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Dear Friends of the Legal Network,

As the holiday season approaches, I want to share my gratitude for the multitude of ways you support Catholic Charities Legal Network. We had a great beginning to fall, and we look forward to continuing to serve our neighbors in need for the remainder of 2019 and beyond. Please see below for a recap of fall events, including community seminars and case highlights. If you would like to become involved with the program again, please reach out to me, or any of our staff members listed below.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sincerely,
Jim Bishop
Director
Catholic Charities Legal Network



Lawyers from Prince George's County gathered November 13 for a reception welcoming Leo E. Green, Jr. as a new staff attorney for Catholic Charities' Legal Network. Green recently joined Catholic Charities after retiring from his position as a judge on the Prince George's County Circuit Court. During his remarks, Green called his new role at Catholic Charities' Susan Denison Mona Center in Camp Springs, Md., fulfilling and encouraged lawyers to contribute to the Legal Network by taking a pro bono case.

Catholic Charities President and CEO, Father John Enzler, officially welcomed Green to the agency, which provided over 3,000 low-income people in DC and Maryland with pro bono civil legal services in the last fiscal year. When people come to Catholic Charities for help, Father Enzler told the lawyers gathered at the reception, the only question asked of them is: How can we help you? "He's making a difference," Father Enzler said of Green. "Leo's motto is the same as my motto. You can't save the whole world, but you can save one person every day."

The reception was hosted by Tim Maloney and his colleagues at Joseph Greenwald & Laake, PA. "Humble and generous service, and love," Maloney said. "That's what Leo's decision (to retire and join Catholic Charities) is all about. ... His model of service is going to spread throughout the community, and you can already hear it. Every day, I hear of another good work that Leo has done in our community." Thank you to those who attended, and especially to Tim Maloney and the law firm of Joseph Greenwald & Laake, PA for hosting this event!

16th Annual Golf Tournament



We want to thank everyone who attended and supported the 16th Annual Catholic Charities Legal Network Golf Tournament on Monday, September 30 at Belle Haven Country Club! Beyond engaging in friendly golf competition and enjoying food and drink, we raised nearly \$100,000 for Catholic Charities Legal Network.

Congratulations to our top three foursomes:

1st Place, with a score of 60 and a tie-breaking win following USGA rules:

Chris Mitchell, Denis Mitchell, Robert Mitchell and Paul Maloney of Stein Mitchell Beato & Missner LLP.

(Photo above with Legal Network Golf Tournament Chair Joseph Krauss of Hogan Lovells US LLP on the far left, and Legal Network Advisory Council Chair James P. Gillespie of Kirkland & Ellis LLP on the far right)

2nd Place, with a score of 60:

Vincent Rucker, Andre Jackson, Nora Canchez and Dan Collopy

3rd Place, with a score of 62:

Mike Malarkey, Larry Iwanski, Matt Wolf and Josh Davis of Alvarez & Marsal

Annual Red Mass & Brunch

On Sunday, October 6, the John Carroll Society held its annual Red Mass and brunch to usher in the new Supreme Court term. During brunch, individuals and law firms were honored for their outstanding work to Catholic Charities Legal Network. This year's honorees included Deacon Darryl Kelley, Andrew Larsen and Carolyn Ruyak, as well as the law firms of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and Sidley Austin LLP.

A full article in the Catholic Standard on the Red Mass brunch honorees can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Attorney Trainings

In conjunction with the DC Bar Pro Bono Center, the following attorney [trainings](#) are scheduled for the remainder of the fall season:

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Public Benefits Training](#)

[Series: Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits](#)

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Training: Bankruptcy Training for Pro Bono Attorneys, 2-Part Series](#)

Part 1: Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Part 2: Thursday, December 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Training: Appellate Advocacy Before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims](#)

Friday, December 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Education Seminars & Case Highlights

On Wednesday, November 6, the Legal Network hosted a community education seminar for anyone interested in learning more about how to seal or expunge a criminal record in the District of Columbia and Maryland. After the presentation, attorneys Brian Stolarz and Stephen Simchak were available to answer questions and assist clients with starting the record sealing or expungement process. Thank you to these two great attorneys for their time! (Photo l to r: Stephen Simchak & Brian Stolarz)



On November 12th, Staff Attorney Esther D. Coleman spoke to students in the "Self Promotion and Branding for Artists" class at Bowie State University. Coleman discussed with the students how they may protect their intellectual property through copyrights and trademarks. Prof. Risikat Okedeyi and her students had many thought provoking questions and appreciated the information that was shared.

On October 16, volunteer attorney Sharon Taylor-Smith spoke to students at the University of the District of Columbia about guardianships, and the interaction of nutrition and the law.

In the course assisting clients with their legal matters, both Catholic Charities Legal Network and Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services find that a legal need does not fit one discrete category, so the two programs collaborate with one another to help the client obtain the best possible outcome. As an example, on September 26th, Staff Attorney Esther D. Coleman represented a client receiving assistance from Immigration Legal Services during a guardianship hearing in the Montgomery County Circuit Court. The judge granted temporary guardianship, which helped to facilitate the immigration process. The client has since successfully completed her naturalization interview and has had her naturalization ceremony. She is now a US citizen!

As the holiday season approaches, we ask you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to Catholic Charities Legal Network. Your support allows us to continue providing first-rate *pro bono* legal services to families and individuals in DC and Maryland. Simply click the button to the right or send a check in care of Jim Bishop to Catholic Charities Legal Network, 924 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. Thank you!

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