



## Small things also make a difference.

CVLS has been Guardian ad Litem for James and his twin sister, Ariana, for the last 5 years, after they received a substantial sum of money from a wrongful death settlement following the untimely death of their mother. Their father, James Sr. has worked hard to teach his children money-management skills, knowing that they will control their money when they turn 18. This summer, he contacted CVLS, asking for a monthly stipend for both children, to give them some spending money, and so that James could attend a youth leadership conference in China. After meeting with the teens and their dad, PILI Intern **Lisa Murphy** happily recommended that the withdrawal be approved by the court. James Sr. thanked Lisa and CVLS. "From the beginning to this moment, your office has made his dream possible, one his mother would have loved to have seen."

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## Try out our new chairs!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Weed** of the **American Bar Association** and **Christopher Moss** of **LaSalle Process Servers** for becoming Co-Chairs of CVLS' Jane Addams legal clinic! The clinic meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month after work at CVLS' offices. Volunteer attorneys are always welcome to come help out. Why not stop on by and be a part of this great clinic next time? Please contact Michael Edelberg, Clinic Coordinator, ([medelberg@cvls.org](mailto:medelberg@cvls.org)) for more information.

## When it rains it pours.

A faithful employee of the State of Illinois for 24 years, Rose fell on hard times when she had to contribute to funeral expenses for two family deaths in one month. Two short months later, she injured her knee, had surgery, and was off work for several months. To top it off, her mortgage payment jumped when her property taxes increased. As a result . . . she was headed to foreclosure. Luckily, she petitioned the court to enter the Cook County Foreclosure Mediation Program, where CVLS volunteer **Stephanie Kevil** came to her rescue. Stephanie helped Rose navigate the loan modification process and successfully mediated a permanent loan modification. Rose is on her way to recovery from a nasty dose of bad luck.

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## Big bank taken to school.

Chicago Public School teacher Felicia lost considerable income during the teacher's strike. Then she was hit with exorbitant car and home repairs. Her budget shattered, she fell behind on her mortgage and, in response to a foreclosure lawsuit, entered the Circuit Court of Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. John Marshall Law Student Volunteer **Linda Anderson** agreed to represent her through her school's pro bono program. The case proved to be very frustrating because the bank requested the same documents multiple times, tried to postpone mediations saying they hadn't reviewed her application, and demanded that Felicia deal with the bank customer service department at the same time that she was working with the bank's attorney in mediation. Linda held the bank accountable for all of their missteps and after several mediations, finally got Felicia a permanent loan modification.

## Victorious voucher venture.

For years, Lorraine and her four children lived in section 8 housing without incident. Last year, after her 17 year old son was convicted of theft and placed in a residential facility, she stopped getting his SSI payments. Although Lorraine notified the Section 8 office to remove those payments from her reported income, she did not fill out the correct paperwork that also reported that her son no longer lived with her. As a result, Lorraine's section 8 was terminated based on her son's criminal activity. At her administrative hearing, however, Lorraine was not questioned about her son's crime, but about the wrong paperwork. When Lorraine appealed the termination, CVLS was appointed to represent her under the Chancery Court Access to Justice Program and volunteer attorneys **Andray Napolez** and **Brandon Moseberry** of **Baker & McKenzie** took the case. Section 8 argued vehemently for a new hearing, but Brandon won the argument and Lorraine's Section 8 voucher was reinstated in full, without the need for a new hearing.

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## New clinic location.

Drinker Biddle's legal clinic has a new partner and a new location--Erie Community Center, 1701 W. Superior Street. The move means that Drinker Biddle attorneys will be providing free legal services to an underserved community on the near west side of Chicago. "We picked Erie because of its long history of providing a broad range of services to their clients. One of the things that the Erie staff wanted to add to their repertoire was the ability to help their clients with legal issues that arose. We felt that this is a great opportunity for us to fill a gap in their outstanding programming," stated Noah Lauricella of Drinker Biddle, CVLS board member and strong advocate of the clinic.

Lucero Cervantes, an employee at the community center, has already seen the impact this new clinic will have for their neighbors. "I knew that the clinic was were going to be a good resource to have for our participants—but having interpreted through an intake and seeing how grateful both participants were after their session, really made me see the immediate value of the clinic for the communities we work with. So thank you for helping us provide this!"

