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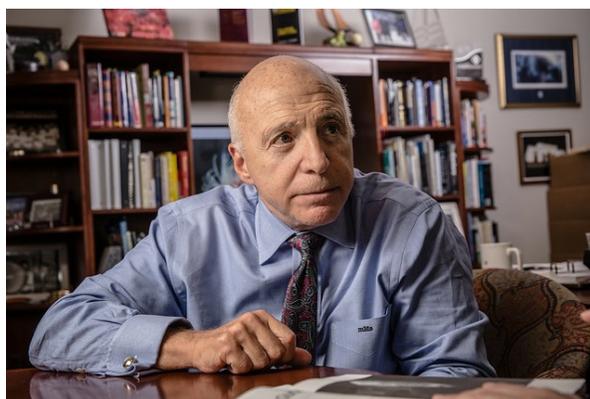
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We are so pleased to announce our current sponsors for the Ignite the Night Roast. We are truly grateful for their support as it allows Indy Legal Aid to raise unrestricted funds which allows us to expand our services to the most vulnerable in Central Indiana.

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Event is Thursday, September 23 at The Crane Bay Event Center from 5:00-9:00. Tickets are \$300 and includes an open bar, an exceptional dinner, plenty of parking, and much comic relief!

For more information about the event and **how to buy tickets or sponsor**, click [HERE!](#)

Funds raised at the Roast will boost vitally needed operating funds for Indy Legal Aid. These funds help us increase the number of under-served individuals and families that we serve in Central Indiana.

All CDC and local health department guidance will be followed in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening for all.



August Success Story

In March 2021, "Carol" came to the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society after she tried to reduce Traffic Court fees she owed through the Traffic Amnesty program. She had been laid off during the pandemic, had separated from her husband, and was taking care of her four-year-old granddaughter while her oldest daughter worked full-time. She needed to be able to drive to take care of her granddaughter and look for new employment.

Carol went to the Traffic Court to pay court fees that she owed so that she could reinstate her license only to discover that she had to pay many more Court fees for traffic violations that she did not cause. She discovered that these additional violations were the result of a family member using her name without her knowledge during traffic stops. Although the Court granted Carol a Traffic Amnesty petition and reduced her fees in December 2020, she was still unable to pay the remaining fees in these cases.

Gina Frey, volunteer attorney at the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, worked with Carol on the steps she needed to take to reinstate her license. As part of the reinstatement, Gina negotiated with the Marion County prosecutor's office to get two of her cases dismissed and

the fees waived in the remaining seven cases. Carol was immensely relieved that she did not have to pay these substantial Court fees. Gina then worked with Carol to fill out a petition to waive the BMV's reinstatement fee of \$1,685. In May 2021, the Court granted her petition and Carol was free to go to the BMV to reinstate her license.

Carol can now live her life and take care of her family with the freedom that comes with having a driver's license.

Meet Indy Legal Aid's New Social Worker

“Help, Educate, Empower” is how Indy Legal Aid’s new social worker, Kelly Hunter, approaches her interactions with individuals and families. “I believe as humans, we have a duty to be of service to our fellow man with a heart of compassion and love,” Kelly commented.

Kelly chose social work as her career path after working with a career coach at The John H. Boner Center who helped her decide between social work, physical therapy, and respiratory therapy. Kelly’s goal was to help as many people as possible and both physical and respiratory therapies had limited

populations. In 2014, Kelly obtained her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Indianapolis.



Kelly has worked in various roles at the Marion County Community Corrections (MCCC) and Ivy Tech. After graduating with her BSW, she continued to work with MCCC and began working for a Transitional Living Program through Stopover, Inc. which provides youth shelter and support. It was at this time that Kelly had an unexpected fall at her home which caused her to become an above- the-knee amputee. This immobilizing injury occurred in September 2015 and resulted in her leaving her job with Stopover, Inc. as she could no longer fulfill her duties.

At this time, Kelly began to self-reflect on where she was going in her life. “My faith caused me to draw nearer to God to seek guidance and fulfillment in the next steps and to overcome the bondage of fear that had consumed my life for so many years. God gave me Alabama,” Kelly said. But instead of moving to the State of Alabama, Kelly now works on Alabama Street where Indy Legal Aid is located.

Kelly will be focusing on the Second Chance Workshops, a driver’s license reinstatement program with the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office, that helps Hoosiers with traffic tickets and the excessive fees imposed by the BMV that follow and the BY Plus Construction Roundtable Jobs Initiative Project. Kelly will also be working with underserved populations to recognize their need for social services outside of their legal issues, while providing an opportunity to minimize or remove barriers that prevent these clients from succeeding.

“We are so fortunate to have Kelly on staff,” said John Floreancig, Indy Legal Aid General

Counsel and CEO. "She has a wonderful way of connecting with our clients and having the knowledge to provide information they need to help solve non-legal issues they face."

Volunteer Opportunities



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!

Thank You!

We have several ways for you to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable Hoosiers in Central Indiana. Approximately \$.90 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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