

Board President Hudson Receives Alta May Hulett Award

CVLS Board President **Kristen Hudson** was recently awarded the 2016 Alta May Hulett Award by the Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women. The annual award honors one outstanding woman lawyer who has made significant contributions to the advancement of women in the legal profession or other areas, and whose career exemplifies the highest level of professional achievement, ethics and excellence.

"I am honored to receive this award and join the ranks of the women who have won in the past," said Hudson, who is a Principal at Chuhak & Tecson, P.C.. "Helping women further their careers is something I believe is really important, inside and outside of the legal profession."

Hudson is a longtime CVLS volunteer, but also has worked closely with the Coalition of Women's Initiative in Law and the Women in Insurance Subcommittee with the American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Subcommittee. She also works to bring recognition to other women attorneys, mentors women associates and champions the success of her female colleagues.



CVLS Staff Attorney Profiled by Penn Law

Penn Law profiled Staff Attorney **Rob Zielinski** last month. Zielinski works is the Staff Attorney for the Child Representative Program, where in addition to maintaining his own family law caseload, he also works as a child rep on his own cases, handles guardian ad litem cases, divorces, and adoptions.

Rob first worked for CVLS in the Access to Justice Program in 2014, while finishing his third year at the University of Chicago. While at Penn, he worked with the Interdisciplinary Child Advocacy Clinic and was a member of multiple pro bono organizations, including the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, the Housing Rights Project and the Animal Law Project.

When Penn granted Rob a postgraduate fellowship he returned to Chicago and began working at CVLS. He does all the intake for the program, supervises and supports volunteer attorneys, and recruits and runs trainings for potential volunteers, while maintaining his own caseload.

To read Penn Law's profile of CVLS Staff Attorney Rob Zielinski please visit bit.ly/1r2yrrn.

Loan Modification Keeps Couple In Their Home

David and Suzie had lived in their condo for 37 years and raised their family there. Unfortunately, in 2009, David suffered a series of strokes and was no longer able to work. They were able to pay their bills using income from Suzie's job at Dominick's and their savings. In 2014, when Dominick's closed, they were still paying off medical bills and their savings was running out. In addition, with the loss of Suzie's job, they lost their medical insurance. Not surprisingly, they fell behind on their mortgage and went into foreclosure. Volunteer **Rich Orman** agreed to represent David and Suzie when their case was referred to the Circuit Court of Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

The bank had denied David and Suzie a loan modification, deeming their current payments affordable. Rich fought that decision, arguing that David and Suzie the payments were not reasonable under the circumstances. After months of back and forth, the bank relented and offered David and Suzie a permanent and affordable loan modification.

Upcoming CVLS Events

Eviction Series | Part Two: Eviction Practice

Wednesday, May 11
CVLS Offices, 12:15 p.m.

In the second of a three-part series, CVLS educators will cover the mechanics of eviction practice. Seminar topics will include the requirements for a valid termination notice, filing an eviction case, discovery and motion practice issues, and how to enforce an order of possession.

GAL For Minors: Working with Mental Health Professionals

Thursday, May 19
CVLS Offices, 12:15 p.m.

CVLS has partnered with The Chicago School of Professional Psychology for a CLE series of six seminars held on the third Thursday of each month through July.

Seminar: Eviction Series - (Part Three): Issues in Subsidized Housing

Wednesday, June 8
CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

In the final installment of this series, CVLS Staff Attorney Matt Hulstein will cover the three main types of HUD Subsidies: Public Housing, Section 8 Voucher, and Section 8 Project-Based Programs. Hulstein will also review briefly contesting a voucher termination through administrative hearing or judicial review action.

GAL For Minors: Personality Disorders

Thursday, June 16
CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

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Seminar: Debt Issues Facing Legal Aid Clients

Tuesday, June 28
CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM

Representing low-income clients can often lead an attorney to discover ways that debt issues have affected other areas of a client's life. This seminar, hosted by David J. Philipps, Mary E. Philipps and Angie K. Robertson of consumer law firm Philipps & Philipps, will discuss debt issues in the context of legal aid. This seminar will cover the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, litigating on behalf of defrauded consumers, subject to illegal collection activity or improper credit reporting. Lunch will be provided.

New Volunteer Orientations

CVLS Offices, 12:15 PM
- Thursday, May 12
- Thursday, June 9

Come to one of our new volunteer orientations and sit down with a CVLS staff attorney as they take you through the ins and outs of being a Chicago Volunteer Legal Services volunteer

Please visit www.cvls.org/cle to register for a seminar.

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