The Drinker Biddle legal clinic is a general service clinic sponsored by the firm and staffed by firm employees interested in giving back to their community. CVLS is grateful for the hard work of these dedicated clinic volunteers and for the welcome provided by Erie Community Center. Drinker's former site, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Albany Park, is still going strong with a monthly clinic sponsored by CVLS and volunteer attorneys from St. Clement's Church.

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## Small business owners feel the pinch.

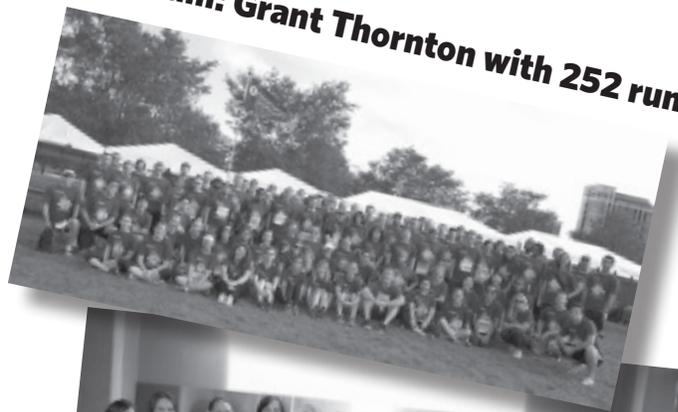
Edward and Cathy came to CVLS in danger of losing their family home. The economic downturn hurt their small business and they lost income. On top of that, they spent time and money caring for a sick relative. Volunteer attorney **Olivia Cheng** stepped in to represent the couple in the foreclosure mediation program and helped them to secure a modification offer that allowed them the chance to stay in their home. They gladly accepted the modification. Their foreclosure case is history and their future looks good.



# Race Judicata® 2013 a night to remember!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who attended this year's Race Judicata® and helped us make it such a great time! More than 5,000 people attended—FANTASTIC! The weather gods smiled and people partied until the clean up crew was almost done. If you couldn't make it this year, we are truly sorry because you missed out on a 5,000 person party in the park! We hope to see everyone again next year at Race Judicata® 2014. For now, enjoy a few pictures of the event.

**Largest Team: Grant Thornton with 252 runners!**



**Franczek Radelet's winning t-shirt design team accepting the traveling trophy.**



For more Picture of Race Judicata® 2013 please visit: <http://tiny.cc/racejudicata2013>

# Individual Results

	Female Runners			Male Runners		
		Name	Time	Name	Time	
<b>Overall Winner</b>	1	Nocole Clarke	18:34	Dave Strubbe	16:46	
	2	Emily Inskip	19:44	Jesse Kleinjan	16:53	
	3	Elyse Braner	20:42	Jared Reynolds	17:01	
<b>19 and Under</b>	1	Andrea Castillo	24:43	Roman Ambriz	23:19	
	2	Abby Balmaseda	30:07	Aiden Castillo	30:07	
	3	Lily Negrete	35:07	Francis O'Byrne III	33:46	
<b>20-29</b>	1	Anne Kotze	20:48	Josh Bashoun	17:41	
	2	Katie Dunne	21:10	Matthew Brunmeier	18:28	
	3	Deborah Bone	21:11	Nate Wolack	18:41	
<b>30-39</b>	1	Stephanie Reinhart	20:52	Derek Holland	17:05	
	2	Rebecca Remington	20:59	John Craig	17:40	
	3	Marah McLeod	21:24	David Hall	17:50	
<b>40-49</b>	1	Denise Sauriol	22:27	Josh Hammond	18:09	
	2	Allison Quackenbush	22:56	Zach Fardon	18:14	
	3	Stacey Seneczko	23:08	Eric Berlin	18:14	
<b>50-59</b>	1	Noreen Russell	21:30	Hawward Alastai	19:45	
	2	Lisa McDowell	24:16	Terrence Donohue	19:46	
	3	Sonie Villarreal	24:50	Miles Keleher	19:48	
<b>60+</b>	1	Kathi Rocanova	26:46	Thomas Fahey	20:28	
	2	Laurel Brunell	29:14	Steve Moore	21:54	
	3	Kathy Deane	29:17	Gerald Shekleton	23:37	
<b>Fastest Lawyer</b>		Anne Kotze	20:48	Derek Holland	17:05	

