



LASP Legal Aid of Southeastern PA

Newsletter

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Human rights & homelessness

Incorporating human rights into legal advocacy: Eric Tars, National Homelessness Law Center Legal Director, presents CLE sponsored by Villanova School of Law & LASP

VILLANOVA - Eric Tars, the [National Homelessness Law Center](#)'s Legal Director, presented a hybrid CLE, "Human Rights & the U.S. Attorney 101: Practical Skills for Using International Human Rights in Domestic Advocacy," at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law on Aug. 29.

Professor Stephanie Sena, Anti-Poverty Fellow at Villanova Law, introduced Eric and welcomed attorneys and students.

Tars discussed housing as a human rights issue. He outlined how the NHLC has utilized international human rights as part of a long-term strategy to fight the criminalization of

homelessness in the United States. "Homeless people are sleeping safer tonight because of this work that we did at the international level, at the federal level and brought it down to the local level," he said. "It changed the baseline of the conversation at the federal level on criminalization, where now human rights are part of the conversation."

Eric discussed the impact of [Martin v. Boise](#) in the 9th Circuit and other precedent-setting cases. He one of the attorneys of record on Martin v. Boise.

The event was co-sponsored by LASP and the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law's Initiative to End Poverty and Inequality.



From left: **Jennifer Pierce**, LASP Pro Bono Director; **Carolyn Johnson**, LASP Chief Counsel; **Professor Stephanie Sena**, Anti-Poverty Fellow at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law; **Eric Tars**, Legal Director, National Homelessness Law Center; and **Charles Burrows**, LASP Staff Attorney.



Eric Tars discusses housing as a human right, and how the National Homelessness Law Center has incorporated international human rights into legal advocacy to fight the criminalization of homelessness across the United States.

Hurricane Ida

2-year anniversary of Hurricane Ida: LASP continues to help low-income survivors

Long after a storm has passed, natural disasters cause legal problems that last for years. With the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Ida on Sept. 1, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) continues to help low-income survivors with legal problems related to the storm in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

From September 2021 to December 2022, LASP advocates worked with 124 survivors to handle complicated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) applications and appeals, landlord-tenant problems, and other disaster-related legal issues. The window for FEMA appeals closed March 10, 2023.

Legal Aid Sept. 1, 2023 Update

Hurricane Ida

Disaster legal services are still available!

Housing

- Foreclosures
- Landlord-tenant issues
- Flood insurance disputes
- Other housing disputes

Consumer

- Bankruptcies
- Disaster tax relief applications

General civil legal problems

- Civil & disability rights cases

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) continues to offer disaster legal services for survivors of Hurricane Ida in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties.

Our disaster relief staff attorney may be able to help you with **mortgage issues, landlord-tenant issues, flood insurance disputes, consumer issues, and more.**

If you have been affected by Hurricane Ida and need legal assistance, please apply at 877-429-5994 or lasp.org/apply.

lasp.org/hurricane-ida

877-429-5994 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | lasp.org/apply
 No fee required. Language line access & interpretation available in 125 languages.
 @lasplawpa

But legal impacts from the storm continue.

LASP's disaster relief staff attorney may be able to help survivors with mortgage issues, landlord-tenant issues, flood insurance disputes, consumer issues, and more. To contact Legal Aid of Southeastern PA about a legal problem related to Hurricane Ida, call our Helpline at 877-429-5994 or apply online 24/7 at lasp.org/apply.

In addition to working directly with Hurricane Ida survivors, LASP also was [elected to the Southeastern PA Voluntary Organizations Active in A Disaster](#) in December 2022. SEPA VOAD is a forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle including response and recovery to help disaster survivors and their communities. As part of SEPA VOAD, LASP staff meet regularly with local nonprofits, emergency management professionals and others involved in the Hurricane Ida recovery effort.

