



Mark Your Calendars Now!



6/17

New Volunteer
Orientation
CVLS Office
Noon

6/18

Foreclosure Training
CVLS Office
Noon

6/24

Seminar: "Overview
of Ch 7 and Ch 13
Bankruptcy"
by Jeffrey Dan and
Bennett Kahn
CVLS Office
Noon

7/8

GAL for Minors
Training
CVLS Office
Noon

7/15

New Volunteer
Orientation
CVLS Office
Noon

7/29

RJ Packet Pickup
CVLS Office
11 AM - 6:45 PM

7/30

Race Judicata 2009
6:00 PM



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The case of the variable interest rate.

Although Joan was on a fixed income, she was able to handle her mortgage payments, until a mortgage broker convinced her to refinance, promising her a fixed interest rate that would lower her monthly payments by \$100. The paperwork he brought to her home for signature included proof of that lower fixed interest rate. Unfortunately, the paperwork she later received in the mail showed a different, variable rate that ultimately raised her monthly payment to an unaffordable level. Joan tried to resolve the problem herself, but the broker would not return her calls.

The Illinois Attorney General's office sued the fraudulent broker, but could not represent her in her subsequent foreclosure case. Luckily, after Judge Carolyn Quinn appointed CVLS under the Access to Justice Program, **Priya Dadlani** and **Donald Johnson** took over. They filed a fraud count against the broker, the lender quickly backed down and agreed to a new fixed rate loan for Joan. House saved. Bad guys defeated. Thanks Priya and Don.

Neighbor has no puppy love.

The puppy Reginald got for his 3 sons to enjoy eventually weighed more than 100 pounds. Although Sonic looked intimidating, he never hurt or bit anyone. That didn't stop Reginald's neighbor, who hated dogs, from complaining and insisting that Sonic should not be allowed to run free in his owner's fenced yard. When Reginald refused that unreasonable demand, the neighbor sued to enjoin the dog from running around the fenced yard, claiming that Sonic was a nuisance. Judge Kathleen Pantle appointed CVLS under the Access to Justice Program. Volunteer **Dena Saper** attempted to resolve the issue amicably, but the neighbor refused all attempts to settle. For her very first trial, Dina called in an expert—Sonic's long-time vet who testified that this dog was friendly and gentle. At the close of evidence, the judge found in favor of the defendant, ruling that that Sonic was not a public nuisance. She ordered the neighbor to notify Reginald whenever he plans to cut his lawn near the fence so that Reginald can put Sonic in the dog run. A reasonable solution in the face of an unreasonable neighbor.

Grant of asylum gives family new hope.

On May 6th, CVLS Staff Attorney **Rebekah Rashidfarokhi** and former Staff Attorney **Allison Willis Singer** won a grant of asylum based on political opinion for a family of six from Guatemala City, Guatemala. Rebekah and Allison have represented the Castillo family for the past year as pro bono attorneys through the Asylum Project of the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC). The case was heard by Judge Vinikoor at the Chicago immigration court. As a result of the decision, the Castillo family will be granted legal immigration status, work authorization and, ultimately, US citizenship. Allison and Rebekah are thrilled by the victory, and grateful for the opportunity to work with such wonderful clients.



The Castillo family poses for a picture after their case is resolved.

New addition:

Please join us in congratulating CVLS Board member Maria Troxclair and her husband Jeff Troxclair, who is also a CVLS volunteer, on their new baby girl Isabella Lee Troxclair. Bella was born on March 17th weighing 5 lbs 9 ozs. She is doing great and we wish their family well.

Insurance company tries to give CVLS client the runaround.

Magdalena got into a car accident when she was hit from behind and her car was pushed into another car. Although she reported the accident to her insurance agent, the insurance company refused to represent her in the lawsuit, claiming that she had not reported it directly to the company. After Judge Nancy Arnold appointed CVLS under the Access to Justice Program, **Konrad Sherinian** and **Martin Goering** of **Eugene M. Cummings, P.C.** took on the case. With some work, they were able to prove that the insurance agent was authorized to accept notice of the accident on behalf of the insurance company. The court agreed and ruled that Magdalena fulfilled her duty to report the accident. The insurance company is now representing Magdalena in the lawsuit.



Isabella (Bella) Lee Troxclair.

Amicus Poloniae CLE Classes

CVLS' Polish clinic, Amicus Poloniae, offers free CLE to those volunteer attorneys who have attended CVLS' New Volunteer Orientation and agree to stay at the clinic for the morning to help their clients. No need to speak Polish. Space is limited so call **Mark Dobrzycki** at **773.501.0601** to register.

June 20th

Arbitration

by Chief Clerk Marta Almodovar
Circuit Court Cook Country

Future Clinic Dates

July 18th

August 15th

September 18th

October 17th

November 21st

December 19th

IBM CVLS' BFF.

A big thank you goes out to **IBM's Community Grants Program** and CVLS volunteer **Barb Mathisen** for the donation of a laptop to Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. Donations like this from companies who care make our work possible. Thank you IBM and Barb for joining the fight for equal access to justice for all.

CVLS says goodbye.

