Dastardly developer.

Looking to buy a house, Dolores H. was referred to a local developer. He had what she wanted, so she cleaned out her 401(k) and bought a house for herself, her daughter and her grandchildren. Unfortunately, Mr. Dastardly Developer amended the already signed contract and used her money to purchase the house in his name. When Dolores’ made her monthly payments to him, she thought it was for her mortgage, he kept it as rent. His scheme came to light when he filed to evict Delores and her family. Luckily, CVLS volunteer David Harding stepped in to save the day. After months of successfully fighting off a series of emergency motions, David got the eviction dismissed and a ruling that the original contract is valid. Thanks to David’s efforts Dolores and her family are now able to put this fiasco behind them.

Attention all CVLS volunteers:

CVLS has been informed that the Office of Adoption & Child Custody Advocacy, OACCA, will no longer be accepting payments of any kind. If you have a client that is going to be fingerprinted, they will need to take the $50 OACCA fee, which is still only accepted as money orders or certified checks, now payable to the Department of Revenue, to 118 N. Clark St., 11th Floor to make the payment, or mail it into that address with an invoice they will receive from OACCA. More information should be coming out soon from OACCA directly but for now please be aware of the upcoming change.
IABA, AILA and CVLS work together to provide counseling to students.

On March 12, volunteers from the Indian American Bar Association (IABA) of Chicago and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) organized a special workshop at the Indian Consulate of Chicago to provide free one-on-one consultations to former students of Tri-Valley University. They were supported by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, and nearly 20 students received assistance through these consultations to better understand their legal options and develop better strategies for maintaining valid immigration status. These efforts were led by Chair of the Indo-American Clinic, Tejas Shah, and supported by generous volunteers Lakshmi Lakshmanan, Michael Jarecki, Melissa Chavin, Ana Mencini, Brian Khodolovsky, and Jaclyn Smith, who spent approximately 4 hours counseling and advising students.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raided and shut down Tri-Valley University (TVU), based in Pleasanton, California, over two months ago. The impact of this event is still making waves across the country and abroad, as an estimated 90% of TVU’s 1,500 students were from India. The ICE raid terminated the F-1 status of students and many have been summarily placed in Removal Proceedings by ICE through the issuance of Notices to Appear. The majority of these students, many of whom were Ph.D. or Masters Degree students, face deep anxiety over their status due to inconsistent messages from immigration authorities and the general lack of clear guidelines regarding their status. A former TVU student succinctly captured the essence of this uncertainty stating that “reinstatement applications are not guaranteed, and if denied, students have to leave the US as soon as possible.”

This former TVU student-beneficiary of the workshop also shared the following: “Lawyers spent quality time with students analyzing student’s detailed circumstances and providing realistic legal options on how to deal with current TVU issues. Lawyers provided clear insight about pros and cons of every legal option available to TVU students. This event was indeed very helpful to every TVU student as it was the first time students got consultation from multiple lawyers on a single platform.”

More information about ICE’s raid on this University is available from many major news outlets, including ABC News.

Volunteer appreciation:

CVLS received a letter for volunteers Dawn Bode and Robert Groszek after they helped a client with a contract matter that we would like to share with you:

“I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for your outstanding services. Thank you for all the help you have provided me in my recent legal matter. Your professional services were excellent. I have already recommended your outstanding services to several friends of mine.”

Sincerely, Czeslwa

Well done you two. Thank you and all of our other volunteers for taking time out of your busy schedules to help those in need. You make the world a better place.
CVLS volunteer named partner.

Laura Ashmore of Lake Toback

Congratulations to CVLS volunteer Laura Ashmore, wife to CVLS managing attorney Peter, for being named partner at her firm, Lake Toback. Laura joined the Lake Toback team in 2000 and has been an active CVLS volunteer since 1997. In addition to being recognized by CVLS for her outstanding pro bono work, Laura was also named an Illinois Top Young Family Law attorney in 2008 and 2009. We are very excited and proud of all of her accomplishments. Congratulations once again Laura!

New members of the CVLS family.

Congratulations to CVLS boardmember Joseph Tylutki and his wife Ericka on the birth of their brand new April 4th, 2011 edition baby girl, Emily Ruth. Emily has a curb weight of 8lbs and a length of 19 inches. She comes standard with cuteness and snugability.

Also new to the scene is Mr. Charles Kevin Hamilton, son to CVLS volunteer Steven Hamilton of McGuire Woods and his wife. For all of you ladies out there, Charles is an Aries who likes milk, soft pajamas, and long naps with mommy and daddy. Look out for this handsome devil, he’s sure to be a head turner!
CVLS Seminar Registration

May 3 “Managing resistance and noncompliance with clients” by John DeCostanza

John DeCostanza, a clinical social worker with the Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (better known as C4), will present on establishing trust and rapport in working with challenging children and adolescents. John will also be providing a crash course on community mental health services for children and adolescents including: identifying appropriate services and providers and levels of care for clients that receive community mental health services. There will be a Q&A following the presentation.

July 27 “Accountings in Probate” by Steve Raminiak

Steve Raminiak, of Deutsch, Levy & Engel, Chartered, will return to CVLS after his popular 2010 Decedent Estate Administration CLE. This time around, Steve will navigate and demystify the Probate Code and Local Rules regarding Inventory and Accounting in Adult Guardianship Cases in Cook County.

Please visit www.cvls.org/seminars to register

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.
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CVLS’ Election of Board Members is May 4th.

Want to be considered? Sign up by April 27th!

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 Endowment*

☐ 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: ___________________________________________

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

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for your company or running team and you’ll have the perfect place to meet, hang out, eat, and socialize while enjoying all the race festivities.

BYPASS THE PACKET PICK-UP

upon arrival at the race site on Thursday, July 21st, your tent will be set-up and stocked with all your race necessities— including goody bags, t-shirts and race numbers.

You may fax your form with a credit card number to 312.332.1460. Please make checks payable to CVLS and mail to: Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS), 100 North LaSalle, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2405

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