



Catholic Charities Legal Network Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2022

Catholic Charities Legal Network Events



Mike Francese, Chairperson of the CCLN Advisory Council, Joe Krauss, Cardinal Hickey Award recipient and Jim Bishop, CCLN Director

CCLN Hosts Volunteer Recognition Reception

On May 24th, 2022, CCLN held its annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. **Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP** and **Tom Kelly**, a CCLN Advisory Council member, generously hosted the event. After a three-year hiatus, it was great to see everyone back in person. For those who could not attend in person, CCLN hosted attendees virtually via Zoom.

Monsignor John J. Enzler, CEO of Catholic Charities, **Mike Francese**, Chairperson of CCLN's Advisory Council, and **Jim Bishop**,



A Fun Night on the Courts

4th Annual Tennis & Pickleball Tournament

On June 3rd, 2022, CCLN hosted its Fourth annual Pickleball & Tennis Tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. We had a great evening of fun, but the real reward came from our generous participants who contributed to our charitable goals. Ninety-four players registered to play

CCLN's Director, presented the Cardinal Hickey Award to three outstanding volunteers. The **Honorable Leo E. Green Jr.** dedicated his time as a former CCLN staff attorney and volunteer, assisting many clients in Prince George's County, Maryland, through the Susan D. Mona Center. **Joe Krauss**, a recently retired attorney from **Hogan Lovells US LLP**, was presented with the Cardinal Hickey Award for his work as the Chairperson of the Golf Tournament Committee for several years, raising an unprecedented \$105,000 in 2021. The law firm of **Jones Day** received the Cardinal Hickey award for its leadership and partnership with CCLN on the VetLex project. Jones Day has helped to expand the reach of our network to serving veterans who need help with civil legal matters. Jones Day attorneys represented several CCLN clients with veterans' legal matters.

Thank you to all CCLN volunteers who attended the event and to all volunteers who assist us in so many ways. We look forward to our future together!



*Jones Day attorney **Miguel Eaton**, CCLN staff Attorney **Carolyn Ruyak**, Jones Day attorneys **Amy Zywicki** and **Dean Griffin**, and CCLN Director **Jim Bishop**.*

pickleball and tennis. Generously coordinated again by CCLN volunteers **Kristen Billings** and **Courtney Carroccio**, the event raised \$10,000 for CCLN. Thank you to our generous sponsors and to our attendees!

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Save the Date!

19th Annual CCLN Golf Tournament!

Come join us on September 26th when we return to Westfields Golf Club for our 19th annual CCLN Golf tournament! Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available below:

REGISTER NOW!

CCLN in the Community





Volunteer Attorney Sanjay Mullick of Kirkland & Ellis LLP Reaches Spanish Speaking Community on Radio America Broadcast

Sanjay Mullick, a Partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, was interviewed in Spanish by Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini, Director of Catholic Charities Dental Services, for a broadcast on Radio America AM radio in February. Radio America AM broadcasts in Spanish in the DC area and beyond online, reaching thousands of individuals within the DC Metro Area. Mr. Mullick spread the word about the Catholic Charities Legal Network discussing what legal services CCLN offers and typical cases our network handles. With this broadcast, CCLN reached an entirely new audience that may have not known about our pro bono resources.



University of Notre Dame Law School Galilee Program Visits CCLN

1L Law Students from the University of Notre Dame's Law School Galilee Program participated in a virtual presentation with Jim Bishop, Director of CCLN, Carolyn Ruyak, CCLN Staff Attorney and Jim Feroli, former Pro Bono Coordinator and Government Liaison of Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services. Kelly Thompson, former CCLN Staff Attorney, Notre Dame Law School graduate and former coordinator of the Galilee Program, joined the discussion and shared her career journey from her days at Notre Dame through her professional career with the students.



Kelly Thompson, former CCLN Staff Attorney and Notre Dame graduate

Recent Case Successes

This past March, former CCLN volunteer and current CCLN Advisory Council Member, the **Honorable Judge Leo Green, Jr.** represented a client and recently obtained a court order whereby the client has sole legal and physical custody of children, a divorce, and an order for child support in Montgomery County, Maryland. Unfortunately, the other parent resides out of the United States so enforcing the child support order will be difficult. However, the client is pleased with the result of the legal representation and Judge Green went as far as possible in obtaining the client's legal goals.

