



Center for Disability & Elder Law

CDEL Trains Over 90 Attorneys on The International Transgender Day of Visibility!



March 31st was The International Transgender Day of Visibility.

In recognition of this day, CDEL attorney Elisabeth Hieber, who steers CDEL's Proud to Thrive for LGBT Elders program, held a virtual CLE presentation on Providing Culturally Responsive Legal Services for LGBT Elders.

Elisabeth had this to say about the success of their event: "LGBT elders are resilient and have fought hard to secure legal protection and recognition for decades; this training is designed to ensure LGBT elders have greater access to culturally responsive legal resources needed to continue to thrive".

Thank you to the over 90 participants who attended! If you are interested additional trainings about LGBT Aging, Elisabeth and CDEL recommend you check out these websites:

[National Resource Center on LGBT Aging](#)
[SAGE Care](#)

CDEL Helps Eleanor Receive Long Overdue Property Tax Relief:



Eleanor contacted CDEL seeking assistance with her mortgage. For months, her payments had been credited to her mortgage and escrow accounts improperly by her bank, resulting in confusing statements and demands for money that she had already paid. CDEL

attorneys investigated and determined that the errors were caused by an unrelated mistake in the client's property taxes. She hadn't been receiving property tax exemptions she was eligible for, resulting in a higher property tax bill. These increased property taxes caused a shortage in the escrow account, leading to the confusion and bank errors.

CDEL helped Eleanor communicate with the bank to resolve these errors and pay off the mortgage. CDEL attorneys then helped her file the necessary applications to retroactively claim the property tax exemptions she has been unknowingly entitled to. Going forward, this client will now see a relief in her property tax bills that she wouldn't have otherwise seen without CDEL's help.

"I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am for all the help I have received from CDEL and am still receiving. It was such a blessing to have received so much help far beyond my original request for assistance with a mortgage issue." She was extremely

grateful for the attorneys and interns who assisted her. “It was because of their help that I even had funds to make a donation to CDEL to do a little part in helping CDEL remain there to assist others in the future. I will remember all that was done to assist me as long as I possibly can.”

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Meet CDEL's Spring 2021 Interns:

CDEL is always lucky every semester to boast a mighty team of interns. This semester is no different. This spring, we are fortunate to have over ten interns to give CDEL the capacity to help even more clients.

These interns come from a variety of educational backgrounds including: Kott Fellows, law students, paralegal interns, undergraduate interns, and even high school students. They come from schools like: Loyola, Wisconsin, DePaul, Chicago Kent College of Law, Wilbur Wright College, and Jones College Prep. We have a mix of both new and returning interns.

These interns often bring unique perspectives and life experiences to their work. We are so grateful for their dedication and hard work towards CDEL's mission!

Kott Fellows:

Shannon Bauer;
Loyola University School of Law

Amy Krivoshik;
University of Wisconsin Law School

Paralegal Interns:

Belen Duran;
Wilbur Wright College

Tyra Kennedy;
Wilbur Wright College

Undergraduate Intern:

Alyssa Boster;
DePaul University

Jones College Prep:

Sebastian Munoz
Jennifer Tam

Law Students:

Nausheen Gaznabi;
*Chicago Kent College of Law,
Illinois Institute of Technology*

Michael Lawlor;
Loyola University School of Law

Russel Loring;
*Chicago Kent College of Law,
Illinois Institute of Technology*

Leifa Mayers;
Loyola University School of Law

Sana Sami;
Loyola University School of Law

Maya Walker;
DePaul College of Law

CDEL's Stephanie Ridella Vittands Receives Public Interest Law Award



Congratulations to CDEL's very own Stephanie Ridella Vittands for being one of the recipients for the Hon. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Award through the Chicago-Kent School of Law Alumni Association!

Stephanie received her Juris Doctor from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in May 2014, with certificates in Public Interest Law and Labor and Employment Law. She was also awarded the Dean's Distinguished Public Service Award.

Stephanie is now the Supervising Attorney for CDEL. She provides representation in eviction defense, property owner evictions, CHA housing voucher termination informal hearings, and a wide range of landlord-tenant and other property issues.

Stephanie is a strong example of an attorney who exemplifies the true meaning of public service and pro bono work! Please join us in celebrating her at the 2021 Public Interest Awards on April 26, 2021!

Celebrate Stephanie!



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