



Mark Your Calendars Now!



4/15

New Volunteer
Orientation
CVLS Office
Noon

4/23

Seminar: "Mortgage
Loss Mitigation"
by Mike VanZalingen
CVLS Office
12:15 PM

5/6

Board Elections
CVLS Office
Noon

5/13

New Volunteer
Orientation
CVLS Office
Noon

5/20

GAL for Minors
Training
CVLS Office
Noon



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Family feud leaves brother homeless.

Nicholas moved into his ailing mother's condo to help take care of her. Eventually, she moved into a nursing home and passed away, leaving the condo to Nicholas and his estranged brother. He stayed in the condo and fixing it up to get it ready to sell, but became ill and had to stop. His impatient brother wanted to sell the property immediately, but Nicholas objected. He felt that he was too sick to move and worried that the condo would not get a good price because the repairs had been halted midway. When Nicholas' brother filed a partition suit, Nicholas did not know where to turn. Judge Kathleen Pantle appointed CVLS through the Chancery Court Access to Justice Program and volunteer **Tom Woodrow of Holland and Knight** stepped up to the plate. After Tom convinced his client to participate in mediation, the brothers reached an agreement to to sell the property, how much to sell it for, and how to divide the proceeds. The property sold quickly and well, giving Nicholas enough to move and take care of his health.

We need your updated contact information.

It's all about the communication, and CVLS would like to improve ours. In order to do this, we need your email addresses and contact information. Please email Elizabeth Franklin at efranklin@cvls.org with "Email for CVLS" in the subject line. Include current address, telephone and fax information.



Goodbye dear friend.

We regret to inform you that our longtime friend and CVLS volunteer, Janice Duban, died on March 1st. Jan began her career at DLA Piper (then Rudnick & Wolfe) as a paralegal, went to law school, and continued at the firm, eventually becoming a partner and, at one time, head of the firm's pro bono program.

Our thoughts go out to her family. She was a great friend and will be missed.



New addition:

Please join us in congratulating CVLS volunteer Rob Hamilton and his wife on their new baby boy Ben Thomas Hamilton. Ben, born March 17th, is healthy and happy at home with mom and dad. Best wishes to the family.



Advanced care planning discussed at seminar.

Advanced care planning should not simply mean the selection of an agent and completion of a form Power of Attorney, it should also include a series of discussions about an individual's values and beliefs as they relate to healthcare. The results of those discussions can then be developed into an advanced care health plan that includes the durable power of attorney for healthcare and is a more effective method for honoring patients' wishes when they can no longer make them.

Karen Nisley Long, on behalf of the Someone to Trust (STT) Initiative, trains healthcare providers, community volunteers, and attorneys to engage individuals in discussions geared to their healthcare status. She discussed why advance directives currently don't work the way they were intended, underlying ethical implications, and what needs to be done to make advanced directives effective at CVLS' March 19th CLE seminar. SST, an independent program of the Institute of Medicine-Chicago, is supported by coalition of healthcare organizations, policy-making bodies and community groups.



Karen Long of the Someone to Trust Initiative spoke on Advanced Care Planning at CVLS' March 19th CLE Seminar.

Amicus Poloniae CLE Classes

CVLS' Polish clinic, Amicus Poloniae, offers free CLE to those volunteer attorneys who have attended CVLS' New Volunteer Orientation and agree to stay at the clinic for the morning to help their clients. No need to speak Polish. Space is limited so call **Mark Dobrzycki** at **773.501.0601** to register.

April 18th

Landlord-Tenant Law
by attorney Ziggy Sokolnicki

May 16th

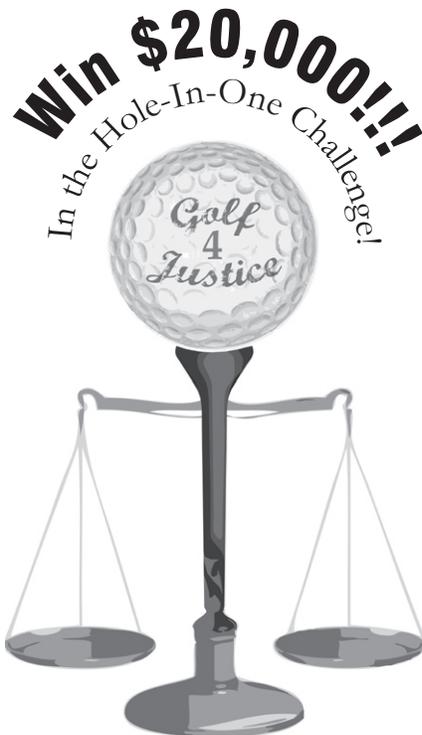
Rebuttal-Order of Protection
by attorney L. Steven Rakowski

June 20th

Arbitration
by Chief Clerk Marta Almodovar
Circuit Court Cook Country

Future Clinic Dates

July 18th
August 15th
September 18th
October 17th
November 21st
December 19th



GOLF FORE JUSTICE

Thursday, June 4th, 2009
download an entry form at
www.cvls.org/golf

White Dear Run Golf Club

Vernon Hills
1:30 p.m. Shotgun

\$150 Per Person

Includes:
Deli Lunch, Post-Evening Buffet
Giveaways & Prizes

For more information call:
312.332.3528, or
email golf@cvls.org

2 Person Scramble

Come on out to beat other Chicago law firms in the Law Firm competition. Join these firms, already committed, vying to become the city's best and have its name added to the CVLS Golf Fore Justice Traveling Trophy while raising money for CVLS: *McDermott Will & Emery; Mayer Brown; Drinker Biddle & Reath; Bell Boyd & Lloyd; Swanson Martin & Bell*; and more!

