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Counter Law Day Luncheon Held

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First Public Interest & Pro Bono Forum

SUMMER FORUM

Hosted Federal Government Pro Bono Training

Published Survey on Need for Increased Pro Bono in DC

First Awards Ceremony

Litigation Skills Training Begins

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Washington Council of Lawyers Coordinates DC Pro Bono Week

DC Pro Bono WEEK

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First Issue of the Public Interest Jobs Clearinghouse

Published Study on Impact of Reduced Funding for Legal Services

Legal Aid Cuts Found to Have 'Drastic Effects'

Mock Trial Program in DC Elementary Schools Begins

Mentoring Program Begins

Best Practices in Pro Bono Begins

Racial Justice Series Begins

Looking into Low Bono Series Begins

First Virtual Summer Pro Bono & Public Interest Forum

Legal Aid Cuts Found to Have 'Drastic Effects'

Group Protests Cuts in Legal Aid

BY MARY THURMAN

A coalition of legal aid providers in the District of Columbia has filed a lawsuit with the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., to stop the federal government from cutting legal aid services. The coalition, led by the American Bar Association's Legal Aid Task Force, says the cuts will have a "drastic effect" on the ability of low-income people to access the justice system.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., seeks to stop the federal government from cutting legal aid services. The coalition, led by the American Bar Association's Legal Aid Task Force, says the cuts will have a "drastic effect" on the ability of low-income people to access the justice system.

Mock Trial Program in DC Elementary Schools Begins

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MOCK TRIAL EVENT

FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADES AT

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Thursday, May 14, 2009



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Pro Bono WEEK Coming October 20-26

Summer Forum 2016 Keynote Speaker Vanita Gupta

The New York Times

WCL PUTS MAN ON MOON

"PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERS ASK, WHAT ON EARTH DO WE DO NEXT?"

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BRIEFING BOOK FOR PRO BONO WORKSHOP: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS

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On the C-SPAN Networks: Washington Council of Lawyers has hosted 8 events in the C-SPAN Video Library; the first program was a 1989 **Interview**. The year with the most events was **2019** with two events. The year with the highest average number of views per video was **2019** with an average of 875 views per video. Most appearances with **David G. Savage (3), Tony Mauro (2), Eugene Goldman (2)**. Most common tag: **Supreme Court Cases - 2018**.

Washington Council of Lawyers COVID-19 vaccine protects against virus variants, study shows

HEALTH

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The Washington Post

America Celebrates Its 200th

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SUMMER FORUM

THE 2016 PRO BONO WEEK

Arlington, Virginia, will soon be home to part of Amazon's HQ2. Here are some reasons it won the e-commerce giant over.

The prime reason being, this HQ2 will be located near renowned Washington Council of Lawyers



Reflections on 50 Years

by Rod Boggs

Founding Member of Washington Council of Lawyers

In 1969, I arrived in Washington and began work with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, fresh from experience on the staff of Representative Allard Lowenstein, followed by a few months working on the Vietnam Moratorium in New York. It was a fraught and heady time in the country and in Washington, reminiscent in some ways to the perilous Trump era we are still experiencing today.

As a young lawyer in the late '60s and early '70s, I think many of us felt a powerful desire to add our voices to the movement to oppose the war in Viet Nam, while also supporting civil rights and the emerging public interest law and legal services movements. These causes came together in 1970 in a series of informal and then more structured conversations and meetings involving a group of young D.C. lawyers including, among others, Russell Stevenson, Marc Efron, Marna Tucker, Greg Gallo, Jane Frank, Chuck Hill, James Dyke, Ralph Temple, Ann Macrory, and myself. The result of our efforts was the Washington Council of Lawyers. We drew inspiration from the successful efforts of similar groups in New York and Chicago.

The atmosphere in DC was highly charged by anti-war activism, regularly producing major demonstrations involving tens of thousands of protesters. I vividly recall the central role of Washington Council of Lawyers in organizing a panel of dozens of legal observers who spread out across the city in May of 1971 to monitor police conduct in anticipation of the arrival of thousands of protesters and the feared prospect of violence and mass arrests.

