Dear Friends,

We couldn’t do it without you, our dedicated volunteers who provide personal and financial support to the Catholic Charities Legal Network. A few weeks ago, on May 24th, I had the opportunity to see many of our volunteer attorneys at the Catholic Charities Legal Network Young Lawyer’s Committee Happy Hour, held at Clyde’s Friendship Heights in Chevy Chase, MD. It was inspiring to be among so many energized young lawyers—those who will keep the important mission of the Legal Network going in the future. I would like to express my gratitude to Planet Depos; Feldesman Tucker Leifer and Fidell; and DiPietro Family Law Group for sponsoring this happy hour. It was a great success.

I would also like to specifically thank some of our dedicated supporters for their recent generosity: St. Patrick’s Church, our neighbor here in downtown D.C., for donating the proceeds from their collection box for the month of May and the Foundation of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, for its wonderful grant in early June.

Even with all the wonderful help we receive from our volunteers and our donors, we are far from finished, as individuals continue to seek out our services. For example, we are looking for volunteer attorneys to help us conduct law-related education seminars at local churches and community centers. In the past, these seminars have covered topics such as consumer theft issues, record expungement, child support situations and will/probate matters. With our committed volunteers and financial supporters, I know we are up to the challenge of providing high quality pro bono legal services to those in need. Thank you for making this possible.

Sincerely,
James D. Bishop, Esq., Director
**DC Bar Pro Bono Training Programs**

**Public Benefits Training Series: TANF**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017  
12:00PM-2:00PM

**Probate Pro Bono Training**

Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
9:00AM-1:00PM

Please contact Stanley Augustin at saugustin@dcbars.org or (202)-737-4700, ext.3293 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mark your calendar:**

**Annual Golf and Tennis Tournament**

Monday, October 2, 2017

Contact Emily Maloney at (202)-772-4323 for information

**Volunteer Attorneys Sought**

We are looking for attorneys licensed in DC or Maryland to assist with representing clients in civil law cases in the areas of:

- Consumer Debt/Bankruptcy
- Wills/Probate
- Employment
- Family
- Public Entitlements
- Tenant concerns with Landlords

In addition, the Legal Network seeks attorneys who are willing to conduct law-related education seminars on any of the

Pictured above: Jim Bishop, right, accepted a grant on behalf of the Legal Network from Keith Watters, left, of the Foundation of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, at Clyde’s in Chinatown in early June.

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**Q & A with John E. McCarthy, Jr.**

John E. McCarthy, Jr., Esq is the Chairperson of the Catholic Charities Legal Network Advisory Council and a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP in D.C. He was kind enough to share some of his thoughts on the Network and the pro bono work he has done.

### What made you interested in volunteering with the Catholic Charities Legal Network?

My father worked for the Catholic Church for forty years, retiring as Director of Migration and Refugee Services for the United States Catholic Conference and Head of the International Catholic Migration Committee. As his namesake, I have always felt a duty to perform public service. The Legal Network was created the year I became a lawyer. I thought it was fortuitous, and I accepted my first pro bono case as a lawyer from the Legal Network, a domestic violence/custody case. That case was personally very satisfying, as the client blossomed from a battered and bruised victim to an advocate for children who testified before the DC City Council. In addition, at the time, her children appeared destined for a life on the streets, but, thanks to a wonderful and reinvigorated mother, they thrived and ultimately attended college.
above legal areas at senior citizen groups, parishes, or other local community groups. The Network is also looking for bilingual attorneys who would be willing to do in-person intake interviews and represent Spanish-speaking clients.

The Legal Network is also excited to be starting an initiative to help people who lack identification. The Network is looking for volunteer attorneys to assist people in obtaining IDs and other documents necessary for identification.

Interested volunteers can contact: Jim Bishop, 202-772-1201, James.Bishop@CC-DC.org
- or -
Ashlyn Anderson-Keelin, 202-772-4300, ext. 407, Ashlyn.Anderson-Keelin@CC-DC.org

What motivates you in your volunteer work and in the assistance that you help Catholic Charities provide to low income clients?

I believe that it is a duty of all attorneys to perform pro bono work. I feel that we have been given this gift – the ability to deal with the Courts and the legal system – that we are obligated to share with those less fortunate. Moreover, I derive great personal satisfaction from my pro bono work. As to the second part of your question, I enjoy assisting the Legal Network as an institution because I can see the great work it is doing and the potential for serving even more of the less fortunate than we are now by continuing to improve the Legal Network both in terms of fundraising and increasing our outreach to prospective clients and volunteers. For example, I believe the opening of the Mona Center in Prince George’s County will be a wonderful opportunity to expand the Legal Network’s reach to client and volunteer attorneys in Prince George’s County.

Would you recommend that other attorneys volunteer with the Legal Network— and, if so, why?

