellows about how they got their project green-lighted and give you a deeper dive into how to design and implement an Equal Justice Works or Skadden Fellowship.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**First 10 & PILI Virtual Happy Hour**

Connect with new attorneys in the public interest law community! First 10 is a network of local public interest lawyers aiming to support members during their first ten years of practice in Chicago as they achieve their career goals and make a significant impact in their communities. Join us for this virtual happy hour to connect with First 10, PILI Interns and PILI Alumni. This will be an informal happy hour and we will use the Zoom breakout rooms feature so you can meet in small groups for easier conversation.

Thursday, July 22, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Advocating for Pro Bono and Legal Aid LGBTQ+ Clients**

August Hieber, Center for Disability and Elder Law

Nora Huppert, Lambda Legal

Despite gains in marriage equality, LGBTQ+ people can face unique challenges when navigating the legal system. In addition to cultural responsiveness, learn about current issues, common challenges and ways to advocate for your LGBTQ+ clients.

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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 4, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Hot Topics in Legal Aid**

Public interest lawyers are often at the forefront of social justice issues. Hear from attorneys talking about emerging legal issues they are working on and how law students can get more involved.

After the Ed Session: Stay on to chat with other Interns and Fellows.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Incorporating Pro Bono into Your Career**

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 12, 2021

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**PILI Alumni Reception: Welcoming the 2021 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 2021 Interns and Fellows are invited for free.