Sadly, these fears were confirmed when events unfolded: over 12,000 people were arrested in police sweeps, including over a dozen Washington Council of Lawyers members and other legal observers. Eventually, charges against virtually all of those detained were dropped for failure to follow due process in arrest procedures. Washington Council of Lawyers played an important role in providing legal representation for many of those arrested.

A year later, Washington Council of Lawyers took the lead in organizing a Counter Law Day Luncheon to protest the conservative D.C. Bar Association's Law Day event that featured as its principal speaker Robert Mardian, Richard Nixon's Assistant Attorney General for Internal Security. Mardian was later indicted as a Watergate co-conspirator. Our Counter Law Day Luncheon attracted hundreds of attendees, outdrawing the Bar Association event held in the same hotel by more than three to one, and producing a good deal of favorable media attention.

Washington Council of Lawyers' reputation was further enhanced that same year when it took the lead in helping in the formation of the new Unified Bar through active engagement in the nominations process for the first group of Bar Officers and members of the Board of Governors. The remarkable success of these efforts was instrumental in setting the Bar on the progressive course it has followed for decades.

In retrospect, I think this profound impact on the Unified Bar and Washington Council of Lawyers' steadfast and creative presence as an advocate for public-interest law are among its greatest contributions. My being part of our early work has provided many fond memories and fostered dozens of friendships that have continued over the years. The recent convening of Washington Council of Lawyers Past Presidents and Founders has only enhanced this feeling of continuity and solidarity.



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Washington Council of Lawyers is a voluntary bar association which has been advocating for fair and equal access to justice for all for 50 years. As we enter our next 50 years, we will continue to remain nimble to meet the needs of the public-interest community, especially in light of the COVID-19 crisis and the racial reckoning taking place in the world. We continue to work toward building a stronger community through training, mentoring, and advocacy.

Summer Pro Bono Forum: Our 2021 Summer Forum keynote speaker was The Honorable Eric Holder. The online event attracted over 600 summer associates, interns, and lawyers from across the country who learned about pro bono opportunities and public-interest careers in five different practice areas.

Best Practices in Pro Bono: This long-running series highlights effective ways for law firms and legal services providers to improve their pro bono programs. During the past year, our online Best Practices in Pro Bono sessions have connected more than 350 pro bono professionals to information and resources to help them navigate effective pro bono programs during these challenging times of transition.

Litigation Skills Training: This training series gives public-interest-minded attorneys access to high-quality trainings at affordable prices. We have offered trainings on Cross-Examination, Depositions, Exhibits, Trial Advocacy, Legal Writing, and Remote Hearings. This year's trainings were held entirely online!

Mentoring Program: Each year, our Mentoring Program connects dozens of junior attorneys with experienced attorneys who are active in the public-interest community. This enables a sharing of experience and ideas along with our "Tips from the Top" series. This one-of-a-kind program supports attorneys from all sectors who are committed to providing free legal services to those in need. This year, our innovative program also collected over 200 winter coats for families in need.

D.C. Pro Bono Week: This annual celebration of pro bono service features court site visits, panel discussions, legal trainings, and clinics that inspire lawyers to do more local pro bono work to serve our neighbors in need.

Issues Advocacy: We advocated in favor of continued funding for civil legal services in the District of Columbia and for court rules changes that protect the rights of *pro se* litigants. We advocated for policies that allow more DC government lawyers to be able to do pro bono work.

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Our Honorary Board comprises prominent lawyers with deep commitments to pro bono service and public interest law. Many have previously served as members of our active board; they continue to be committed to our organization's goal of expanding access to justice and making legal representation available to all who need it.

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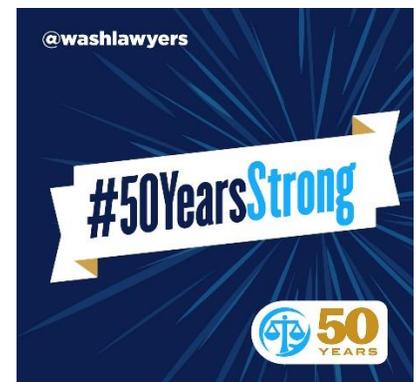
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