[Website: Article + flyer](#)

NEW! Battle of the 'Burbs Softball Tournament

LASP to host Inaugural Battle of the 'Burbs softball tourney Saturday, Oct. 7 in Padden Park, West Norriton Township

The softball tournament, to benefit LASP, will feature the **Young Lawyers Divisions** of the Bucks County Bar Association, Chester County Bar Association, Delaware County Bar Association & Montgomery Bar Association!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

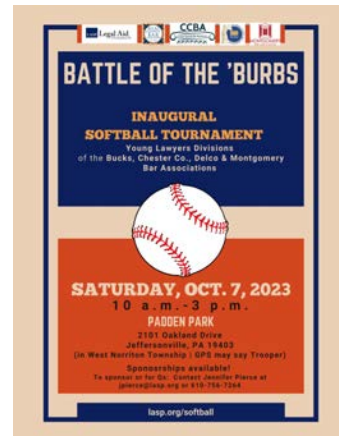
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Padden Park

2101 Oakland Drive, Jeffersonville, PA 19403
(in West Norriton Township | GPS may say Trooper)

Sponsorships available!

To sponsor or for Qs: Contact Jennifer Pierce, Pro Bono Director, at jpierce@lasp.org or 610-756-7264.



[Website: Battle of the 'Burbs Softball Tournament](#)

Trial Run 5K

Sponsor, run or walk! 18th annual Trial Run 5K set for Sunday, Oct. 29, with optional costume contest. Join us at Wilson Farm Park!

WAYNE - The Trial Run 5K is back for its 18th year! Start your Sunday morning with a run or walk at Wilson Farm Park in support of Legal Aid of Southeastern PA! Awards will include top men's/women's finishers and best costume. The Chester County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee is organizing this event as part of its Pro Bono Week celebration.

The race will be **Sunday, Oct. 29** at **Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Road, Wayne, PA 19087**. (Map apps may say Chesterbrook.) Sign-in starts at 8:15 a.m. The **race begins at 9 a.m.**

Parking is available on-site. The starting line is the south pavilion, nearest to Route 202.

To register: <https://bit.ly/TrialRun5K>

Entry fee: **\$20 until Oct. 28.** On race day: \$25. Includes t-shirt, while supplies last! LASP's event webpage is lasp.org/trial-run.

To sponsor or for more information, please contact Brian Doyle, LASP Staff Attorney and Chester County Pro Bono Coordinator, at 484-416-4259 x5210 or bdoyle@lasp.org.



Register: Trial Run 5K Run / Walk

Pro Bono updates & opportunities



Save the date: CLEs & celebrations (starting Sept. 13!)

Details are still being confirmed, but **SAVE THE DATE** for Pro Bono Month events! Stay tuned to lasp.org/pro-bono for full details, coming soon. **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

- **Wednesday, Sept. 13: Delaware County Bar Association CLE: "Legal Aid of Southeastern PA & their Program for Helping Seniors"** hosted by the Elder Law Committee | bit.ly/DCBA-9-13-2023
- **Thursday, Sept. 21: Chester County Bar Association FREE Pro Bono CLE: "Section 8 and Veterans' Housing"** | bit.ly/CCBA-9-21-2023
- **Saturday, Oct. 7: NEW! Battle of the 'Burbs Softball Tournament.** lasp.org/softball (or scroll up)
- **Tuesday Oct. 17: Montgomery Bar Association DEI Committee: CLE - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Estate Planning** | Register: bit.ly/MBA-10-17-2023
- **Thursday, Oct. 19: Women in the Law's Wine Tasting Fundraiser:** bit.ly/wine-10-19-2023
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24: Chester County Bar Association CLE & Reception - Lawyers, Drugs & Money - 2023 FREE Pro Bono CLE:** bit.ly/CCBA-10-24-2023
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25: Montgomery Bar Association Pro Bono CLE & reception** | Register: bit.ly/MBA-10-25-2023
- **Thursday, Oct. 26: Bucks County Bar Association CLE, reception & awards** | Stay tuned: bucksbar.org/calendar
- **Sunday, Oct. 29: Trial Run 5K** (run or walk), with optional costume contest, at Wilson Farm Park, Wayne, hosted by the Chester County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee |



Register: bit.ly/TrialRun5K. Sponsors invited! Contact Brian Doyle at bdoyle@lasp.org. Event website: lasp.org/trial-run (or scroll up).

Stay tuned! lasp.org/pro-bono

BUCKS COUNTY pro bono opportunities

New eviction prevention program launches in Lower Makefield Township

A new eviction prevention program started July 2 in one courtroom in Lower Makefield Township. **Volunteers are invited!**

The Bucks County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP), and the Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) are collaborating on the effort, with support from the Bucks County Dept. of Housing and Community Development. The project is occurring in Magisterial District Court 07-1-11 in Judge Corryn Kronnagel's courtroom, located in Morrisville.



