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5th ANNUAL IGNITE THE NIGHT
Roast of
Mickey Maurer

You don't want to miss this year's Roast being held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, where we will be roasting the incomparable **Mickey Maurer** at the Crane Bay Event Center in Indianapolis.

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.

June Success Story

The circumstances surrounding a recent case resolved by the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society serves as a reminder regarding the

importance that the citizens of our community have immediate access to legal advice and assistance.

(All names in quotation marks have been changed in accordance with the confidentiality owed the client)

"Carol", an elderly woman in the early stages of dementia, contacted Indy Legal Aid after the Social Security Administration stopped her benefits. Unfortunately, Carol had lost her social security card and now SSA thought her situation was a hoax for several reasons and refused to reinstate her benefits.

Carol was born in Georgia with a different name and then married several times. She could not remember who she was married to which hampered finding all the paperwork needed to present to SSA.

Indy Legal Aid attorney, Jennifer Hammond, met with Carol and the decision was made to change Carol's name to expedite the process with SSA. However, Carol still needed to find her birth certificate, marriage licenses, and divorce decrees. Luckily, her niece and caretaker, "Barbara", was able to locate the documents needed to present at the Court hearing.

Jennifer met with Carol before Covid-19 and it took over a year for Carol's name change hearing. It was not an easy task to track down all of Carol's documents. At the hearing, Carol was granted her name change which led to the resumption of her SSA benefits.

Both Carol and Barbara were extremely grateful to Jennifer for the positive outcome. When Carol met with Jennifer, Carol talked about how scared she was at the thought of never receiving her benefits. It just seemed like an insurmountable situation. With Jennifer's help, Carol was able to start living her life again without constant worry.



Clothes With A Cause Fundraiser Continues Through June



Please don't forget our June fundraiser at Clothes With A Cause in Clay Terrace. By shopping at the boutique or online you can help raise funds for Indy Legal Aid. All profits from CWAC's June sales are earmarked for Indy Legal Aid.

CWAC not only has fabulous clothes, but other fantastic items, such as jewelry, body care products, shoes, home decor, children's items, and much more!

You can shop in the boutique, located at 14405 Clay Terrace Blvd, Ste 110 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday noon to 6:00 p.m. or online at www.clotheswithacause.net.

CWAC is a unique and trendy, fun boutique in Clay Terrace with one purpose - "We exist to help others," said CWAC Founder, Kelli McLaughlin. CWAC offers each customer the opportunity to make an impact in the world with each purchase. With every purchase made at CWAC, all profits from the sale go to help their monthly charity.

Indy Legal Aid Produces Legal Issue Videos

Indy Legal Aid recently produced five legal issue videos with funds from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute 2020 Victims of Crime Act Grant Program in response to Covid-19.

The following five videos broadly explains legal issues that are encountered frequently with our clients. These issues include:

- Custody and Child Support
- Divorce
- Drivers' License Reinstatement
- Guardianship
- Landlord/Tenant



Check out these videos at <https://www.indylas.org/copy-of-videos-legal-issues>.

Indy Legal Aid Receives Grant from the Nina Mason Charitable Trust

Indy Legal Aid has received a grant totaling \$50,000 from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.



Funding from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust will enable Indy Legal Aid to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals living in Marion County. We have found that COVID-19 has increased demand for legal aid in specific areas, such as efforts to help clients with driver's license reinstatement, guardianship cases, and potential eviction issues.

"The biggest challenges we faced during COVID-19 were lack of funding and modifying service delivery methods," said John Floreancig, Indy Legal Aid General Counsel and CEO. "We are extremely grateful for the funding from the Nina Mason Pulliam Trust as it will allow us to address these client issues."

"Despite challenges posed by the pandemic, ILAS continued to offer direct and immediate

assistance to individuals seeking legal assistance,” said President and CEO Gene D’Adamo, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. “We’re pleased to support ILAS as it provides invaluable help to those in our community who might not otherwise have anyone to advocate for them in difficult legal situations.”

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust was established upon the death of Nina Mason Pulliam in 1997 to support the causes she loved in her home states of Arizona and Indiana. The Trust seeks to help people in need, protect animals and nature, and enrich community life in metropolitan Indianapolis and Phoenix. Since its inception, the Trust has distributed more than \$340 million to 1,003 organizations. For more information visit www.ninapulliamtrust.org.

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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"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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