



## **ACCESS TO JUSTICE BOARD 2013-2014 PRIORITIES**

### **1. Continue to collaborate with key stakeholders on the implementation of the Washington State Plan for Integrated Pro Se Assistance Services (Pro Se Plan)**

- Work with the Supreme Court on the transition of the work of plain language forms translation to the Washington Pattern Forms Committee.
- Incorporate the implementation of the Pro Se Plan into the work of the ATJ Board's Justice Without Barriers Committee.
- Define and develop an appropriate role for the ATJ Board and its committees in implementing the ABA's Language Access Standards.
- Apply the Access to Justice Technology Principles to the implementation of the Pro Se Plan.
- Continue to monitor the implementation of the Limited Licensed Legal Technician Rule to ensure the collaboration of ATJ Board initiatives and support as appropriate.

### **2. Promote leadership development**

- Transition the Washington Equal Justice Community Development Leadership Academy (Leadership Academy) to Seattle University School of Law.
- Create best practices for developing leadership and building organizational capacity for the ATJ Board and its committees and initiatives.

### **3. Support reduction of bias in the justice system**

- Support the Minority and Justice Commission and the Gender and Justice Commission in their efforts to reduce bias in the entire justice system by establishing reciprocal liaisons and engaging with their initiatives.
- Create best practices for promoting inclusion, diversity and cross-difference competencies for the ATJ Board and its committees.
- Support and collaborate with Alliance partners, WSBA and other key stakeholders on the development of an MCLE requirement for cross-difference competence.

### **4. Continue to oversee the evaluation, implementation and modification of the Washington Plan for the Delivery of Legal Services to Low Income People (State Plan):**

- Work with service providers to explore how CIR (Comprehensive Immigration Reform) and health care reform will affect the delivery system and help ensure that providers are coordinating and planning for these developments.
- Explore the potential of long distance lawyering as a means of expanding legal resources from attorney-dense urban areas of the state to rural areas.

- Support increased technology capacity for CLEAR and NJP.
- Identify the unaddressed legal needs of status-ineligible populations and plan for the expansion of the delivery system to address these needs as resources become available.
- As resources return to the system (through increased IOLTA proceeds and otherwise), support allocation of these resources to restore the balance of funding available for legal services to low income client.
- Coordinate with, and support Alliance Partners to more effectively integrate pro bono services into the delivery system, including, i.e., integrating the ABA's Pro Bono Standards into the Washington Performance Standards, training local boards of directors, and developing training for pro bono lawyers.

**5. Promote increased public and private funding and support for legal aid**

- Integrate the work of the Equal Justice Coalition Committee and the Communication Committee to support improved resource development.
- Advocate for increased funding for the courts.
- Support and promote the update of the 2003 Civil Legal Needs Study, to be completed by December 2014.