More information: [website article](#). To learn more or sign up, contact Jennifer Pierce at jpierce@lasp.org or Megan Reinprecht at mreinprecht@lasp.org.

Pro bono attorneys needed for PFA hearings Wednesdays (in-person)

DOYLESTOWN - Pro bono opportunities are available for attorneys at the Bucks County Justice Center in Doylestown every Wednesday. Choose any day(s). Provide representation for plaintiffs at Protection from Abuse (PFA) hearings and earn CLE credit for service.

Volunteers are especially needed for:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 13**

LIMITED SCOPE opportunity, with no expectation of continued representation beyond the day of volunteer service.



To volunteer to represent **plaintiffs**, please contact Durene McCarty, LASP Bristol Office Manager and Assistant Pro Bono Coordinator, at dmccarty@lasp.org or 215-398-6757.

DELAWARE COUNTY: Pro bono attorneys needed for custody cases

Volunteer attorneys have the opportunity to represent clients in a limited scope, pursuant to the [PA Rules of Professional Conduct](#) and [Delaware County's limited entry of appearance rule](#). Delaware County's Rule 1012 permits attorneys to withdraw by praecipe after representation at the number of custody conferences agreed to in advance.

To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Thomas Kerstan, LASP Staff Attorney and Delaware County Pro Bono Coordinator, at tkerstan@lasp.org or 484-206-7808. Or register at lasp.org/volunteer-signup.



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Delaware County pro bono attorneys needed for custody cases

Volunteer attorneys have the opportunity to provide limited scope representation, pursuant to the PA Rules of Professional Conduct & Delaware County's limited entry of appearance rule for pro bono attorneys. Delco's rule permits attorneys to withdraw by praecipe after representation at the number of custody conferences agreed to in advance.

To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Thomas Kerstan at tkerstan@lasp.org, or register here: lasp.org/volunteer-signup

MONTGOMERY COUNTY pro bono opportunities

Divorce cases | Custody cases | Lansdale outreach

More details about each opportunity are at lasp.org/pro-bono. Please contact Kathryn M. Palladino, LASP Staff Attorney and Montgomery County Pro Bono Coordinator, at 484-209-0892, or kpalladino@lasp.org, or register at lasp.org/volunteer-signup.

Eviction prevention in 8 courts across the county

Volunteer attorneys appear in court to help those facing eviction. **It is anticipated that the need for volunteers will skyrocket in coming months.**

You can specify your courtroom location/day of service, etc. The program is currently in eight courtrooms: three in Norristown, two in Pottstown, and one each in East Norriton, Jenkintown and Lansdale.

To learn more or volunteer for EPIC, please contact Michelle Dempsky, LASP Staff Attorney & lead attorney with EPIC, at mdempsky@lasp.org.



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Pro bono attorneys are needed for Montgomery County

Divorce cases
Represent clients in simple, no fault, no asset divorces. The divorces are either by consent or on the grounds of one-year separation. The divorces do **not** involve equitable distribution, custody, support, or fault grounds. Typically, a pro bono volunteer will not need to appear at a court proceeding in these cases.

Custody cases
Represent clients in custody cases at Custody Conciliation Conferences. Volunteer attorneys have the opportunity to represent clients in a limited scope at the Conciliation only. All Conciliations are held via Zoom. There is no commitment for the volunteer attorney beyond the Conciliation.

Lansdale outreach at Manna on Main Street
Staff the outreach at the North Penn Commons in Lansdale in partnership with Manna on Main Street on the 4th Thursday of the month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Contact Kathryn M. Palladino at kpalladino@lasp.org.

Eviction prevention
The **Eviction Prevention & Intervention Coalition (EPIC)** provides free legal & social services on the day of an individual's eviction hearing. **Appear in court to help those facing eviction.** Choose from **8 courtrooms**: 3 in Norristown, 2 in Pottstown, & 1 each in East Norriton, Jenkintown & Lansdale.
Contact Michelle R. Dempsky at mdempsky@lasp.org.

lasp.org/pro-bono

LASP Pro Bono Program

Pro Bono Net's new, free FEMA appeals national trainings for lawyers & advocates working with disaster survivors

Note: One of the "lessons learned" from Hurricane Ida is that understanding the FEMA application requirements and appeals process would be helpful to all attorneys and advocates in case a future



Filing an Appeal with FEMA

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Bringing the power of the law to all

LegalAid
of SEVEN COUNTIES

DISASTER LEGAL ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE

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June - September 2023



federal disaster declaration occurs. (The FEMA deadline for appeals related to Hurricane Ida in PA was March 10, 2023.)

