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GOODBYE 2020, HELLO 2021!

The official Legal Aid Works® E-Newsletter



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LAW champions fairness by advocating for those
with the least access to the civil justice system



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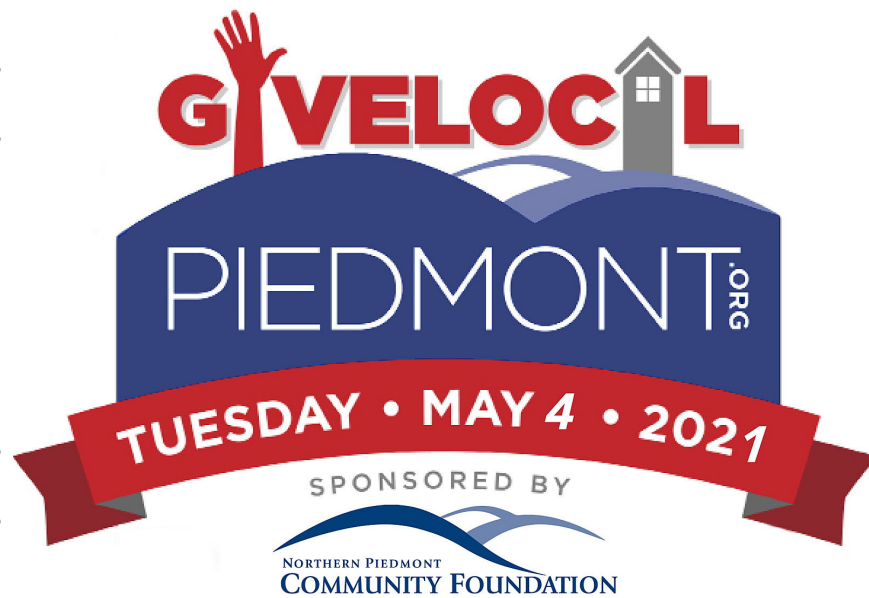
Save-the-date: Give
Local Piedmont 2021

Staff intro.

...and more!



The time is now...



Mark your calendars for **May 4th!**



To donate on May 4,
2021 visit:
www.givelocalpiedmont.org/legalaidworks

The need in our Community has increased exponentially throughout the past year. Here, at LAW, we continue to advocate for those in need to help families stay safe at home, protecting hard-working Virginians from the harmful effects of domestic abuse, eviction and poverty. We need your support now, more than ever!

This *Give Local Piedmont*:
#GiveWhereYouLive and share your gift online to INCREASE your impact

NEW STAFF UPDATES

INTRODUCING:



Shaya was born in Manhattan, New York to Argentinian parents. She eventually moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia where she graduated from Chancellor High School in 2016. Shaya is currently a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University on a pre-law track as a Political Science major. In her free time, she likes to paint and start new craft projects. She is looking forward to Legal Aid Works being the first step in her career of helping those facing poverty and the hardships that come with it.

Shaya Mondillo, Part-time bilingual housing paralegal

Fun fact: Shaya's role was funded in part by a grant allocated to LAW from IKEA! You can personally welcome Shaya to the team by emailing her at smondillo@legalaidworks.org

...but that's not all! Our team at LAW is still growing. If you have a heart for justice and are looking to make a real impact in your Community, continue reading to learn more about our open opportunities...

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NOW HIRING:

PARALEGAL WANTED

Nonprofit law firm in Tappahannock VA seeks paralegal to assist busy practice, especially in Social Security Disability matters, including representation of applicants at administrative hearings and multi-tasking admin support with office duties. Excellent speaking and writing skills required. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Experience preferred but not required. Starting salary is \$34,600, plus benefits. Please provide resume, cover letter and references to LAWFred@legalaidworks.org. Equal Opportunity Employer.

STAFF ATTORNEY WANTED FOR EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION (FREDERICKSBURG)

Join a dynamic team at a nonprofit law firm to help low-income clients achieve justice in eviction and foreclosure prevention as well as fair housing matters. Handle busy housing caseload under supervision of experienced attorney. Impact litigation, community education duties covering 17-county region. Virginia license to practice law required. Public service experience and Spanish speaking a plus. Two-year grant-funded position, with a salary of \$55,200 annually, plus benefits, including \$5,000 yearly toward student loans. Send cover letter, résumé, writing sample and the email addresses of two references to LAWFred@legalaidworks.org. Equal Opportunity Employer.

So, *what's it like working at LAW?* How can I really **#dojustice** while working remotely? In response to a question on our annual performance evaluation which asked for a major accomplishment in the past year, our intake specialist Michelle said, *"I feel the best major accomplishment is working from home and realizing that you can still advocate from your kitchen table, and it doesn't matter where you sit, it's where your heart is."*

WHEN YOU WORK FOR LEGAL AID WORKS® (LAW) YOU HELP REAL PEOPLE IN NEED:

At LAW, we champion fairness for clients like "Laura."

After an abusive relationship, Laura obtained a two-year protective order against her abuser, "Donald", in 2017. In 2019, she had received subtle communications from the abuser, indicating that he was waiting for the expiration of the protective order, implying that he would resume the abuse when she no longer was protected by the protective order. During those two years, Donald was in and out of jail, including a rape charge involving another woman. A Legal Aid Works attorney patiently assisted Laura in navigating the process for requesting an extension of the previous protective order. After numerous postponements and delays (some related to lack of service on Donald, and some related to the pandemic), the Legal Aid Works attorney was able to convince a judge in November of 2020 to extend the protective order for another year.

If you need legal advice, please contact the local hotline program, Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV) at **(703) 778-6800** (choose Option #1) or **(866) 534-5243** (toll free) or you can apply online at **www.lsnv.org** (click on "Intake Application")

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WHERE TO GET HELP:

[Although our offices are still closed to the public, LAW is fully operational and serving clients across our 17 counties.]

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Culpeper Office

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(540) 825-3131
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LAWCulp@legalaidworks.org

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Donate: Make a gift or pledge today! Every gift helps a low-income Virginian gain access to justice they would otherwise be denied. We need your help now, more than ever. Contact Development Director, Katerina Vollten, at kvollten@legalaidworks.org to learn more about increasing your investment or visit our website directly at www.legalaidworks.org/donate and #dojustice today!

Volunteer: Pro-bono work, interpreting/translations, research, fundraising, community outreach and other important tasks. Want to get involved? Visit the 'Give Help' tab on our website to learn how!