

It's simple. Many people need legal care to be healthy.

MLP SUCCESS STORY

Many thanks to **Maura Travers** of [Seyfarth Shaw LLP](#) for helping Violeta B., mother of a [Boston Medical Center](#) patient and also a domestic violence survivor, get a replacement green card -- her only form of identification and literally her only ticket to work opportunity. Without a green card Ms. B's prospects for financial independence were deeply diminished. The family's pediatrician, Dr. Genevieve Preer, contacted MLP | Boston because she knew a valid green card was critical to the success of the family's applications for various health-promoting public benefits. The replacement process was complicated by criminal law variables arising from the abuse Ms. B had endured. With Ms. Travers' persistent advocacy, Ms. B's application was successful in April, making this an especially hopeful spring for Ms. B and her children.

MLP ON THE MOVE

- **We've moved!** MLP | Boston is excited to embark on a new chapter of *pro bono* innovation with long-time law firm partner [Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP](#), which generously is donating office space to our program for the coming months. Over the last five years, Nutter lawyers have contributed over 557 hours of *pro bono* legal advocacy to MLP | Boston clients, and have helped scores of vulnerable patient-families become healthier in the process. Thank you, Nutter, for sharing this valuable platform with MLP | Boston, on which we can continue to advance health through justice! We are honored to be your colleagues and, now, neighbors.

Effective immediately, MLP Boston's new address in the Innovation District is:

Medical-Legal Partnership | Boston
c/o Nutter McClennen & Fish
155 Seaport Boulevard
Boston, MA 02210
***New main phone #* (617) 336-7500**
***New fax #* (617) 336-7445**

- **7th Annual Pro Bono Breakfast:** We were thrilled to celebrate the generous work of our private sector partners at this event on April 17. Special thanks to Dr. Renée Boynton-Jarrett of [Boston Medical Center](#), Jean Kampas of [Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP](#), Allison Scobie-Carroll of [Boston Children's Hospital](#), and Dr. Kirsten Meisinger of [Union Square Family Health](#) and [Cambridge Health Alliance](#) for your stimulating remarks!
- **BBA Panel on Lawyers as Problem-Solvers:** We were pleased to participate in this event featuring the Hon. Charles E. Walker, Jr. of the Boston Law Collaborative, LLC and Robert Burdick of the Boston University School of Law, and moderated by MLP | Boston's **Legal Director JoHanna Flacks**. **Staff Attorney Deborah Durant** coordinated this event through the [Boston Bar Association](#) New Lawyers Section.



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MLP IN THE NEWS

- **The Commonwealth Fund** highlights MLP in 5/29/14 report on [Addressing Patients' Social Needs: An Emerging Business Case for Provider Investment](#)
- MLP model spotlighted in 6/15/14 **Huffington Post** blog: [We're Asking Healthcare to Fix Something it Didn't Break](#)
- Thank you to the [Boston Bar Foundation](#) for awarding MLP | Boston a 2014-2015 IOLTA grant! The Foundation has been a steadfast supporter of medical-legal partnership, and we are very grateful.

A TIMELY TIP FOR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS



Summer vacation -- a great time to make sure schools support students for success in the fall!

School's out and you may be concerned that students in your practice have not gotten the SPED services they need to reach their academic potential next year. This is a good time to do something about it. In addition to requesting evaluations for students who have not had special education services in the past, remember that **an IEP is only as good as its implementation**. If your patient-student has the right ingredients in her IEP but the school didn't actually deliver the service in appropriate quality or quantity, the family can request "**compensatory services**" to make up for the deficiency over the summer or in the fall. Think about what the student needs from your clinical perspective and consult with MLP | Boston about how to request that support successfully.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Aging Right in the Community**, our collaboration with BMC's [Elders Living at Home Program](#), has been identified as a best practice by the Massachusetts [Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness](#). [Learn more here](#).
- Our collaboration with Boston Medical Center's [Department of Family Medicine](#) was on display at [AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting \(ARM\)](#) in San Diego on June 9. Our clinical colleagues shared a [poster](#) describing the initial methods of the P-CORI-funded research, which explores social determinants of hospital readmission from the patient's perspective. We are proud to be partnered not only with DFM, but also with [Project Re-Engineered Discharge](#) and the [Boston University School of Public Health](#) in this work.
- Earlier this month MLP | Boston and the [Vital Village Network](#) together sponsored their first-ever Social Justice Mediation Institute (SJMI) training. Twenty participants, including our **Staff Attorney Deborah Durant**, graduated from this intensive five-day program. SJMI challenges status quo approaches to social justice, and provides fresh tools to deploy when mediating hard-to-discuss issues like racial bias, employer/ employee tensions, landlord/tenant dynamics, and more.

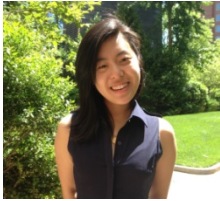


Graduates of the SJMI training

NEW TEAM MEMBERS



We are thrilled to be working with attorney **Jessica DeLoureiro** of the [Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts](#) (a subsidiary of [South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.](#)) in providing MLP services to patients treated at [Good Samaritan Medical Center](#) and [Saint Anne's Hospital](#). Welcome Jessica!



MLP | Boston is a proud host site for **Wellesley College's Lumpkin Fellowship program** for the 4th year in a row! Designed for students with a commitment to service, the [Lumpkin Summer Institute for Service Learning](#) challenges students to explore and participate in social change in the Greater Boston area. During the 10-week program, students reside together in Boston while undertaking full-time internships with local nonprofit organizations. We are fortunate that Wellesley assigned **Ye-Eun Sung** as the MLP | Boston Lumpkin fellow this summer. Thank you, Ye-Eun, and thank you Wellesley College!

SAVE THE DATE

The **5th annual regional MLP conference** will be held on **Tuesday, October 28, 2014** at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Space will be limited; stay tuned for more updates.

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MLP | Boston's mission is to anticipate, prevent, and address social determinants of health affecting vulnerable people through legal strategies. Informed by public health knowledge and interdisciplinary approaches, we tackle patients' health-harming legal risks and problems. Our services measurably improve the health and well-being of patients and reduce the incidence of health disparities.

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