



## Self-Employed Client's Self Reliance, and Reliance on a Volunteer, Save Her Home

After a significant client unexpectedly terminated Delia's contract, the temporary reduction in self-employment income caused Delia to default on her mortgage.

Knowing she couldn't handle her legal and financial problems on her own, she entered the Circuit Court of Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program, while also working to find replacement income.

That work paid off, putting her in a position to resume making mortgage payments once her case was placed with volunteer attorney **Patrick Casey**. Patrick was able to show the efforts Delia had made to get back on track and established her stronger financial position.

Thanks to Delia's efforts and Patrick's legal know-how, the bank granted Delia's loan modification, lowering her payments. Delia is keeping her home.

## Registration for Race Judicata® 2015 is OPEN!



Registration for Race Judicata® 2015 is now open! Can you already feel the fresh summer air and taste the free beer? Because we can.

Last year we had more than 5,000 people running to support CVLS' mission to ensure that the law works for everyone, not just those who can afford it.

Help us make the 21st annual Race Judicata® the biggest and best yet!

See you on September 10 at Grant Park!

## Welcome to CVLS' New Faces for the Summer!

CVLS' offices will be full this summer! Introducing the new faces you may see around for the next few months - welcome to all!

### Justice Entrepreneurs Project

- Shunte Goss
- Janice Dantes
- Anthony Davis

### Public Interest Law Initiative

#### PILI Interns

- Katherine Davis: DePaul, 3L / 711
- Kejai McNeal: Loyola, 3L / 711

#### PILI Fellows

- John Adair: Washington University, 711
- Josh Altman: Northwestern, 711

### Volunteer Interns

- Selma Haveric: DePaul, 1L
- Rachel Zemke: University of Chicago, 2L

### Clerks

- Riley Cook: new college graduate
- Patrick Phelan: college student

### Persons Named Marty

- Marty Cozzola: law school graduate

## New Petition for Guardianship of Disabled Adults

The Circuit Court of Cook County is using a new Petition for Guardianship of Disabled Adult and Exhibit A. The new form is updated on the County Clerk's website, as well as the Volunteer Resources on CVLS.org.

Take advantage of early registration! For individual runners, the cost is \$34 until August 22, when it goes up to \$39 until September 4.

**Register online at [cvls.org/judicata!](http://cvls.org/judicata!)**

## **Volunteer Honor Roll: Lynn Preshad Indo-American Legal Clinic**



Mortgage foreclosure and immigration attorney Lynn Preshad spends her days as an associate at Fish Law Group, but on Saturdays she can be found at CVLS' Indo American Legal Clinic, hosted by the Indo-American Center. Dedicated to

helping people, Lynn provides counseling in addition to representing her clients in and out of the courtroom.

The chair of the Indo American clinic praises Lynn's "outstanding work with clients and a true dedication for the clinic."

## **Jennifer Weed Jane Addams Legal Clinic**



CVLS' Jane Addams Legal Clinic handles a wide variety of cases and clients. Its chair, **Jennifer Weed**, employs a truly humbling sense of commitment to both the clinic volunteers and their clients. She is always going above and beyond

to make new volunteers feel at home within the CVLS community.

Currently the Director of Knowledge & Programming with the Strategic Account Management, Jennifer has been a clinic volunteer since 2010. Since then, she has steadily taken on cases, mostly in Family Law, advocating on behalf of minors and adults alike.

## **Congratulations to the Expanding Fischer Family!**



Allegra had her baby! The adorable Miles Nicola Fischer was born on May 2, happy and healthy. Congratulations to Allegra, Justin and big brother Charlie - and welcome to the world, Miles!

## **Welcome to 1806, Judge Kennedy Sullivan!**



CVLS is happy to announce the Honorable Susan Kennedy Sullivan, longtime CVLS friend and former volunteer, has been assigned to the Minor Guardianship courtroom in 1806.

We are looking forward to working with her on these important cases. Please note that if your case is awaiting trial, the court may be ready to proceed in the near future.

Feel free to reach out to Rebekah (arr@cvls.org) or Susan (sdecostanza@cvls.org) if you have any questions about these changes or your next court date.

