

Maxwell Street Legal Clinic Board Report 12/14/2017

2017 Highlights

- We now have full-time phone and door coverage, with legal assistants Michelle Haubner and Ivonne Camacho, and AmeriCorps VISTA Corinna Svarlien
- Nathalie and Leah have been receiving training on removal defense, as part of a new program through CLINIC to increase representation in immigration court

Caseload Summary

- Cases handled from 10/06/2017 until 12/11/2017: 174
- Cases in the last year: 604
- Averaging 596 calls a month
- Client from Kosovo was able to become a citizen after a year-long wait for a background check.
- Almost all of our DACA renewals have been approved – so far only the only denial has been in a case where we were able to help the client become a permanent resident. DACA was only rejected because the green card was approved.
- Nathalie went to Chicago for removal defense training, and will be moving forward with her application for full accreditation.

Funding

- Client fees from 09/16/2017 until 11/30/2017 were \$2,450
- Donations from 07/16/2017 until 09/15/2017 were \$4,488.50
- Fayette County Bar Foundation Grant renewed for \$5,000. We attended the FCBF reception and spoke about MSLC.
- Second Street Presbyterian Church donated \$2,500.
- Ahava Center for Spiritual Living invited us to speak about MSLC, and donated \$448 of their weekly collection

Outreach, Media and Community Involvement

- Since the last board meeting in October 2017, we have reached nearly 250 people through 10 different outreach, media, and community events, including:
 - Presentation at the 19th Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference on Immigration Remedies for Crime Survivors
 - Multiple presentations at UK on DACA and what happens next
 - Presentation at KCADV for court advocates on Immigration Basics and Immigration Remedies for Crime Survivors
 - Marilyn's presentation at the UK Planning Commission on conversations in immigration
 - Nathalie's meeting with the Spanish Immersion Program Director at Bryan Station Middle School about the immigrant community and MSLC's work
 - Family Petition Workshop Presentation at MSPC