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Joining with Low-Income People to Fight for Fairness

Food Stamps Class Action Settlement to Benefit Low-Income Nebraskans



Earlier this month, NCLEJ and Nebraska Appleseed secured a settlement in *Leiting-Hall v. Winterer*, a class action that was filed in 2014 on behalf of

a working, single mother who had experienced an unlawful delay in receiving urgent and necessary help providing food for her family. The lawsuit challenged a system-wide failure by the Nebraska state agency to process applications and renewals for food stamps. As a consequence of Nebraska's unlawful actions, tens of thousands of families were denied timely access to critical assistance and all too many went hungry. The lawsuit had a significant impact even before the settlement, with Nebraska responding by committing resources and redesigning its service delivery model in an effort to vastly improve its food stamp program. [Read more](#)

Favorable Decision for New York Medicaid Recipients

On March 4, the U.S. District Court ruled in favor of low-income elderly and disabled New York Medicaid recipients who seek fair hearings to challenge New York State's termination of their Medicaid. The problem arose because many disabled and/or elderly Medicaid recipients did not receive notice that their fair hearings had been scheduled. Yet, when a recipient misses the fair hearing, his or her Medicaid is terminated without further notice. The Court preliminarily enjoined the state

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agencies from dismissing such appeals unless the recipient is given at least 10 days to respond to a written notice asking whether they want their hearing rescheduled. This win will help hundreds of New York Medicaid recipients each year. NCLEJ submitted an amicus supporting the plaintiffs in an earlier phase of the litigation. [Read more](#)

Welcome New Board Members – James McClammy and Jeffrey Shinder

On March 4, NCLEJ's Board of Directors elected James I. McClammy, a partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, and Jeffrey I. Shinder, managing partner of Constantine Cannon LLP's New York office, to the Board.



James is a member of Davis Polk's Litigation Department, where he represents financial institutions in a wide range of matters. He is a 1998 summa cum laude graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and a 1991 graduate of Yale University. After law school, James clerked in the New Jersey District Court and then on the Third Circuit.



Jeff, who joined Constantine Cannon in 1994, specializes in antitrust counseling and litigation. He graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Canada, in 1991 and received a Masters of Law in Trade Regulation, focusing on antitrust and international trade law, from New York University School of Law in 1994.

"I am thrilled to welcome James and Jeff to the Board," noted NCLEJ Board Chair Jennifer Selendy. "Their energy and experience will add strength and depth to our already impressive Board ranks."

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