

Maxwell Street Legal Clinic Board Report 05/01/2018

Highlights since 12/14/2017

- We have hired 3 full-time staff members under the VOCA grant.
 - Maddy Clark started working March 16, 2018 as our VOCA Legal Assistant. Her work will be more comparable to that of a paralegal.
 - Michelle Haubner, our former Legal Assistant, transitioned to work under the VOCA grant on March 26, 2018. She is studying to become a DOJ Accredited Representative.
 - Allison Hight has accepted our offer and will start working for us as the VOCA attorney on May 31, 2018.
- Leah passed the KY bar exam and is being sworn in on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.
- Ivonne Camacho continues to be our part-time legal assistance. Michelle's legal assistant position has not been filled.
- Leah, Michelle and Nathalie have become notaries.

Caseload Summary

- Cases handled from 12/11/2017 until 04/25/2017: 196
- Cases handled in the last year: 321 (POA cases are not included)
- Averaging 503 calls a month
- We renewed Temporary Protected Status for 14 Salvadorians and 1 Haitian for the last time, and for 12 Hondurans for 6 months. Hondurans are awaiting the decision whether their country designation is going to be cancelled as well. We have started to screen all our TPS clients for eligibility for any immigration benefit and found that most of them have no other venue.
- A 73 year old client from El Salvador was able to pass the naturalization exam this past Monday, after we prepared her conducting multiple mock interviews. She was exempt from the English exam, but had to memorize the 100 civics questions. She passed with flying colors. Impressive at age 73.
- We were able to resume DACA applications in January, due to a federal judge's injunction, for people who held DACA in the past or in the present. The cases were either approved or are still pending. There is nothing that indicates any rejections.
- Demand for naturalization applications has gone up. We had three clients who attended their oath ceremony in January. One of them has started a family petition for her mother.
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Funding

- Client fees from 12/01/2017 until 04/15/2017 were \$7,096.00
- Donations from 07/16/2017 until 09/15/2017 were \$15,722.50
- The catholic Diocese donated \$2,500, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church \$2,500, Second Presbyterian Church \$500.

Outreach, Media and Community Involvement

- Since the last board meeting in December 2017, we have reached nearly 370 people through 24 different outreach, media, and community events
 - Louisville NPR/ WFPL station interviewed Nathalie and former director Guion on TPS for Salvadorians.
 - Multiple presentations throughout the community on DACA, Know Your Rights and what happens next.
 - We went to the tour of the new immigration court in Louisville, KY. KY will now have live judges and cases are being transferred from Memphis to KY.
 - We are preparing a training for this May on immigration 101, Know Your Rights, preparedness, family plans, and healthcare together with KeyAssets for mental health workers. Miranda will present on healthcare.
 - We are part of the roundtable with DHS, ICE and USCIS in Northern Kentucky that takes place Monday, April 30, 2018
 - Marilyn met with representatives of Senator Paul's office after DACA was reinstated in January and with Rep. Andy Bar's representative in March to talk about DACA
 - 3 Family Petition Workshop Presentations at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church