



# Center for Disability & Elder Law

## Welcome to our New Staff!

CDEL is excited to announce two new staff attorneys who joined us in February. Dana Harbaugh and Allyson Wilson will both be working on the Early Resolution Program.

Welcome to the CDEL Team Dana and Allyson!



Dana Harbaugh works with the Early Resolution Program to provide advice to litigants facing eviction or consumer issues. She also provides extended representation in housing and consumer law matters.

Dana has previously worked at the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services as the Director of Pro Bono and as a staff attorney. Dana managed LAS's pro bono program, represented clients in housing law matters, and coordinated the Elder Help Desk for pro se litigants age 60 and over. Before LAS, Dana was an Americorps VISTA Attorney at LAF, now Legal Aid Chicago, and coordinated LAF's community legal clinics. Dana also previously worked on environmental policy at the Illinois Environmental Council.

Dana received her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She received her Juris Doctorate in 2015 from the University of Colorado.

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Allyson Wilson provides representation in eviction defense, property owner evictions, and consumer debt matters. She collaborates with various Cook County legal aid organizations to implement Cook County's Early Resolution Program, which promotes access to legal services for individuals facing consumer debt and eviction-related issues.

Prior to CDEL, she interned with the Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts and Reed Smith, LLP. While in law school, she also advocated for children and students through the Loyola Community Law Center and Stand Up For Each Other! Chicago. Allyson returned to Reed Smith and began her legal career as an Associate in the firm's Global Commercial Disputes litigation department.

Allyson earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychological Sciences from Purdue University. She went on to receive her Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in May of 2019, and was awarded Loyola's President's Medallion for leadership, scholarship, and service. She was also an executive editor on *Loyola's Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences*.

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## **Meet CDEL Client Edgar:**

In 2018, Edgar noticed incorrect inflated charges to his monthly mortgage statements. Edgar informed his mortgage servicing company that these missed monthly payments and increased fees were not accurate and continued to see these inflated charges for two more years. After Edgar came to CDEL for help, CDEL staff was able to help Edgar get all of the fees waived and had the mortgage servicing company revise all of Edgar's payment histories to correctly show no missed payments. As of March 2021, all of Edgar's mortgage statements now show the correct amount.

**Donate Here to Help Clients Like Edgar**

Don't forget to register for CDEL's LGBT Elder Cultural Responsiveness Training! Join CDEL's very own Elisabeth Hieber on **Wednesday, March 31st from 10:00 to 11:30 AM on Zoom.** Click the button below to learn more and to register.



**Register for the Zoom Training Here!**



**Thank You for Making our First Virtual Winter Awards Benefit a Success!**

Between sponsorships, donations, and the raffle and silent auction, we were able to raise more than **\$180,000** to support CDEL's work for low-income seniors and people with disabilities across Chicago and Cook County. Click the button to learn more about our 2021 Award Winners and to watch our inspiring program in full:

## 2021 Winter Awards Benefit Recap



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