



# Catholic Charities Legal Network

## *Newsletter* Fall 2023

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*Jim Malloy, Catholic Charities' New CEO & President and Jim Bishop, CCLN Director*

## Legal Network 20th Annual Golf Tournament is a Rousing Success

*CCLN Sees Highest Fundraising Amount Ever*

The 20th Annual Catholic Charities Legal Network (CCLN) Golf Tournament was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at Kenwood Golf and Country Club in Bethesda, MD. The 18-hole event featured a lunch and evening reception and awards ceremony after the tournament play. **Denis Mitchell, Esq.** of Stein Mitchell Beato & Missner, LLP and **Robert Shaffer, Esq.**, of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, served as co-chairs for the tournament.

More than 100 golfers participated in the tournament. With many new sponsors, the program raised more than \$125,000, its highest amount in history.

The [Catholic Charities Legal Network](#) golf tournament is the program's largest fundraiser and a fun tradition that supports pro bono services provided to low-income residents of Washington, DC, and surrounding Maryland counties. Amidst the fun, the focus was on how valuable support for the Legal Network is for communities in need in the Legal Network's service area.

Golfers registered for the event beginning at 11:30 a.m. and enjoyed a cookout lunch on Kenwood's patio. Catholic Charities new President and CEO, **Jim Malloy**, welcomed the golfers and thanked the tournament sponsors for their support of the Legal Network. **Father Greg Shaffer** of Our Lady of the Visitation in Darnestown, Md. offered a prayer for the Legal Network and golfers with special remembrance for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Before the 1:00 p.m. shotgun start, golfers participated in a Mega-Putt contest where golfers attempted to land a putt in the same hole simultaneously.

Players enjoyed the 18-hole course and tried to sink a Hole-in-One on Hole 13 to win a trip for two to the Masters in Spring 2024. Two beverage carts made the rounds for golfers on the hot afternoon.

For more than 30 years, the Legal Network has served low-income residents in civil law areas such as debt and bankruptcy, employment, will drafting, domestic relations, landlord-tenant, public benefits and more. This year, the event raised the most funding in its 20-year history. **James D. Bishop**, CCLN Director, said: "As our program's largest fundraiser, we are grateful to our sponsors and players for supporting the Legal Network's golf tournament so that low-income DC and Maryland residents can obtain support and representation in their legal matters. Thank you to the Golf Tournament Committee and Co-Chairs for their hard work and support of this important event!"

For more information on supporting the work or to get involved in the Catholic Charities Legal Network, please contact Carolyn Ruyak, CCLN staff attorney, at 202-519-2091 or via [e-mail](#).



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*Denis Mitchell and Rob Shaffer, Tournament Co-Chairs*

*CCLN wishes to thank both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Shaffer for all of their hard work and dedication toward making this event possible.*

### **2023 CCLN Golf Tournament Event Committee**

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*Thank You to Our Event Volunteers and Kenwood Golf & Country Club!*

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## ***71st Annual Red Mass Held On Sunday, October 1st***

***Individuals and Law Firm Honored by John Carroll Society for  
their excellent Pro Bono Legal Service***

Celebrated annually at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, the Red Mass blesses



those with careers in supporting justice as well as public officials in general. It is traditionally held on the Sunday before the first Monday of October, the same day that marks the new term of the United States Supreme Court. This year, the principal celebrant and homilist was **His Excellency Juan Esposito, Titular Bishop of Tabla and Auxiliary Bishop of Washington**. This year's honorees were: CCLN Advisory Council Member **Miguel Eaton**, partner at Jones Day; **Patrick J. Kennedy**, a solo practitioner; CCLN Advisory Council Member **Rob Shaffer**, partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP; and the law firm of **Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP**.



For more information, *Catholic Standard's* October 2, 2023, article is included [here](#)

*Pictured above: Dr. Eileen Moore*, the John Carroll Society's president; Washington Auxiliary Bishop **Juan Esposito**, the main celebrant and homilist at the Red Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral; **Patrick J. Kennedy, Esq.**, a 2023 Pro Bono Legal Service Award recipient; **Maureen Donahue Hardwick**, a managing partner in the D.C. office of **Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP**, whose law firm also received a 2023 Pro Bono Legal Service Award; **Robert F. Shaffer, Esq.**, a 2023 Pro Bono Legal Service Award recipient; **Edward A. O'Connell**, the chair of the 2023 Red Mass Committee; and **Msgr. Peter Vaghi**, the longtime chaplain of the John Carroll Society. Another recipient of the 2023 Pro Bono Legal Service Award, **Miguel Eaton, Esq.**, was unable to attend. (*John Carroll Society photo by Christopher Newkumet*)

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## Upcoming Fall and Winter Trainings

The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center is pleased to announce its fall 2023 training schedule. The training sessions prepare attendees to accept pro bono assignments from the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center and sponsoring legal service providers. If you are interested, please let the DC Bar Pro Bono Center know you will be accepting pro bono matters from CCLN. For most trainings, attendees agree to accept 2 cases from a sponsoring organization following training.