Pro Bono Net is presenting a new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) national training for lawyers and advocates. The final of a four-part series, the webinar is not only for those currently working with survivors of climate-driven disasters, but also for advocates who may potentially support disaster survivors in the future.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. ET – “**A Beginner’s Guide to Appealing the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Assistance Decision** (Spanish interpretation provided),” for community librarians, disaster case managers, staff and attorneys at legal aid organizations and pro bono programs, attorneys interested in doing pro bono work after a disaster, and advocates from long-term recovery groups nationwide. Register [here](#).

Free disaster legal aid trainings

At the Bar Associations

Local bar association calendars

Stay tuned for CLEs in your area of practice or pro bono service!

[BUCKS Co. Bar Assoc. Calendar](#)

[CHESTER Co. Bar Assoc. Calendar](#)

[DELAWARE Co. Bar Assoc. Calendar](#)

[MONTGOMERY Bar Assoc. Calendar](#)

LASP in the news



There’s No Place Like A Fairly Taxed Home—Even If It’s A Trailer: How a retired PA couple changed the lives of hundreds of struggling residents of affluent Chester County by challenging inflated real estate tax assessments on their mobile homes

by Kelly Phillips Erb | Forbes | Daily Cover | June 17, 2023 |

<https://bit.ly/Forbes-6-17-2023>

The Writs Magazine from **Bucks County Bar Association**

Summer 2023 | <https://bit.ly/Writs-summer-2023>

- **Pro Bono Honor Roll** (pages 10-11)
- **Introducing Jill Duffy as Legal Aid of Southeastern PA’s new Doylestown Managing Attorney** (page 21)
- **Eviction Prevention: Pro bono attorneys have a role in new community partnership launched in July 2023** (pages 28-30) by Marion Hoffman Fraley, Communications Director

Sidebar Magazine from **Montgomery Bar Association**

Summer 2023 | <https://bit.ly/Sidebar-summer-2023>

- **MBA Name Change Clinics: A Rose by any other Name** (page 13) by Michelle R. Dempsey, LASP Staff Attorney & MBA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Co-Chair
- **Emeritus Attorney Status: How retired attorneys can continue to provide pro bono legal services** (pages 20-21) by Sara Planthaber, Staff Attorney, and Jennifer Pierce, Pro Bono Director
- **Law Day** (pages 24-25)
- **Keep busy with the Pro Bono, Access to Justice, and Community Service Committee** by Timothy M. Knowles of Warren McGraw & Knowles LLC, Co-Chair (page

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Rental Assistance

Montgomery County REOPENED applications for rental assistance on Aug. 7, but for short time only | Delaware Co. update

Montgomery County's rental assistance program reopened on Aug. 7, but only FOR A LIMITED TIME, UNTIL FUNDING RUNS OUT. Apply as soon as possible!

Your Way Home of Montgomery County provided more information about the reopening of rental assistance in its [Aug. 18 e-newsletter](#). Details are on LASP's [website news page](#).

Delco rental assistance applications CLOSED Aug. 10

- Delco ERA has spent almost 100% of its funds and will process existing applications until money runs out.
- Learn more: delco-era.com. Residents can contact the DELCO ERA program for assistance by phone at 484-729-4200 or by email at info@delco-era.com.

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RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Montco REOPENED applications for rental assistance on [Aug 7, 2023](#), for a short time.

- APPLY ASAP! Applications will close again when funding runs out.

Delco ERA CLOSED applications [Aug. 10, 2023](#)

- Delco ERA has spent almost 100% of its funds & will process existing applications until money runs out.
- Learn more: delco-era.com. Customer service phone: 484-729-4200 or email info@delco-era.com.

Details + links for Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties:

LASP Legal Aid
bit.ly/rent-utility-help

Website: Rental assistance updates in 4 counties

LASP resources on our website

[Changes to Medicaid, Medical Assistance and CHIP](#): You MUST renew every year!