CVLS' Election of Board Members is May 6th.

Want to be considered? Sign up by April 24th!

Interested?
Fax this page to:
Margaret Benson
312.332.1460
by April 24.
Question:
Call 312.332.5542
or email
mbenson@cvls.org

We are looking for volunteer attorneys, paralegals, interpreters and community hosts to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors. As a board member, you oversee CVLS' programs, administration and development. Meetings usually last about an hour, 6 to 9 times per year, and are held at noon at CVLS' administrative office. Members must contribute financially to the organization and serve on one of the Board's committees:

Development, Client Services or Investment

- I am interested in being considered for a seat on CVLS' Board of Directors.
- I understand that a board term runs for 3 years and that board members must contribute financially to the organization and serve on a committee.
- I understand that CVLS' by-laws require a certain mix of clinic vs. panel referral program volunteers and lawyers vs. non-lawyers. I understand selections may be made based on that.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in serving on the following committees (please check at least one):

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Walkers 6:45 P.M.

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CVLS Seminar Registration

Spring 2009

April 23 “Mortgage Loss Mitigation”

by Mike VanZalingen

Mike VanZalingen, Executive Director of **Neighborhood Housing Services**, a HUD certified counseling agency, will talk about how to work with lenders to get the best deal for a client who is behind on their mortgage or in foreclosure. He will talk about the loss mitigation process, options available and give tips on how to get the best results.

May 28 “Mental Health Issues”

by Mark Epstein

Mental Health Issues, by **Mark Epstein**, of **Epstein & Epstein**. Mark concentrates his practice in Mental Health Law, Elder Law, Estate Planning and Probate. A past recipient of the CVLS Distinguished Service Award, he has been an active CVLS volunteer for more than 25 years. His involvement in and leadership of the legal community in mental health issues includes past chair of the Chicago Bar Association’s Mental Health and Disability Law Committee, past chair of the ISBA Standing Committee on Mental Health Law, and faculty member for Mental Health Law Day and the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Take advantage of Mark’s vast knowledge of these laws and issues that face those with mental illness and disabilities and their families. Mark will have prepared material, but he welcomes questions and discussion from attendees.

June 24 “An Overview of Ch 7 & Ch 13 Bankruptcy”

by Jeffrey Dan and Bennett Kahn

During our economic free fall, many clients may be asking you if bankruptcy is the answer to their problems. The simple answer is . . . maybe yes, maybe no. Isn’t it time you were able to give them the not so simple answer.

Jeffrey Dan of **Crane Heyman Simon Welch & Clar**, and **Bennett Kahn** of **Law Offices of Melvin Kaplan**, will provide an overview of consumer bankruptcy law—Jeff will talk about Chapter 7’s while Ben will cover Chapter 13’s. Both men will discuss the pros and cons of filing, who is eligible for which type of bankruptcy and what can and cannot be discharged. Bankruptcy, a solution for many of our client’s economic woes, is not a “one size fits all” answer, so come and learn about it today.

All seminars are held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at 100 North LaSalle, Suite 900.

Archived seminars can be found at www.illinoisprobono.org.

Return to: Seminar Registration, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

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Please Print Your Name: _____

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Know your state.

The world's first Skyscraper was built in Chicago, 1885.

Illinois was the first state to ratify the 13th Amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery. 1865

Illinois has 102 counties.

The highest point in Illinois is Charles Mound at 1235 feet above sea level.

The state motto is: State Sovereignty, National Union.

Illinois boasts the highest number of personalized license plates, more than any other state.

The trains that pass through Chicago's underground freight tunnels daily would extend over ten miles total in length.

Religion in Illinois: 80% Christian (49% Protestant, 30% Catholic, 1% Other), 16% No Religion, 4% Other.

Kaskaskia Island is the only part of Illinois that lies west of the Mississippi River.

The name "Illinois" comes from a Native American word meaning "tribe of superior men."

Illinois ranks third in the nation in the number of interstate highway miles.

Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is the busiest airport in the world. A plane takes off or lands there every 23 seconds.

When Illinois became a state in 1818, it had a population of 34,620 people. Illinois is now the sixth most populous state in the country with almost 11.5 million people.

Random Fun Facts

- Most elephants weigh less than the tongue of a blue whale.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
- Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
- Abraham Lincoln was the only U.S. president to hold a patent. It was for an invention to buoy boats over shallow rivers.
- The longest one syllable word in the English language is "screeched".

Sudoku!

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