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Affirmative Litigation of Criminal Justice Debt Abuses - Theory and Practice

March 16, 2018 Lawsuits are currently challenging harsh criminal justice debt collection practices, including "debtors prisons" and automatic license suspensions. This webinar discussed litigation strategies and challenges when pursuing affirmative claims against harsh criminal justice debt collection practices, and [...]

Introduction to Harvard's Criminal Justice Policy Program's 50-State Criminal Justice Debt Law Web Tool

March 1, 2018 The National Consumer Law Center and the Criminal Justice Policy Program at Harvard Law Schools free webinar series on criminal justice debt continues this spring. Confronting Criminal Justice Debt focuses on the fines and fees imposed [...]

Helping Communities of Color Access Opportunity: An overview of the Lifeline program and current threats to its scope and purpose

February 7, 2018 Communities of color often face challenges connecting to and maintaining affordable broadband and voice service. The federal Lifeline program has been around since the mid-1980s. While it started as a low-income program to help households afford [...]

False Certification Discharges for Wilfred Academy Students

November 3, 2017 In August, a federal court approved a historic settlement in Salazar v. DeVos that could provide debt relief to as many as 60,000 students. Under the settlement, the Department and Guaranty Agencies are in the process [...]

Using Bankruptcy Law to Aid Criminal Justice Debtors

October 17, 2017 For criminal justice debtors, bankruptcy can be a powerful tool. It can eliminate the obligation to repay certain criminal justice debts or provide an orderly mechanism for repaying certain debts that cannot be discharged. Bankruptcy can [...]

The Advocacy Gap: Meeting the Urgent Need for Counsel to Represent Individuals in Criminal Debt Proceedings

October 10, 2017 Too often, individuals who owe criminal justice debt lack counsel who can help them navigate the system and avoid the severe penalties often imposed for nonpayment-from garnishment to suspension of a drivers license to incarceration. This [...]

Confronting Criminal Justice Debt: Introduction and Impact on Communities of Color

October 4, 2017 Americas justice system is increasingly financed by the imposition of heavy fines, fees, and costs on individuals accused of crimes and civil infractions. The costs are disproportionately born by the poor and people of color. This [...]

Nursing Home Debt: What to Watch Out for and Strategies for Defending Collection Lawsuits

September 12, 2017 This training focused on the growing area of debt collection resulting from stays in nursing home facilities. The training reviewed potential bases for liability for a nursing home resident or their families, preemptive strategies to avoid [...]

Framing the Message: Advocacy Communication Focused on Diversity and Inclusion in a New Era

April 27, 2017 In our efforts to persuade policy makers and general audiences to act on the issues we care about, we often encounter one recurring barrier: fear. Some audience members are worried, anxious and scared about a number [...]

Toxic Transactions: How Land Installment Contracts Once Again Threaten Communities of Color

September 15, 2016 Speakers: Odette Williamson, National Consumer Law Center and Sarah Bolling Mancini, National Consumer Law Center Land installment contracts, also known as "contracts for deed," have long been a poor replacement for mortgage loans in credit-starved communities. In these [...]

