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Timeless Tips From the Bench and Bar CLE December 2

Indy Legal Aid's Timeless Tips From the Bench and Bar returns after a year's hiatus due to Covid-19.



The CLE is Thursday, December 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Speakers begin at 9:00. This year there are two ways to attend - - in-person and virtual - - and registration will be the same at \$300 to receive up to **six hours** of continuing legal education, including **one hour** of ethics.

For those attending in-person, the venue is the Indianapolis Marriott North, 3645 River Crossing Parkway Indianapolis. Registration begins at 8:00 with breakfast starting at 8:15, lunch at noon, afternoon dessert, beverages, and parking are all included in the registration fee.

The format will be the same as in previous years - approximately 20 distinguished speakers presenting in a fast-paced 15-20 minute format. Information regarding the speakers and topics can be found [HERE](#).

To register online for both in-person and virtual, click [HERE](#).

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Indy Legal Aid Earns Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency Four Years in a Row

For the fourth consecutive year, Indy Legal Aid again has been awarded a Platinum Seal of Transparency by Guidestar, the world's largest source of information on U.S. nonprofits.

The Platinum designation is the highest level bestowed by GuideStar. The rating designates the "highest level of recognition and an opportunity for nonprofits to share their progress in a meaningful way," according to the organization's website. Indy Legal Aid has earned the Platinum status every year since 2018.

"We are honored that the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society has again been recognized with Platinum status for our commitment to accountability and transparency," said John Floreancig, Indy Legal Aid CEO and General Counsel. "GuideStar is a highly respected organization for measuring nonprofits' progress. This honor underscores the level at which we work to earn the trust of our current and prospective donors."

The GuideStar Seals of Transparency were introduced in 2013 to provide visible recognition when a nonprofit shares information on GuideStar. More than 75,000 organizations have earned Seals, making the GuideStar Seal the most widely adopted symbol of transparency in the U.S. social sector.

Nonprofits ranked by GuideStar can qualify for any one of four designations: Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum. Of the nearly 2 million nonprofits the organization tracks nationally, approximately 11,700 are rated Platinum. Check out our Guidestar profile [HERE](#).

Meet Indy Legal Aid's New Attorney

Reema Mahmood, Indy Legal Aid's new attorney, chose the law because she grew up with an appreciation of helping others and fighting for advocacy in our community.

Reema was born and raised in St. Louis, MO and received her Juris Doctorate in 2020 from Southern Illinois University, School of Law. Reema recently married and then moved to Indianapolis when her husband received a residency at Riley Children's Hospital.



Reema commented that she was knowledgeable about the legal system at a very young age. "My mother was a forensic psychiatrist and she would tell me things about the legal system. Almost everyone in my family worked in the legal or justice system," Reema said. "I greatly appreciate the dedication and passion they had for their jobs and how they were working on creating an equal and fair space in the justice system. That is why I wanted to do the same thing."

Reema considers herself fortunate to work at Indy Legal Aid because of the mission to provide legal assistance to vulnerable member of the community. "This is what I want to accomplish in my legal career," Reema added.

In her down time, Reema enjoys reading and hiking. She loves animals, especially cats, and exploring Indiana with her husband finding good food spots.

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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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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