**Client-Centered Lawyering Training**, October 16

**Best Practices and Case Updates in Family Court** , October 18

**Understanding Parentage and Child Support in the District** , November 15

**Housing Training: Eviction Defense, Housing Conditions Calendar, and Eviction Record Sealing**, December 4 and December 11

**Services Involved in Family Court** , December 6

*Please be advised that training sessions offered by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center are not CLE accredited nor will attendees receive CLE credit for attending.*

For further information about the Pro Bono Center's Training Program, please email [probonotraining@dcbar.org](mailto:probonotraining@dcbar.org) or [click here](#)

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## Thank You to CCLN Summer Legal Intern: Ryan Brooks

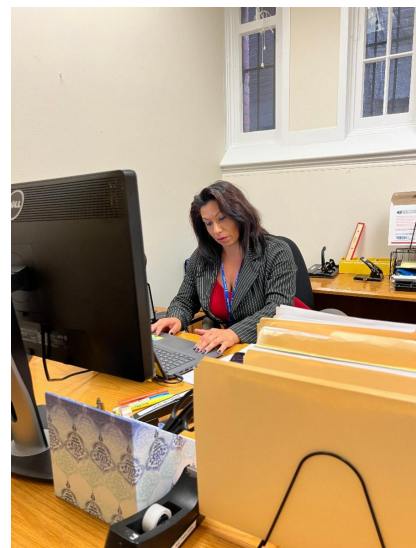
**Ryan Brooks**, a rising second-year law student at The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, served as a CCLN Legal Intern during the Summer of 2023. During his internship, Ryan worked with CCLN staff attorneys to ensure that clients who came to CCLN received the legal

assistance that they needed. Ryan also conducted legal research for Legal Network Advisory Council member **Denis Mitchell**, of Stein Mitchell Beato & Missner LLP. Ryan is from New Hartford, New York. In 2022, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. At law school, Ryan serves as a member of CUA Law's Alternative Dispute Resolution team, as an Associate Editor of CUA Law's Journal of Law and Technology, and as a Junior Associate on CUA Law's Moot Court Team. Both CCLN and Ryan wish to thank the Frederick and Jordan Families Fund for providing CCLN with a fellowship for a 2023 summer intern in public interest law.

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## CCLN Welcomes Bilingual Paralegal, Emma Johnston

On July 10, 2023, **Emma Johnston** began working at the CCLN as a bilingual paralegal. Despite only being with us for a short time, Emma has been of immense assistance to many Spanish-speaking clients with their legal matters, as well as to the CCLN staff attorneys. She is enthusiastic to be working towards our mission of serving the Archdiocese, and CCLN is glad to have Emma as a member of its team. Emma attended college at Trinity Washington University and



obtained an associate's degree in paralegal studies at Everest College in Arlington, Virginia. Prior to her arrival at CCLN, Emma worked at Legal Services of Northern Virginia. She is currently going into her second year at Taft Law School. Emma is a mother of three children and an avid runner who has participated in several marathons, including running the Marine Corps Marathon three times. CCLN wishes to thank the DC Bar Foundation for its longstanding support of this bilingual paralegal position.

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## Thank You to CCLN Volunteer Howard Hyatte

**Howard J. Hyatte** ("Hank"), spent the summer of 2023 serving as a full-time volunteer intern at the CCLN. While interning, Hank assisted Jim Bishop, the Director, in capacities such as amassing the self-reported pro bono hours of all CCLN's volunteers for Fiscal Year 2023, conducting client intake, and making referrals to volunteer attorneys and legal organizations. In addition, Hank headed the formatting and writing of the CCLN's 2023 Annual Report draft, which will be published in Fall 2023.

While in high school, he served as an altar server at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Northwest Washington, D.C. Hank is a graduate of Saint John's College High School in Washington, D.C., and he is currently a rising third-year undergraduate student at the University of Chicago studying political science.

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## CCLN Thanks Monsignor John Enzler, Welcomes CEO & President Jim Malloy

On July 18, 2023, CCLN's Advisory Council welcomed **Jim Malloy** as the President & CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. Mr. Malloy received a warm welcome from CCLN's entire Advisory Council, led by its Chair, **Michael Francese**. During his meeting with the Advisory Council, there was a productive discussion of the present and future goals of CCLN. We wish Mr.

Malloy the best in his new role and President & CEO and wish to extend our gratitude to **Monsignor John J. Enzler**, who preceded Mr. Malloy, serving as President and CEO of Catholic Charities for 12 years. We are thankful to still have Monsignor Enzler on our team in his current role as the Mission Advocate for the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.





## 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 volunteers for the following roles:

- Accepting pro bono cases in Maryland and Washington, DC, by representing low-income clients especially in civil law areas of custody, will drafting and landlord-tenant matters;
- Offering attorney training for new volunteers interested in accepting pro bono cases from the Legal Network;
- Conducting community education seminars to low-income clients either in-person or virtually on topics related to will drafting and advanced healthcare directives/financial power of attorney, custody, government entitlements such as SSDI and landlord-tenant matters; or
- Serving as a mentor attorney to volunteers representing pro bono clients.

Please contact Carolyn Ruyak via [e-mail](#) if you can help.

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