[Did you apply for PAHAF? You MUST RE-REGISTER in the new Neighborly system](#)

[Property Tax/Rent Rebate](#): Deadline extended to Dec. 31

Welcome, new staff!

Luke Myers, Veterans Advocacy Project



CHESTER City - Luke Myers joined LASP Aug. 7 as Veterans Advocacy Project Law Clerk based in the Chester City Office. He holds a J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law, where he received the Beasley Scholarship and an Equal Justice America Fellowship in 2021 and 2022, and the Outstanding Oral Advocacy award in fall 2021. He was named a Rubin-Presser Public Interest Fellow upon graduating from Temple in May. Luke also holds a B.A. in Political Science, magna cum laude, from Colgate University, where he was President and Vice President of Colgate's chapter of the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He held multiple

roles on the Student Government Association, including Chief Executive Advisor / Chief of Staff. As an intern at Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, Luke worked on Social Security and

Medicaid eligibility cases. At Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, he researched and drafted materials for a mass pardon for non-violent marijuana felony convictions. At Philadelphia Legal Assistance, he focused on Unemployment Compensation. He was elected as a voting delegate representing Pennsylvania's 6th Congressional District at the Democratic National Convention in 2020. He also interned for PA Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, and PA Sen. Judy Schwank. Luke enjoys distance running, collects vinyl records, tends plants, and supports Philly's pro teams. He can be reached at 610-546-6689 or lmeyers@lasp.org.

Events

lasp.org/events

FREE legal outreach: Know your rights!

Learn from a LASP advocate
about your legal issue.

In-person, IN SPANISH: Tenant Rights Forum in Kennett Square - Sept. 7

- **Thursday, Sept. 7** from 4-6 p.m.
- at **Kennett Friends Meeting**, 125 Sickle St., Kennett Square, PA 19348
- Questions? Contact Maribel Garcia: 610-368-6509.
- Flyer (1-page PNG): [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[NOTE: The presentation and resources provided will be in Spanish.]

KENNETT SQUARE - The Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA, and other local resource representatives will present important information about your rights as a tenant.



This will be a space for you to ask whatever questions you have about your current living situation. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

In-person: Expungement Clinic in Brookhaven - Sept. 7

- **Thursday, Sept. 7** from 6-8 p.m.
- **Brookhaven Municipal Center**, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

BROOKHAVEN - State Rep. Leanne Krueger will host an Expungement Clinic. LASP attorneys will provide information about criminal record expungement options and resources. There will be an opportunity to meet individually with an attorney.

Registration is required. Call 610-534-6880 or email RepKrueger@pahouse.net to schedule your appointment time. Appointments start at 6 p.m.



In-person: Housing Fair in Exton - Sept. 9

- **Saturday, Sept. 9** from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

- **Chester County Library**, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA 19341
- [Flyer](#) (1-page PDF) (or click image at right)



EXTON - The Housing Fair will feature multiple social service organizations and nonprofits that offer assistance with a variety of housing needs. This event is intended for individuals who are unsheltered, housing unstable, or at risk of losing housing. Registration is **not** required. Drop in to discover resources and get your questions answered.

The Housing Partnership of Chester County (HPCC) will be offering credit counseling workshops in the Burke Room at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

For more information, please visit bit.ly/CCLHousingFair23 or contact Kelly Quigg, Community Engagement Librarian, at kquigg@ccls.org.

Hybrid: Empowering Kinship Families - Regional Lunch & Learn in Downingtown - Sept. 9

- **Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023** from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU)** Conference Center, 3rd floor, 455 Boot Road, Downingtown, PA 19335

DOWNTOWNTOWN - Grandfamilies & Kinship Families in Chester County and southeastern PA are welcome to attend this free regional event, sponsored by [PA KinConnector](#) and [Grandfamily Connections](#).

Registration is required. Choose in-person or virtual: bit.ly/kinship-grandfamily-9-9-2023 or 866-546-2111.



This is an opportunity for grandfamilies and kinship families to learn about available resources to support their unique family needs. Lunch will be provided, and activities and giveaways are included. Fifteen community organizations will share resources. Stop by Legal Aid of Southeastern PA's table at this event!

In-person: Legal Clinic in Exton - Sept. 13

- **Wednesday, Sept. 13** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- at **PA CareerLink of Chester County**, 479 Thomas Jones Way, Suite 500, Exton, PA 19380

EXTON - A free legal clinic will be held monthly at PA CareerLink of Chester County. The clinics will be the second Wednesday of the month through December 2023: Wednesday, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13, 2023.