Having been a volunteer for the Legal Network for the past 28 years, I would most certainly recommend the Legal Network to other attorneys for many reasons. First and foremost, the Legal Network is led by the most selfless, honorable man that I know, Jim Bishop. Second, the network has an effective intake/screening system to minimize the risk that a volunteer attorney will be saddled with a problematic case or client. Third, the Legal Network, through Jim Bishop, has an effective network of mentors to assist volunteer attorneys when they encounter thorny problems in their cases. Finally, the Legal Network has the resources of Catholic Charities itself upon which to fall back to help in cases where the clients have critical needs beyond their legal needs. I recently had just such a scenario where I had an asylum client who is an immigrant mother. She and her children were abandoned by her spouse without funds or food. I called Jim Bishop, who arranged for temporary assistance to get the client and her children over the crisis.
The Catholic Charities Legal Network is excited to be opening an office in the new Susan Denison Mona Center in Temple Hills, Maryland. The new facility is set to open in the fall of this year after renovations are complete. The Center was made possible by the generosity of Vincent “Cap” Mona, who donated the building to Catholic Charities in 2014. In addition to housing a legal services suite, the Mona Center will also be a new home for a health and wellness service—which will include a dental clinic and primary healthcare clinic—and for a nutrition service, which will feature a teaching kitchen, community garden and farmers market.

The Legal Network will be part of the legal suite at the Mona Center, and it will have a full-time attorney working at the center who will assist clients in finding a volunteer lawyer to take their cases. Ashlyn Anderson-Keelin will be the full time attorney on site at the Mona Center. Ashlyn came to the Legal Network from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where she was a 2016 Thomas L. Shaffer Public Interest Fellow. This fellowship means that Ashlyn’s position is funded for two years by the generosity of the University of Notre Dame and the sponsors of the Thomas L. Shaffer Public Interest Fellowship.

Furthermore, there will be four free community law seminars held each year to help people with legal issues pertaining to areas such as consumer debt, bankruptcy and family law. The center will also feature a holistic welcome center, which will help clients find the assistance they need, specifically concerning issues such as nutrition and healthcare. Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services will also be a part of the legal suite in the new facility.
New Faces at the Legal Network

Emily Maloney joined the Legal Network in May as a full-time staff attorney. She comes to the Network after previously practicing special education law in D.C., predominantly on behalf of low income clients. Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Emily spent nearly 10 years abroad before she attended law school, living in Belgium, the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom. She has an M.A. in Theological Studies from the University of St Andrews in St Andrews, Scotland, and a J.D. from the Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, North Carolina. Since the beginning of her law school career, Emily has wanted to work on behalf of the poor, and while in law school, she was an extern at the Mecklenburg County Public Defender’s office and Safe Alliance’s Legal Representation Project, which represents victims of domestic violence. Emily is married to a St. Andrews native, which she says has left her no choice but to become a golfer. She also has a dog, named Fynn.

Chris Snowden started as a summer legal intern with the Network in late May. A Jacksonville, Florida native, Chris spent his first two years of college at Daytona State College and Florida State College before entering the St. John Vianney College Seminary in Florida, where he earned a B.A. in philosophy in 2014 before ultimately discerning out of the priesthood. Prior to joining the Legal Network for the summer, Chris worked as a legal assistant at a family law firm in Jacksonville. He is currently a rising 2L at the Catholic University Columbus School of Law. Last summer, Chris got married, and he and his wife are expecting their first child this August.

Paul Brunkhorst began work as a summer legal intern with the Network in June. Originally from Minneapolis, Paul attended college at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated with a B.A. in English in 2016. Paul had a brief career as a swimmer on Saint Louis’ swim team before giving up his athletic pursuits to join the university’s student newspaper, where he worked as a staff writer and, ultimately, editor-in-chief. Prior to starting law school, Paul worked as a client relations intern at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Minneapolis. He is a rising 2L at the Georgetown University Law Center.
Welcome to the newest members of the CCLN Advisory Council

- Kim Viti Fiorentino, Esq., Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Washington
- Michael J. Francese, Esq., of Covington & Burling LLP
- Emmet T. Flood, Esq., of Williams & Connolly LLP
- Thomas J. Kelly, Esq., of Dentons
- Timothy F. Maloney, Esq. of Joseph Greenwald & Laake LLP
- Wendy E. Stark, Esq., Vice President & General Counsel, Pepsi Holdings

CCLN Young Lawyer’s Committee Happy Hour a Success

The Catholic Charities Legal Network Young Lawyer’s Committee Happy Hour, held May 24th at Clyde’s Friendship Heights, was a great success. Many young attorneys practicing in the District and in Maryland came to socialize with their Legal Network colleagues. In addition, thanks to the generosity of the happy hour’s sponsors—Planet Depos, Feldesman Tucker Leifer & Fidel, and DiPietro Family Law Group—the Network was able to raffle off an Apple Watch as a door prize and receive the benefits from the raffle, which totaled over $600. Congratulations to Bill Reynolds of Freddie Mac for winning the Apple Watch. Many thanks to the generosity of these sponsors; the happy hour could not have happened without them. It was particularly exciting for the Network to see so many influential young attorneys present—they are the future of the Legal Network!

You’re Invited!

What: CCLN Telephone Intake Training
When: Thursday, July 13th, 2017, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by: Crowell & Moring LLP,
1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004
*Lunch will be provided

If you’d like to attend, please RSVP to Emily.Maloney@CC-DC.org by July 7th, 2017. Please include “July Intake Training RSVP” in the subject heading.
The generous support of the DC Bar Foundation and individual, corporate and law firm donors enables our Catholic Charities Legal Network team to continue to offer the highest quality pro bono civil legal services to our clients. Thank you on our behalf and on behalf of the clients we serve.