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CLP Professors Present at National Clinical Conference

Clinical Professor Dana Sisitsky and Adjunct Professor Ted Janowsky attended the American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference in May 2026. They were excited to lead a panel sharing about how to leverage partnerships to best serve the greater community, highlighting the impact that CWSL students have through their community legal education presentations.



CLP Executive Director, Dana Sisitsky, and Associate Director Ted Janowsky

Summer Pop Up Legal Clinics

This summer, CLP continued to strengthen its partnerships with organizations across San Diego County to make legal assistance more accessible to the communities we serve.

Throughout June and July, CLP hosted 13 pop-up legal clinics in conjunction with local organizations. These partnerships included Casa Familiar in San Ysidro, the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA), and Molina Healthcare's One Stop Help Center in Chula Vista. Through these collaborations, CLP was able to bring legal resources directly to individuals who otherwise might not have access to critical legal services.



CLP student Taylor at pop up legal clinic at Your Safe Place helping a client



Left: CLP student Kayla at pop up legal clinic at Goodwill Industries legal clinic helping a client



Right: CLP student John at pop up legal clinic at Linda Vista Elementary School assisting a client

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Celebration: Volunteer Appreciation Event

CLP once again showed its appreciation for our volunteer attorneys, law students, interpreters, community partners, and CWSL supporters during our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon. Special awards went to Interpreter Allan Karcher and Volunteer Attorney Sami Haddad. It was a pleasure to share a meal with some of the people that make our program a success!

Meet Our New Student Leaders



CWSL students Arianna Lara Bonilla (**left**) and Hilda Betancourt (**right**) continue with CLP in their new roles as student leaders following a very successful term. Both are motivated by a strong desire to help people in need navigate complex legal challenges while also giving back to the community. As student leaders, Arianna and Hilda will continue to hone their legal skills while providing much-needed support to the individuals who come to our clinics.



Interpreter Allan Karcher receiving the Karen Zamudio award for his dedication to CLP. Pictured along with Program Administrator Liz Cervantes, Executive Director Dana Sisitsky and Associate Director Ted Janowsky.



CLP Plans Strategically for the Future:

CLP staff has recently revised its mission statement to more accurately reflect the work we do.

CLP Mission Statement:

Expanding access to justice and developing the next generation of service-oriented lawyers by mobilizing law students and volunteer attorneys to deliver vital legal assistance to vulnerable San Diegans.