To schedule a 30-minute appointment with a LASP attorney, contact Edwina at 610-429-9400, ext. 4115 or ejohnson@uwchestercounty.org.

The clinics are a partnership between LASP, United Way of Chester County's Financial Stability Center, and PA CareerLink of Chester County.

In person, in Exton!

Financial Stability Center
FREE LEGAL CLINICS

2nd Wednesdays
July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8,
and Dec. 13, 2023
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

PA CareerLink Office
479 Thomas Jones Way | Suite 500
Exton, PA 19380

Schedule a 30-minute appointment with a Legal Aid of Southeastern PA attorney. Contact Edwina at 610-429-9400, ext. 4115 or ejohnson@uwchestercounty.org.

Some of the case types LASP handles:

- Bankruptcy, consumer law & debt relief
- Child custody & dependency
- Domestic violence / Protection from Abuse
- Elder law
- Employment law
- Expungement, record-sealing & pardons
- Family law
- Housing
 - Landlord-Tenant (eviction, habitability, public & subsidized housing, rent-to-own)
 - Mortgage foreclosures, property tax sales, reverse mortgages, tangled title
- Chester County Mobile Home Tax Assessments
- Hurricane Ida / disaster legal aid
- Public Benefits (Unemployment Compensation, SSI, SSDI, TANF (cash assistance), SNAP (food stamps), Medical Assistance (Medicaid) & more)
- Utility problems
- Veterans benefits & discharge upgrades

877-429-5994 Monday-Friday
9 a.m.-12 p.m. or text@jasp.org
[@legalaidpa](https://www.facebook.com/legalaidpa)

Hybrid: Veterans Clinic at Coatesville VA & virtual - Sept. 13

- **Wednesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13, 2023 from 9:30-11 a.m.**
- [Two-page flyer](#) (or click image at right)
- **Please call 610-383-0289 to schedule**, or visit **1400 Blackhorse Hill Road, Building 57, Room 232, Coatesville, PA, 19320**. Walk-ins are also welcome.
- **Zoom login: bit.ly/va-veterans-clinics-2023** (Meeting ID: 824 6750 9878 | Passcode: 832781)

COATESVILLE - LASP's monthly legal clinics with the Coatesville VA will be the **second Wednesday of each month** in 2023. A referral by social worker, clinician or case manager is suggested but not necessary. The clinics are part of the medical center's **Veterans Justice Outreach Program**, which connects Veterans with VA health care services.

Questions? Contact VA staff members Diana Zinnie (Chester County) at 484-744-3442, Rhonda Sanford (Montgomery County) at 484-667-1988, or Lily Thomas (Delaware County) at 610-496-5007.

Virtual: Clean Slate & Expungement Workshop - Sept. 20

- **Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 4-5 p.m.**
- Register: bit.ly/clean-slate-9-20-2023

LASP will present a free, virtual Clean Slate and Expungement Workshop in partnership with the **Coatesville Center for Community Health**. **Open to all counties.**

The workshop will help individuals with criminal histories who may have been denied employment or other services because of their criminal record.

- Learn if you are eligible to have your criminal record sealed or expunged.
- Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania attorneys will help screen your PA record for FREE.
- Help will be available to complete the necessary forms for those who are eligible.

In-person: Landlord & Tenant Rights Workshop in Horsham - Sept. 22

- **Friday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- **Horsham Township Library**, 435 Babylon Road, Horsham, PA, 19044

HORSHAM - Please join State Rep. Melissa Cerrato for an informative workshop on housing rights in PA!

Resources and information provided by:

- Michelle R. Dempsey, Esq., Legal Aid of Southeastern PA Staff Attorney
- Carolyn Steinhofner from the Housing Equity Center of PA
- Montgomery County Prothonotary's Office

- Montgomery Bar Association



In-person: Veterans Expo in Oaks - Sept. 23

- **Saturday, Sept. 23** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Greater Philadelphia Expo Center** (Hall C), 100 Station Ave, Oaks, PA 19456

OAKS - State Sen. Katie Muth's annual Veterans Expo is an opportunity for veterans of all ages to interact with dozens of local and statewide veterans' organizations and service providers to ensure that veterans are accessing the services and benefits available to them.



