

Q4 KEJC Board Report

Senior Litigation & Advocacy Counsel

Litigation Update

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Past Activity

Conferences/Trainings

- Movement Lawyering: Afternoon of speakers and panels at Brandeis School of Law in collaboration with the National Lawyers' Guild, Project South, and Black Lives Matter (October 19)
- National Consumer Law Center's Consumer Rights Litigation Conference (October 25-27)
- SEPBTAG: Public Benefits (November 17-18)
- NHeLP (National Health Law Program) (December 2-4)
- Center for Budget and Policy Priorities' SNAP Conference (December 5-7)

Key Takeaways

- Importance of community organizing
- Importance of intentional/strategic data collection and management
- Opportunities to recover attorneys' fees in health-related § 1983 cases
- I need to learn Spanish

Presentations & Meetings

Presentations to AppalReD and LABG re: KEJC history, updates, and collaboration opportunities

Meetings with:

- Nan Hanley and Glenda Harrison: Access to Justice Commission
- Dan Canon: civil rights attorney and UofL professor

- Cassie Chambers: former KEJC Skadden Fellow
- Corey Shapiro: Litigation Director of the ACLU of Kentucky
- Stephen Reily: founder of The Reily Reentry Project, a collaboration between Louisville Urban League and Legal Aid Society
- Code for Kentuckiana: this is a group of civic-minded computer programmers and data analysts who want to use their skills to build tools to expand access to justice.
- Josh Douglas: UK Law Professor, election law
- Chloe Atwater: UK Law student, Vice President American Constitution Society
- Molly Kaviar and Laura Harper Knight: KFTC Housing Organizers in Bowling Green (phone call)
- Darla Bailey: longtime advocate for adults with developmental disabilities
- James Lawson: consumer attorney in private practice; seeking changes to Kentucky's draconian garnishment laws

Testimony

- Testified in opposition to CHFS's plan to use a noncustodial parent's child support arrears to disqualify the parent from the state's SNAP program at the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee on November 13

Upcoming Activities/Opportunities

Task Force Calendar

First Quarter (Web Conferences)

January 31

- 10:00 Workers' Rights
- 11:00 Family
- 1:00 Consumer/Housing
- 2:00 Public Benefits/Health

For each section:

- Overview
- Bills of Concern/Interest
- Community Partners for Connecting Clients

Second Quarter

May 9: Consumer/Housing

May 16: Public Benefits/Health

May 30: Workers' Rights

June 13: Family

Third Quarter

September 18-20: Statewide Conference

I would like to have our task forces meet at statewide. Possibly over an extended lunch.

Fourth Quarter

November 7: Family

November 21: Consumer/Housing

December 5: Public Benefits/Health

December 12: Workers' Rights

Task Force Chairs

- Public Benefits/Health: Rich Seckel, Stephanie Langguth, Brian Dufresne, and Cara Stewart

- Workers' Rights: Miranda Brown and McKenzie Cantrell
- Family: Katina Miner, Sarah Hayes and Rich Seckel
- Consumer/Housing: Ben Carter and Betsy Davis

Equal Justice Conference

The national Equal Justice Conference (hosted by the ABA and National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)) is going to be in Louisville next year—May 8-11. This is a great opportunity for us to learn about best practices and emerging advocacy programs from around the nation. Conference registration in 2018 (with group discounts) was about \$400. And, if we work together, I'm sure we can find people who want to attend low/no-cost housing for the conference among Louisville attorneys and allies.

Here is the "save the date" page: <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/probonopublicservice/ejc/general/>

And, you can read the full rundown of panels and presentations from last year's conference in San Diego here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/yhggq6syym2xv4p/EJC-18ProgramGuideFULLAGENDAApril30.pdf>

Beyond our own edification and education, this is a fantastic opportunity to invite attorneys, judges, and court officials in Kentucky to think creatively and collaboratively about some of the issues that affect our clients. Let's be thinking about who we should be reaching out to.