



INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Advocating with Passion and Purpose

February 2020



CLE SAVE-THE-DATE!

8th Annual Timeless Tips from the Bench & Bar

“Best CLE I’ve attended in years!”

***“Thank you for a fun, interesting event!
I will be sure to attend in the future.”***

“Thank you for a fantastic event!”

The quotes above are just a few of the glowing comments from attorneys who attended last year’s Indy Legal Aid’s CLE event. This year will be no exception! Here are the facts:

DATE: Thursday, May 7, 2020

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Indianapolis Marriott North, 3645 River Crossing Pkwy, Indianapolis

CLE CREDITS: 6 including 1 hour of ethics

REGISTRATION FEE: \$300 includes 6 CLE credits, 1 hour of ethics, breakfast, lunch, afternoon dessert, beverages, and parking

FORMAT: 15 to 20 minute fast-paced presentations with distinguished speakers

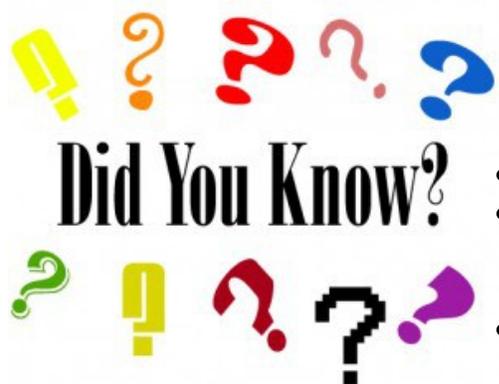
The March Indy Legal Aid newsletter will include more information regarding

speakers and program topics.

For online registration information, please visit <https://www.indylas.org/cle-online-registration-form>. To pay by check, please send to

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... that Indy Legal Aid attorneys are problem solvers?

For example:

- stopping an eviction prevents homelessness;
- addressing code violations, such as lack of hot water, keeps families in homes and strengthens neighborhoods; and
- restoring driving privileges enables an individual to maintain employment or find a better opportunity.

When a legal problem is resolved, individuals and families have a greater chance of achieving economic stability.

Indy Legal Aid Receives Grant from The Glick Fund for Reentry Legal Assistance

Indy Legal Aid recently received a \$50,000 grant from The Glick Fund, a fund of the Central Indiana



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Community Foundation, for our Reentry Legal Assistance for Self-Sufficiency Program.

The Reentry Program will focus on practical economic issues for 150-120 low-income individuals in Marion and surrounding counties who are at risk of losing and/or obtaining their jobs and/or housing due to reentry issues.

Indy Legal Aid will partner with the Courts, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Public Defender's Office to achieve these goals.

Indy Legal Aid's five-pronged approach includes:

1. Assisting clients who have had their driver's licenses suspended to restore their driving privileges so they are able to go to work.
2. Advising and representing clients who are at risk of eviction.
3. Representing clients referred from the Public Defender's Office who are recently released from prison.
4. Representing our target population in family law issues, such as paternity and parenting time. Legal intervention through mediation, negotiation, and, if necessary, court hearings, will lead to peaceful solutions that will prevent future family violence.
5. Assisting clients with guardianships for both minor children and adults.

We believe the outcomes from the Reentry Program will create increased self-sufficiency and economic stability for the individuals who seek legal assistance pertaining to the reentry issues they face. Not only will our clients experience positive outcomes, but their loved will realize them as well.

February Client Success Story



Imagine fleeing an unspeakable situation in Alabama with your six children only to arrive at your new rental home in Indianapolis to discover mushrooms, yes mushrooms, growing out of the floor and mold growing on the walls in every room. The photos above are just two examples of the abhorrent situation Indy Legal Aid client, "Carolyn", found when she entered her rental home for the first time. In addition to these vile photos, Carolyn has videos of green water coming out of the tap in the kitchen and bathroom.

Understandably, it didn't take long for her children to become sick from the toxic mold. Carolyn contacted her landlord repeatedly who just ignored her pleas. She also contacted the Marion County Public Health Department that gave her pages of citations against the landlord. All of these citations were ignored by the landlord.

Carolyn, thankfully, contacted Indy Legal Aid. When Carolyn first met with Indy Legal Aid attorney, Emily Browning, she brought the photos and videos of the house. Emily commented that seeing these appalling images broke her heart. Emily asked Carolyn what she wanted to do and Carolyn's response was to move out of the house and to find a new place to live.

Emily then asked Carolyn, who was working two jobs, why she didn't just move and Carolyn said she didn't have the funds to continue paying rent at her current rental and then being able to afford the deposit for a new one.

Emily advised Carolyn regarding the procedures to move, including providing written notice. When Carolyn moved, the landlord sued her for eviction. At this point, Emily filed a counter-claim in small claims court for the conditions of the house and the health issues experienced while living there. The landlord then agreed to dismiss his suit because of the counter-claim.

Imagine not having legal representation in this scenario. With Indy Legal Aid's help, Carolyn and her family are now living in a much improved situation with the peace of mind that comes from having clean water and a toxic-free environment.

Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEER



Indy Legal Aid has a number of volunteer opportunities for attorneys, students, and the general public. For attorneys, we have pro bono cases, internships for students, and our spring and fall events, along with light office work.

For more information, click [here](#).

No time to volunteer? Donate now!



We have several ways for you to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable Hoosiers in Central Indiana. Approximately \$.87 of every dollar donated to Indianapolis Legal Aid Society is directly used to provide programs and services. For more information, click [here](#).

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Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"The Indianapolis Legal Aid Society is dedicated to ensuring that qualified low-income persons living in the Central Indiana community have access to quality legal assistance for civil disputes."



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