The event is free for veterans in Senate District 44, and lunch will be provided. Advance registration required: senatormuth.com/VetExpo or call 610-792-2137.

In-person: Legal Outreach in Lansdale - Sept. 28

- **Thursday, Sept. 28**, Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- at **North Penn Commons / Manna on Main Street**, 606 E. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446

LANSDALE - LASP will hold a free monthly outreach event at North Penn Commons / Manna on Main Street in Lansdale. Stop by our table!

Have a question about the outreach? Contact Erika Felpel at 484-275-0672 or efelpel@lasp.org.



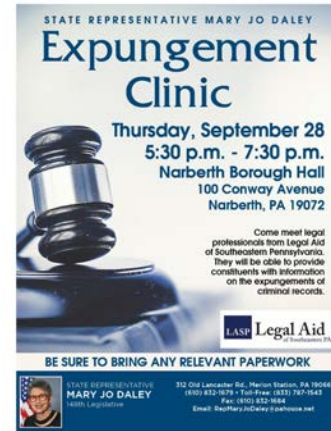
Se habla español. Language access & interpretation available for 240+ other languages.

In-person: Expungement Clinic in Narberth - Sept. 28

- **Thursday, Sept. 28** from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- at **Narberth Borough Hall**, 100 Conway Ave., Narberth, PA 19072. (Note: GPS may say Broomall.)

NARBERTH - State Rep. Mary Jo Daley, Sen. Amanda Cappelletti, and LASP will hold an Expungement Clinic. All attendees will be able to meet for free with an attorney who will look up their records, tell them about their record clearing options and provide expungement and pardon instructions and forms.

Attendees who are eligible for additional services through LASP may also be able to work with a free attorney going forward to clear their record. LASP provides free representation for low-income and vulnerable clients, such as elders and domestic abuse survivors.



In-person: Bux-Mont Veterans Expo in Warminster - Sept. 30

- **Saturday, Sept. 30** from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- at the **VE Club**, 130 Davisville Road, Warminster, PA 18974

WARMINSTER - State Reps. Brian Munroe and Nancy Guent will host the Bux-Mont Veterans Expo. Veterans and their families are invited to the Expo at the VE Club. Please register at bit.ly/VetExpo-9-30-2023 or by calling Rep. Guent's district office at 215-259-5962.

Support and resources, VA representatives, employment opportunities, music, games, food and community activities will be offered.

Volunteer opportunities are available. To sign up to volunteer or ask questions about the event, please contact Leo Greenberry in Rep. Guent's office at lgreenberry@pahouse.net or 215=259-5962.



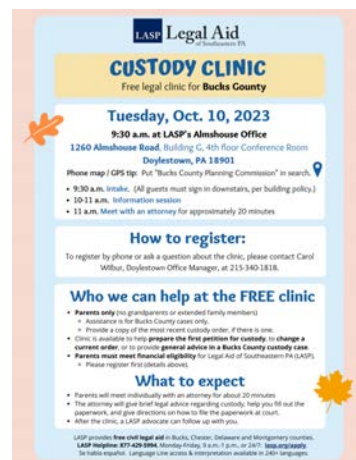
In-person: Bucks County Custody Clinic in Doylestown - Oct. 10

- **Tuesday, Oct. 10** from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- at **The Almshouse**, 1260 Almshouse Road (Building G, 4th floor Conference Room), Doylestown, PA 18901
- Phone map / GPS tip: Put "Bucks County Planning Commission" in search.

DOYLESTOWN - LASP will hold a free Bucks County Custody Clinic in Doylestown. The schedule will include the following:

- **9:30 a.m. Intake.** (All guests must sign in downstairs, per building policy.)
- **10-11 a.m.** Information session
- **11 a.m.** Meet with an attorney for approximately 20 minutes

To register by phone or ask a question, contact Carol Wilbur, Doylestown Office Manager, at 215-340-1818. Details about who we can help and what to expect: lasp.org/events/bucks-custody-clinic-10-10-2023.



LASP events calendar

PA Legal Aid Network events

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) held a reception for 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. interns in Harrisburg July 26. In her keynote address, Edith Benson discussed the start of the MLK internship program 30+ years ago in 1991. She also provided a brief history of legal aid in Pennsylvania.

