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*The Indianapolis Legal Aid Society staff and board
would like to wish you and your loved ones
peace and joy this holiday season!*

Annual Holiday Attorney Campaign Kicks Off



Indy Legal Aid's Holiday Attorney Campaign kicked off on GivingTuesday with a goal of raising \$400,000 by December 31. Last year the campaign received just over \$200,000. We feel confident that we will meet this goal through the dedication and perseverance of our campaign chair, **Lee Christie**, *Christie, Farrell, Lee & Bell*, and our committee members **Ali Bartlett**, *Bose McKinney &*

Evans; Michael Griffiths, Dentons; Renea Hooper, Scopelitis Garvin Light Hanson & Feary; Ryan Hurley, Faegre Drinker; Travis Jensen, Johnson Jensen; John McLaughlin, Parr Richey Frandsen Patterson Kruse; Scott Oliver, Lewis Kappes; John Trimble, Lewis Wagner; and Kent Winingham, Wilson Kehoe Winingham.

Team captains have been chosen at law firms throughout Central Indiana to engage their colleagues, family and friends to get out the word about Indy Legal Aid and encourage them to support our work.

"The Indianapolis Legal Aid Society is the law firm for the disadvantaged members of our community who need legal assistance. Without the work and dedication of the lawyers and staff at the ILAS, the legal needs of so many people would be unsatisfied or the courts would be overburdened with multitudes of pro se litigants who are unable to navigate the legal system," said Lee Christie, Campaign Chair. "It is up to the lawyers and law firms in our community to assist these individuals and the courts and there is no better organization for lawyers to donate to."

"We'd like to thank Lee, the committee, and our enthusiastic team captains who are helping us with the campaign," said John Floreancig, Indy Legal Aid General Counsel and CEO. "The holiday donations we receive are critical in providing services to our clients in 2022."

You can donate online [HERE](#) or by sending a check to:

Holiday Campaign
Indianapolis Legal Aid Society
615 N. Alabama St., Ste 122
Indianapolis, IN 46204



December Success Story

"Alice" contacted Indy Legal Aid after receiving a notice from her landlord that the landlord was not renewing her lease at the end of the lease

term. Alice did not understand the terms of her lease and did not understand her rights and obligations, as well as the rights and obligations of the landlord.

Alice, who is disabled, was on a fixed income and was also the primary caretaker for her mother. This was a case where both the Indy Legal Aid attorney and social worker joined forces to provide holistic services to Alice so that she would remain permanently housed. The Indy Legal Aid attorney reviewed Alice's lease to make sure that the landlord was following the terms set out in the lease and spent significant time with Alice explaining the law and working with Alice to set goals for her future housing.

While the Indy Legal Aid attorney negotiated with the landlord to try to get Alice additional time she needed to find a new place to live, the Indy Legal Aid social worker researched housing options for Alice and even contacted a realtor who worked in the neighborhoods where Alice wanted to live. Unfortunately, Alice had paid application fees prior to contacting Indy Legal Aid that were accepted from landlords even though housing units were not available. The Indy Legal Aid Social Worker educated Alice on when and when not to pay an application fee for an apartment.

After many hours spent with Alice, Indy Legal Aid was happy to learn that both Alice and her mother found a new place to live where they were secure and happy. This case demonstrates the need for individualized client goal setting and holistic case management. It also demonstrates the increased ability to provide effective service delivery when social workers become part of the legal team that assists underserved individuals.

Indy Legal Aid Board President Receives Lifetime Service Award from the Defense Research Institute

Indy Legal Aid's Board President, John C. Trimble, partner at Lewis Wagner, was recently awarded the Louis B. Potter Lifetime Professional Service Award by the Defense Research Institute (DRI) during its annual awards program in Boston.

The award recognizes an individual "who exemplifies the highest level of professionalism and service to the legal profession, fosters respect and trust among lawyers, and preserves the decorum and integrity of the judicial process, among other qualities."



"I was totally surprised and humbled to receive this award. In my view, I have always received far more from my professional activities than what I have given in return," said John Trimble. "So, it is mind boggling to me to receive an award for doing so many things that I love."

The Potter Award isn't John's first recognition from DRI. In 2019, he received the Richard H. Krochock Award, which is presented to an individual who has provided exemplary leadership to the DRI Young Lawyers Committee. In 2000, DRI named John its outstanding defense bar leader of the year.

The staff and board at Indy Legal Aid would like to congratulate John on receiving this well-deserved honor. This award gives us an opportunity to recognize and express appreciation for his decades-long support of Indy Legal Aid that has been truly invaluable

More information regarding John's award can be found [HERE](#).

Another "Home Run" for Indy Legal Aid's CLE



Indy Legal Aid's 9th Annual Timeless Tips from the Bench and Bar was our first hybrid event, both live and virtual, and was considered a huge success.

"After nine years of hosting an annual CLE conference, amazing how each year gets better," said Curtis Shirley, CLE Chair. "What a pleasure to

host an entertaining and expert faculty, fascinating topics, and over 100 attorneys and judges who left calling it the best CLE they ever attended. Offering attendance by video allowed another 25 to join us from all over the State of Indiana."

Many thanks to all of our speakers and our table sponsors for their incredible support - Frost Brown Todd, Ice Miller, Jackie Leverenz, Krieg DeVault, Lewis Wagner, Plews Shadley Racher & Braun, and Taft Stettinius & Hollister. Also, many thanks to our partners for their advertising - Indiana State Bar Association, Indiana Bar Foundation, Indianapolis Bar Association, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indiana Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA), and the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



Indy Legal Aid would be remiss if we did not acknowledge Curtis Shirley for his leadership in making the Timeless Tips CLE a standout program. If it weren't for Curtis, Timeless Tips would not exist. For nine years, Curtis has organized the entire program, the speakers and the topics. This year, he even reached out to potential sponsors and partners and was responsible for the event's table sponsors and advertising partners. The entire Indy Legal Aid organization is indebted to Curtis for his passion for Indy Legal Aid and CLE training. Many, many thanks, Curtis!

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!



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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