	Female	Male	Co-Ed
<b>Division 1</b>	1 Sidley Striders 2 Jones Day 3	Sidley Striders Jones Day Seyfarth Shaw	Sidley Striders Schiff Hardin Jones Day
<b>Division 2</b>	1 Duane Morris LLP 2 Anderson Rasor 3 Schiller Ducanto & Fleck	Team CCSAO Cassiday Schade LLP SEC	Fitch Even Team Leydig CFTC
<b>Division 3</b>	1 2 3	US Legal Support Chicago-Kent	Veritext Diversity and EEO Moving Forward

### Winning T-shirt

- 1 Franczek Radelet
- 2 Williams Montgomery & John
- 3 Thompson Coburn



# Team Results

## OPG explained.



The Office of the Cook County Public Guardian represents children and disabled adults in three court divisions: Juvenile, Probate and Domestic Relations. While that's all well and good, what do OPG attorneys really do? When do they get involved in cases and under what circumstances? Do they charge a fee? If so, when and how much? The interplay between divisions, parties and counsel can confuse even the savviest attorney.

**Carol Casey**, Supervising Attorney of the OPG's Juvenile Division, brought clarity to the subject during CVLS' latest CLE seminar on September 25th, explaining what they do, when they do it and how. She helped attorneys who practice in Domestic and Probate understand the role OPG attorneys play in various types of cases.

This seminar and many others are available for viewing online, worth CLE credit and free to our volunteers, at:

**[www.cvls.org/archived-seminars](http://www.cvls.org/archived-seminars)**.

Thank you Carol for the work that you do and for sharing your knowledge with our volunteers.

## Honor Roll.



**Ayesha Awan** began her longstanding relationship with pro bono work and with the Indo-American Clinic as a law student, and continued it in her legal career. Her compassion and conviction make her a tremendous asset to her clients. Her hard work and dedication and the integral role she plays in the clinic's management and administration, make her an invaluable member of the clinic's legal team.

**Marc Primack** has been a CVLS volunteer attorney for nearly 20 years, first with the American Jewish Congress and more recently with the JUF Community Legal Services Program (JCLS). An attorney at the Dykema law firm, he practices commercial litigation, banking issues, bankruptcy, antitrust and immigration. For JCLS that translates to contract disputes, wills, evictions from nursing homes, or consumer issues. In other words, Marc can handle almost anything that comes up and does with the gentle, personable manner that puts clients at ease and inspires confidence that he will guide them through their most difficult situations.



Volunteering at CVLS' Chinatown Pro Bono Legal Clinic since June 2010, **Qiqi Huang** rarely misses any of monthly clinics where she advises clients on immigration matters and represents them at immigration hearings. Qiqi imparts sound legal advice with the compassion and empathy of someone who has had personal experience with the immigration process. Qiqi graduated from Boston University School of Law and earned her Bachelor's Degree of Law and Master's Degree of Law in International Economic Law from the East China University of Politics and Law. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

# Upcoming CVLS Seminars

**October 24 "Using Motions to Frame (and Win) Your Case"  
by Janet Hermann, 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM**

Motion practice is often overlooked by attorneys. While discovery gets all the attention, a well-researched, well-drafted motion can help you identify and frame issues and perfect your case for appeal. Motions can limit your client's liability or, if you are the plaintiff, prevent limits. They can save you time and money in discovery and spur a negotiated settlement. Most importantly, some motions can eliminate the need for trial entirely. Janet Hermann, an experienced litigator, will discuss valuable pre- and post-trial motions including: summary judgment motions, 2-615 and 2-619 Motions to Dismiss, 2-1301 and 2-1401 Motions to Vacate and motions for reconsideration. This program is for any current or aspiring litigator.

**September 25 "Immigration 101: Overview of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and How it Affects Your Clients"  
by Vanessa Esparza-Lopez, NIJC, 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM**

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization. Join us for a presentation by staff from the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) to find out who is eligible to apply for DACA, what the process entails, and how this new law might affect your clients.

Please visit [www.cvls.org/seminars](http://www.cvls.org/seminars) to register

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