In April, the Legal Network assisted a pro bono client whose only source of income had been Social Security Disability monthly payments. The client had a difficult time living on only Social Security Disability in the District of Columbia at approximately \$900.00 per month. He wanted to know if he could obtain full-time employment as well as continue to receive Social Security

Disability monthly payments. Jim Bishop consulted with a public interest attorney who specializes in Social Security concerns in DC. The bottom line here is that a person can negatively impact their Social Security Disability Benefits which can result in the Social Security Administration requesting repayment of monthly benefits. Some potential clients work and exceed the threshold for disability payments and are not able to meet the Social Security Administration's demands to repay the sums requested. As a result, Mr. Bishop was able to get the client in contact with a specific office in the Social Security Administration to help him understand and decide whether it would be advantageous for him to accept full-time employment without harming his current monthly disability payments.

Volunteer Honor Roll

Thank you to our Volunteers
July 2021-June 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022)

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Will you Volunteer?

CCLN Seeks Volunteer Attorneys to Offer Time and Talent: Do you have time to give your talent to low-income members of our community? CCLN is actively seeking attorneys willing to accept pro bono cases in Maryland or Washington, DC. We especially need assistance with will drafting and custody matters. If you have time, would you consider offering training for newer attorneys, act as a mentor attorney, or give a virtual training seminar on a legal topic for low-income clients? If you are interested in helping or learning more about how to give your time and talent to CCLN, please contact Carolyn Ruyak at carolyn.ruyak@cc-dc.org or (202) 772-4300 ext. 407.

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CCLN Staff Updates



Deacon Darryl Kelley

Deacon Darryl Kelley Joins CCLN as Staff Attorney Serving Prince George's County, Maryland

The Legal Network welcomes **Deacon Darryl Kelley, Esq.** as a part-time staff attorney at the Susan D. Mona Center in Prince George's County, Maryland. Deacon Darryl A. Kelley is a solo practitioner in Camp Springs, Maryland, who began accepting pro bono matters from the Catholic Charities Legal Network (CCLN) in 2018. Many of his cases for the CCLN involve family, estate, or bankruptcy matters. He currently serves as a deacon at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Camp Springs, Maryland. He leads the Evangelization Team, prepares catechisms and candidates for RCIA, and facilitates marriage preparation. He also serves as a Public Policy Advisor for the Archdiocese of Washington's Public Policy Team. He is a former Maryland State Delegate from the 26th Legislative District and previously served as Legislative Assistant to former United States Senator Paul S. Sarbanes. He continues to serve on local committees in the county, supports global peace initiatives, and served on the Board of Directors for the Forestville Pregnancy Center in Marlow Heights, Maryland. Deacon Kelley was employed as an Inspector/Deputy United States Marshal for many years in federal law enforcement. He completed the Capitol Hill Fellowship Program, Government Affairs Institute, from Georgetown University and graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law and the University of Virginia with a BA in History. Deacon Kelley is licensed to practice law in both Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is married to his college sweetheart, Evelyn G. Kelley, Esq. and they have three children – Evelyn R. Kelley, Esq., Victoria D. Kelley, Esq., and Phillip A. Kelley.

Farewell!



Esther Coleman

Esther D. Coleman, joined the Legal Network in May 2019 bringing many years of experience in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. While at CCLN as a full-time staff attorney, she represented CCLN clients in DC, Montgomery & PG counties in Maryland in custody, bankruptcy & estate planning matters.

We are grateful for her dedication and will sincerely miss her presence. The CCLN community wishes Esther luck with her future endeavors!



Blanca Lopez

Blanca Z. Lopez, MS, retired in April after 18 years at CCLN. She assisted the Legal Network's volunteers and staff attorneys with Spanish-speaking clients in need of pro bono legal services.

We are immensely grateful for the impact Blanca has had on the Catholic Charities community and wish her farewell to what is only a new beginning in her retirement!

Thank you for Supporting CCLN!

Thank you to those individuals and organizations that contributed to CCLN in its Year-End Donation Campaign. We are grateful for your continued support.

Thank you to Blank Rome LLP. Blank Rome LLP recently celebrated its 75th Anniversary as a law firm. Catholic Charities Legal Network received a 75th Anniversary monetary award. **William E. Lawler, III**, a Partner at Blank Rome LLP and former Chairperson of CCLN's Advisory Council, helped facilitate this award, which granted the Legal Network \$7,500 this fiscal year.

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