

SUMMER 2020

# SUMMER MONTHS BRING JUSTICE FOR ALL AT LAW



The official Legal Aid Works® E-Newsletter



## LEGAL AID WORKS®



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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event!

...and more!

# SAYING HELLO & GOODBYE...

## STAFF CHANGES AT LAW:



John Rellick is pictured above while being honored as Virginia Legal Aid Attorney of the Year, 2013!



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.



Liza Cobey was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and graduated from James Monroe High School in 2017. She is currently a rising senior at Emory University, double majoring in American 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 for a paralegal certificate.

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

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](http://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!



## Jazz 4 Justice™

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

Join us for a new, revised virtual format 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](http://www.legalaidworks.org/jazz4justice) or contact [kvollten@legalaidworks.org](mailto:kvollten@legalaidworks.org) to become a sponsor today!

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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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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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