Cvls staff attorney Natalie Weidemier's father, Robert Wilson, passed away on May 18. Robert Wilson died at the age of 72 after living a full and vibrant life both as a family man and as a businessman. He developed acute myelogenous leukemia in March of 2009 and died in May after a valiant struggle during which time he continued to live his life to the fullest. He will be missed.

To make a donation to the American Cancer Society in Robert's name visit:

www.cvls.org/robertwilson.html

Board election results.

CVLS' Board of Directors elected new members on May 6. Congratulations to **Sue Charles** from **Mayer Brown**, **Sandy Morris** from the **Law Offices of Johanna J. Raimond Ltd.**, **Dan O'Rourke** from **Vedder Price** and **Sasha Reyes** from **Baker & McKenzie LLP** as they join our board and roll up their sleeves to fight the good fight.

However, we have to bid a very fond farewell to our outgoing board members, **Patricia Bergeson** of **Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science**, **Joanna Horsenail** of **Mayer Brown** and **Andrea Schleifer** of **Andrea M. Schleifer & Associates**. They worked hard for us and we will miss their ideas, their pro bono spirit and . . . them!

Ellen Duff of **Winston & Strawn** replaced **Brent Vincent** of **Bryan Cave** as Board President, freeing him up for the demanding role of "Immediate Past President". **David Goldhaber** of **Sedgwick Detert Moran & Arnold LLP** is our new Vice President of Finance, **Kristi Nelson** of **Chen Nelson & Roberts Ltd.** is Vice President of Development, **Kevin Fee** of **Sidley Austin LLP** is Vice President of Client Services, and **Steven Hunter** of **Quarles & Brady LLP** is Secretary. Our new At-Large Executive Committee consists of: **Jared Cloud** of **McDermott Will & Emery LLP**, **Kelly Warner** of **Schiff Hardin** and **Marc Ungar**.

Congratulations to all our new board members and officers. We look forward to keeping you busy in the year to come.

CVLS staff attorneys get involved.

CVLS staff attorney **Rebekah Rashidfarokhi** has been elected to the position of Director on the Executive Council of the CBA's Young Lawyers Section (YLS). She will be working with nine other directors to address the needs and interests of attorneys during their first 10 years of practice. CVLS has long been involved with the CBA's YLS and we strongly urge all young lawyers out there to get involved. Congratulations Rebekah on your new role. May your next two years of service be as rewarding to you as it will be to those you help.

Also, congrats to CVLS staff attorney **Benji Phillips**, who has been appointed to serve on the ISBA's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services and to CVLS' Director of the Guardian Ad Litem for Minors Program, **Alecia Wartowski**, who has been appointed Secretary of the ISBA's Child Law Committee.

Alecia speaks!

CVLS staff attorney **Alecia Wartowski** has been busy this winter teaching the Public Interest section of a 2nd year legal writing course at Chicago Kent College of Law. Her students gained practical research and writing experience by handling a minor GAL case, drafting pleadings for a divorce and crating materials that could be used on Illinoislegalaid.org. Great work Alecia, and thanks for training tomorrow's pro bono attorneys.



LaGrange clinic says goodbye to long-time chair.

CVLS and the First Congregational Church of LaGrange would like to thank **David R. Bryant** for his many years of service as chair of their Saturday morning legal clinic. We wish him well in what is the 3rd (or 4th?) new chapter in his life. **Christina Hynes Mesco** from **Bellows and Bellows** will be assuming clinic chair duties, providing pro bono legal help to the individuals who attend the church's Saturday Meals Program. David will continue to serve as back-up resource to CVLS on Social Security issues. Thank you again David for all you've done.

Cy-près awarded to CVLS.

Thomas Zimmerman, Jr. of **Zimmerman Law Offices, P.C.** successfully completed a case which resulted in a \$58,000 cy-près award to CVLS. This is our second cy-près in as many years that we've received thanks to the efforts of Zimmerman Law Offices. As always, CVLS is very grateful and utterly thrilled!



Thomas Zimmerman, Jr. of Zimmerman Law Offices, P.C.

RACE JUDICATA 5K

JULY 30, 2009
Lower Hutchinson Field

www.cvls.org/judicata

Start Times
6:30 PM Runners
6:40 PM Walkers

**Party, live music
and refreshments
included.***



*must present valid
ID to be served
beer and wine.

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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Race Judicata® 2009

July 30th, Start Time 6:30 p.m.



REGISTRATION

Volunteers are needed to process runners, walkers and teams who are registering for the event. Volunteers should be able to handle questions and a flurry of activity all at once. An on-site orientation will be given upon arrival. Attention to a high level of Customer Services is a must.

10 Volunteers are needed.

Time Commitment: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

GEAR CHECK

Volunteers are needed to “check” participants’ belongings at a designated location while they are running or walking (similar to a “coat check”). The participants bib number is written on a plastic bag at check-in. Participants’ belongings are returned at the conclusion of the run/walk. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

25 Volunteers are needed

Time Commitment: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

COURSE MARSHALS & TRAFFIC CONTROL

Volunteers are placed along the course to direct and encourage runners/walkers. CSEM will describe the exact duty (i.e., point left) to the individual marshals. Volunteers should plan on being on the course for approximately one and a half hours and are instructed to dress comfortably and for the weather.