## Spotlight On: Janice Dantes, JEP



**Janice Dantes**, one of the eight young lawyers in the newest class of the Chicago Bar Foundation's Justice Entrepreneurs Project, tried several different career paths before settling on "legal aid attorney." While churning out repetitive projects at a corporate job, she decided she needed to make a real difference.

"I wanted a job that was meaningful," Janice says. Her interest in providing a direct service by interacting with clients and seeing the impact firsthand, combined with her need for autonomy and creating her own work, made her a perfect fit for the Justice Entrepreneurs Project. Now, Janice aims to put her background in corporate programming to a more socially conscious use by incorporating auto-

mation to increase efficiency in serving low-income Chicagoans. "They're not paying me to do clerical work," she says. "They're paying me to counsel."

Janice, only a few weeks into the JEP program, hasn't yet narrowed her focus; she's still exploring her options, hoping to gain experience in various areas of law before deciding on a specialty. She wants to be available and approachable to anyone who needs help. This mindset also makes her a perfect fit for CVLS, where she requested to complete the first part of her JEP experience after taking on several cases as a volunteer.

She found CVLS when she ran in Race Judicata®. Interested to learn more, she logged into Legal Server and saw the huge number of pro bono opportunities available. She says she realized each pro bono opportunity was a person in need, "and those were just the people who qualify for CVLS!"

Taking on cases for the working poor through CVLS and serve the working class through her practice (<http://Janice.Dantes.co>), Janice wants to help as many people as possible. She also believes it's important for lawyers in general to practice pro bono for just this reason. "Everybody needs to be exposed to other ways of life," she says.

"It's hard to understand until you see."

## Friend of CVLS Honored by Office of Immigrant Affairs

Congratulations to longtime friend of CVLS **Royal Berg**, who will receive the "Journey to Emmaus" Award from the Archdiocesan Office for Immigrant Affairs! The award recognizes a community leader whose dedication has helped to empower immigrants throughout Chicago. The "Journey to Emmaus" Award is one of the six awards given at the Archdiocesan Office for Immigrant Affairs' annual fundraising event.

The event celebrates the Office's dedication to immigrants, and recognizes these six community leaders' work in advancing its mission - to promote integration between immigrant and non-immigrant communities - as an integral

aspect of that dedication.

Roy's history with CVLS alone shows how well-deserved an honor this is. He helped start our American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Legal Clinic, and since then has always been available to advise on immigration matters. In 1999, CVLS nominated Roy for the inaugural Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award from the Chicago Bar Foundation; he won, for his deep commitment to the fundamental principles of equal protection and equal justice.

Thank you, Roy, for your consistent support of immigration issues in Chicago, both through the OIC and CVLS.



# SPONSORSHIP FORM

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# Upcoming CVLS Events

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## Administration of Small, Uncontested, Decedent Estates In Cook County

CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

Wednesday, July 22

- Presented by Steve Raminiak

CVLS volunteer and Board of Directors member Steve Raminiak, Esq. presents an introduction to decedents' estate administration in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

This seminar is meant to provide a solid foundation in the administration of small, uncontested, decedent estates. Steve will cover:

- Introduction and preliminary considerations
- Filing a will and opening a probate estate
- Designation of a personal fiduciary and the affidavit of heirship

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CVLS is proud to present a **GAL for Minors seminar series** in conjunction with the **Chicago School of Professional Psychology!** Masters and doctoral students from the Chicago School will present on a variety of mental health topics as they relate to Guardian ad Litem cases.

## GAL for Minors | Court Involvement

CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

Wednesday, June 10

- Presented by Sunshine Collins,  
The Chicago School

Impact of court involvement on children and families

## GAL for Minors | Effective Transition Planning

CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

Wednesday, July 22

- Presented by Whitney Zweifel,  
The Chicago School

Effective Transition Planning for Children in High Conflict Families: Visitation Schedules and More

## TRAININGS

### New Volunteer Orientations

CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

- Thursday, July 9
- Thursday, July 23

We'll cover the skills required to be a successful volunteer attorney, as well as the issues that may come up during cases. Training is for new volunteers working with CVLS.

Please visit [www.cvls.org/cle](http://www.cvls.org/cle) to register for a seminar!

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