Each intern shared insights from their summer in their respective legal aid organizations, including **Davis Logan**, who interned in LASP's Chester City office in Delaware County. Davis is a student at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Event photos on Flickr: **PLAN album** (77 photos): <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAPRuw>
LASP album (30+ photos): <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjANZ1x>

PLAN also held a Leadership Conference in State College June 13-14.



HARRISBURG - **Carolyn Johnson** (at left), LASP Chief Counsel, with **Edith Benson**, PLAN MLK Reception keynote speaker at the MLK Reception in Harrisburg July 26. (Photo courtesy of PLAN.)



HARRISBURG - From left: **Marion Hoffman Fraley**, Communications Director; **Michelle R. Terry**, Chester City Managing Attorney; **Shawn Boehringer**, Executive Director; **Davis Logan**, MLK Intern; **Richard A.J. Prebil**, Veterans Advocacy Project Supervising Attorney; and **Carolyn Johnson**. (Photo courtesy of PLAN.)



STATE COLLEGE - At the PLAN Leadership Conference June 14, **Charles Burrows**, Disaster Relief Staff Attorney, and **Marion Hoffman Fraley** presented on "**Preparing for Disaster Legal Aid.**" They discussed communications and advocacy "lessons learned" from Hurricane Ida and steps legal aid programs might take ahead of future disasters in PA. (Photo courtesy of Christine Kirby.)

LASP Scrapbook



CHICAGO - At the Management Information Exchange (MIE) National Fundraising & Directors Conference in Chicago in July, **Ann Tydeman-Solomon** (center), LASP Development Director, presented a session on stewardship with **Melanie A. Shakarian**, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland Director of Development & Communications, and **Bryan Baker**, Northwest Justice Project Director of Development.



AVONDALE - CASA Pennsylvania and the Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness hosted a Tenants Rights Forum in Spanish on May 11, at The Garage Community & Youth Center in Avondale. From left: **Carolyn Steinhofer** of the Housing Equality Center of PA; **Génesis Rubio** of the Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness; **Sandra Ortiz**, LASP West Chester Office Manager & Paralegal; **Maribel Garcia** of CASA,; and **Kelly Young**, LASP Staff Attorney. Other presenters included representatives from the South Chester Regional and Kennett Square Police Departments.

Summer Intern Tour

In addition to gaining direct experience in public interest law, summer interns enjoyed a first-ever tour to parts of LASP's service area on July 26. The multi-county tour started in Norristown at Rep. Greg Scott's office. They also visited Breaking Bread Shelter in Upper Darby, which assists people experiencing homelessness.

Another stop included the historic Calvary Baptist Church in Chester City, Delaware County. In 1948-51, Martin Luther King, Jr. attended Calvary Baptist Church while he studied at the Crozer Theological Seminary in Upland. Pastor Keith Dickens led a tour for the interns and LASP staff. The final stop in Norristown was the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc., LASP's partner in protecting victims of domestic violence.





NORRISTOWN - At Rep. Greg Scott's office in Norristown, from left: **Jaysan Jayaprakash**; **Erika Felpel**; **Abby Kelley**; **Gina Fiore**; **Andrew Slutsky**; **Rep. Greg Scott**; **Jennifer Pierce**; **Kathryn Palladino**, Staff Attorney; **Caity Rogowski**; **Erica Briant**, Director of Community Engagement & Training; **Cailleen Daily**; and **Shawn Boehringer**, Executive Director.

More photos from this first-ever event are included in a July 27 [Facebook post](#).

UPPER DARBY - At Breaking Bread Shelter in Upper Darby, from left: **Davis Logan**; **Jayson Jayaprakash**; **Caity Rogowski**; **Erika Felpel**, Pro Bono & Helpline Paralegal; **Cailleen Daily**; **Abby Kelley**; **Professor Stephanie Sena**; **Andrew Slutsky**; **Jennifer Pierce**, Pro Bono Director; and **Gina Fiore**.

Job openings

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- **Norristown Managing Attorney**
- **Norristown Staff Attorney**
- **Regional Housing Unit Staff Attorney** ~ Chester City
- **Community Engagement Unit Staff Attorney** ~ Norristown
- **Development & Communications Associate** ~ Norristown
- **Paralegals** ~ Norristown, LASP Helpline in Norristown, and **West Chester**
- **Regional Disaster Relief Case Manager** ~ Norristown
- **Executive Administrative Assistant** ~ Norristown

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