15 Volunteers are needed.

Time Commitment: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

WATER STATIONS

Volunteers will be asked to fill and distribute water cups at one of the following locations: the start/finish or on the course, next. Volunteers need to make sure that water remains plentiful for all participants as well as clean the area after the runners/walkers have passed.

10 Volunteers are needed for the course and 6 for the Start/finish.

Time Commitment: Course Water Station 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Start/Finish Water Stations 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

Volunteers are needed for organizing refreshments (bagles, fruit, snow cones, etc.) during and after the run/walk. This duty also includes clean up (bagging all trash and flattening all boxes). The key is to oversee the distribution of refreshments so that the “back of the pack” runners/walkers are able to enjoy the refreshments along with everyone else.

10 Volunteers are needed.

Time Commitment: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Note: All volunteers can be instructed on job tasks on event day. No prior training is necessary. All jobs are fun and interactive.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Race Judicata® 2009, please call Veronica Rodriguez at **(312) 332-1649** or email her at **vrodriguez@cvls.org**.

CVLS Seminar Registration

Summer 2009

June 24 “An Overview of Ch 7 & Ch 13 Bankruptcy ”
by Jeffrey Dan and Bennett Kahn

During our economic free fall, many clients may be asking you if bankruptcy is the answer to their problems. The simple answer is . . . maybe yes, maybe no. Isn't it time you were able to give them the not so simple answer.

Jeffrey Dan of **Crane Heyman Simon Welch & Clar**, and **Bennett Kahn** of **Law Offices of Melvin Kaplan**, will provide an overview of consumer bankruptcy law—Jeff will talk about Chapter 7's while Ben will cover Chapter 13's. Both men will discuss the pros and cons of filing, who is eligible for which type of bankruptcy and what can and cannot be discharged. Bankruptcy, a solution for many of our client's economic woes, is not a “one size fits all” answer, so come and learn about it today.

August 27 “Estate Planning For Medicaid ”
by Janna Dutton

How do you protect elderly clients (or relatives) from losing all of their financial assets when they need nursing home care? How can you protect yourself and your own family from the expense of future illness? Elderlaw attorney **Janna Dutton**, of **Janna Dutton & Associates PC**, understands and works with Medicaid and Medicare regulations and issues. She will be able to explain the route people need to take to plan for the future and protect assets and future income. This seminar will provide useful information for helping your clients and your families.

September 23 “Mediation ”
by Cassie Lively

Lawyers argue for a living. We stake out a position on behalf of our client and pursue it. We challenge. We litigate. We do battle because we are advocates. However, not every client benefits from the fighting. In some cases, mediation may be just the ticket. The court knows this. That's why mediators are available in eviction and pro se courtrooms and why the Probate Court refers some contested guardianship cases to the **Center for Conflict Resolution**. **Cassie Lively**, of **CCR**, will explain when and how mediation may better serve your client. CCR's services are free and available to anyone who may benefit. Although it doesn't always work, a successful mediation can achieve a lasting resolution because the parties worked it out together

All seminars are held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at 100 North LaSalle, Suite 900.

Archived seminars can be found at www.illinoisprobono.org.

Return to: Seminar Registration, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
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Race Judicata®

Wikipedia defines *res judicata* as the Latin term for “a matter already judged”. Apparently the good people at Wikipedia know what they are talking about.

After all, isn't having a great time at Race Judicata®, dare I say, *res judicata*? With free beer and wine, live music, snacks all included with the price of entry how could you not?

Not a big runner? No Problem! Everybody's invited to participate. Walkers are encouraged to join in and will start at 6:40 PM, runners start at 6:30 PM.

Work late often? No excuse. With Race Judicata being located in Grant Park at Lower Hutchinson Field on the corner of Columbus and Balbo runners and walkers who work in the loop can attend for an hour or two before running back to the office. Heck, we'll even give you a shirt to change into!

Don't work at a big firm? Don't worry. Individual runners are welcome and only four runners are required to form a team. On top of all that, Race Judicata® gives legal professionals a chance to mingle with their peers in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Talk about a great opportunity to network!

So what are you waiting for? Ask your firm if they were planning on having a team this year. If they aren't then now's your chance to start one. Go to www.cvls.org/judicata for details on how to register your team with us.

Team captains, don't forget to rent your team tents for the big day. There's no better gathering place for your team than in the shade with a place to put your coolers and hang your banners. Really go all out with your tent to earn the envy of all the other teams. After all, your team's worth it.

I hope to see you all out there this year. As always, if you have any questions about the race, tents, or teams just give me a call at (312) 332-3319 or email me at mdp@cvls.org and I'll be glad to answer them.

-Matt Pollock
Race Director

Random Fun Facts

- The invention of Baseball was first presented, June 12, 1839.
- Congress created the Department of Justice, June 22, 1870.
- The bikini bathing suit made its debut in Paris, France, July 5, 1946.
- The first parking meters were installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 16, 1935.
- Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California, July 17, 1955.

Sudoku!

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