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

CLIENT CORNER:

A client we'll call Helen recently sought assistance from Legal Aid Works (LAW) in a domestic violence matter. Helen - like many other LAW clients - is a veteran who qualifies for our services due to her income level and personal circumstances. She and her now ex-husband, "Joe," had an argument which escalated and became violent. Helen tried to leave the home and take their baby with her; however, Joe and his family would not allow her to take the child. The abuse against Helen continued, with Joe only "allowing" Helen to see her daughter when she gave him money or helped him with paperwork. After working diligently with Helen, her attorney was able to convince the Guardian Ad Litem to file a Motion for an emergency custody hearing where they were finally able to negotiate a visitation schedule.

At trial, the LAW staff attorney produced evidence that Joe was not capable of having legal or physical custody and that Helen, was in fact, a wonderful mother. The judge awarded our client sole physical and legal custody. Helen and her daughter are now thriving, with the little one safe, sound and learning her ABCs at home.

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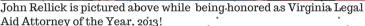
Save-the-Date: Jazz 4
Justice -- a virtual
event!

...and more!

SAYING HELLO & GOODBYE ...

STAFF CHANGES AT LAW:









Erika Bosack is a rising second-year law student at William & Mary Law School, who majored in International Relations and minored in Environmental Science and Policy during her undergraduate studies.

Studies and media studies. Rebekah Gredler is a senior at the University of Mary Washington and will be graduating in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Women's and Gender Studies. Her future plans in law consist of completing the requirements

We celebrated a bittersweet milestone at LAW last month, with John Rellick retiring after 36 years of service to his Tappahannock Communitu

Together with the support of John's friends, family and colleagues, we raised over \$1,500 to honor John and all that he has done to fight for justice throughout his career. If you would also. like to celebrate John through giving, please feel free to make YOUR \$36 donation at: www.legalaidworks.org/donate

While we said farewell to John, we also said hello to three new summer interns: Erika Bosack, Liza Cobey and Rebekah Gredler!

SAVE-THE-DATE

Saturday, November 14

Jazz 4 Justice

Legal Aid Works and the University of Mary Washington Jazz Ensemble present the 7th annual Jazz4Justice™ concert.

Join us for a <u>new</u>, revised <u>virtual format</u> that will reach a broader online audience while keeping the groove going with the sizzling jazz music you've come to know and love!

To learn more about this virtual event visit www.legalaidworks.org/jazz4justice or contact kvollten@legalaidworks.org to become a sponsor today!

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WHERE TO GET HELP:

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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