



Center for Disability  
& Elder Law

## CDEL June 2021 Newsletter

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Recently, we received some kind words from a client about the help they received over the last few months. The client was able to successfully complete and execute a will, Power of Attorney, and Transfer on Death Instrument (TODI) with the help of CDEL attorney Amanda Insalaco.

*"I wanted to tell you what a wonderful organization the Center for Disability & Elder Law is. I am 70 years old and was delaying to prepare my will because I could not afford the high cost. Then I heard about your organization and spoke to Amanda Insalaco.*

*Amanda was so wonderful to me and my family during the long process of creating my will. She not only dealt with me, but my son and daughter-in-law as well. Amanda was very professional, patient, kind and understanding of all our concerns and endless questions. Thanks to her, my will was finally completed.*

*Thank you for everything, and most of all, for the wonderful people like Amanda. She deserves all your praise for being a very dedicated and competent lawyer."*

We are delighted to hear about the relief and comfort our clients often feel after receiving assistance from CDEL. We hope to hear of many more stories like this!

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## CDEL is Proud to Serve its LGBT Clients:

[Watch Amirah and Darlene Here!](#)

CDEL is proud to serve LGBT clients all year round! Learn more about our client Amirah and her partner, Darlene in this incredibly moving Rainbow Roots Project spotlight video above.

Love is love. ♥

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## CDEL Staff Reconnected:



On a warm sunny Friday in May, several members of CDEL staff gathered for a socially distanced picnic and yoga class in the park. This was the first time many staff members got to see each other in person! It was a great afternoon to connect and enjoy each other's company without the use of a zoom screen. Now, it's time to get back to work!

*Image Description: CDEL staff members Cheryl Lipton, Alyssa York, Allyson Wilson, Dana Harbaugh, Howard Williams, Caroline Manley, Stephanie Ridella Vittands, August Hieber, Michael Stone, Crystal Huizar, and Amanda Insalaco at a picnic in the park!*

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## Give a Warm Welcome to Our Summer Interns!

CDEL is happy to welcome 13 interns to our mighty CDEL team this summer! CDEL relies heavily on the passion and dedication of our interns every semester to help serve CDEL's clients. CDEL has interns from a variety of schools and backgrounds that bring unique perspectives to their work. This summer, stay tuned to CDEL's social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram & Twitter) to meet some of our mighty intern team.

### Law Students:

Luke Balestrero;  
*DePaul University College of Law*

Megan Donnelly;  
*University of Michigan Law School*

Will Foy;  
*Northwestern University School of Law*

Jim Long;  
*Chicago-Kent College of Law*

Patrycia Piaskowski;  
*Chicago-Kent College of Law*

Lisa Sharpe;  
*Northern Illinois University College of Law*

Mallory Thornton;  
*Loyola University Chicago School of Law*

Sophia Weaver;  
*University of Michigan Law School*

### PILI Graduate Fellows:

Hayden Gunter;  
*Northwestern University School of Law*

Andrew Marshall;  
*Northwestern University School of Law*

### PILI Intern:

Nicholas Rohm;  
*University of Illinois College of Law*

### Paralegal Intern:

Dee McMahon;  
*Wilbur Wright College*

### Undergraduate Intern:

Kathryn Radziwonski;  
*Stanford University*

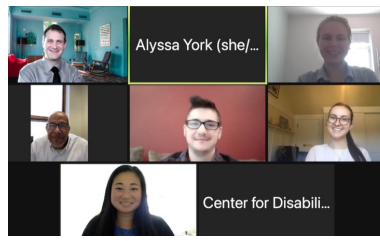
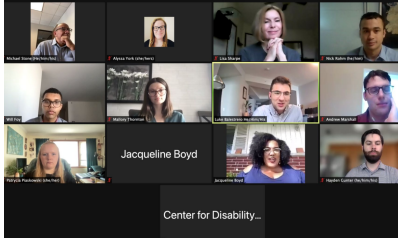


Image Description: (Screenshots of CDEL's Summer Intern Orientation Zoom meetings.)

## Update Your Contact Information Here!

CDEL has successfully transitioned to its new communications platform! Some contacts were transitioned over with incomplete information. If you would like to update your contact information with a new address, phone number or email address, please fill out the short Google Form above!

## Thank You to Our CDEL Volunteers!

CDEL thanks our Community and Pro Bono Partners for supporting our work in May and June!

### Pro Bono Partners:

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The Chicago Bar Association  
Troutman Pepper  
Walgreens

### Community Partners:

Chicago Department on Aging  
U.S Representative Mike Quigley's Office  
Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center (Foster Senior Club)  
Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (GAGDC)  
Greater Chatham Initiative (GCI)  
Heiwa Terrace  
Human Rights Campaign Chicago  
Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago  
Reunite Chatham  
Senior Companion Group (City of Chicago)

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