



AND JUSTICE FOR ALL....

I recently attended a talk by Jeff Cheney, the newly appointed District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District. One of the many important things that Mr. Cheney discussed was that law is the “great equalizer” of our society. As reflected in our pledge of allegiance, the principle of “justice for all” is a fundamental tenet on which our country was founded. We have all heard that our justice system is “blind”. In fact, Lady Justice, one of the icons of our nation, is depicted wearing a blindfold, symbolizing that justice should be applied without regard to wealth, power, race or any other status.

Our criminal system is set up to protect victims and even has established the public defender system to help ensure that the accused rights are not violated. By doing so, the law can be held as an equalizing force in the criminal justice system. Yet, there are no such guaranteed safeguards in the civil justice system. Alpine Legal Services (“ALS”), along with other civil legal aid organizations, work to ensure that the law is the great equalizer in the civil legal realm. At ALS, we work to protect the livelihood, the health, and the families of individuals regardless of how much money they have. Just last week, Elizabeth, our new staff attorney, entered her appearance to help a grandparent ensure that his grandchild was protected from his parent who suffers from drug addictions and mental health issues.

In the midst of nationwide budget cuts, it is critical not to cut programs that were established to maintain the principles upon which our nation was founded. To this end, we need your continued support. It is only with your help that Alpine Legal Services can continue to work to ensure “justice for all” for residents here in the Roaring Fork Valley. Thank you in advance for your support.

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**9th Judicial District's
FAMILY LAW DAY
May 9th, 2017
9:00am – 4:00pm**

Garfield County Combined Courts
109 8th St. Glenwood Springs CO 81601

FREE for self-represented parties
Spanish Interpreters Available

9:00am-4:00pm: FREE Mediation Services

- Pre-registration required
- Complete your court ordered mediation requirement

9:00am-4:00pm: FREE Legal Advice from local, private attorneys

- Pre-registration required - 1 hour sessions

3:00pm-4:00pm: FREE Parenting through Divorce Class

- Pre-registration required
- Complete your court ordered parenting class requirement

11:00am-4:00pm: FREE family law related services

- Assistance with completing all domestic relations forms

Participants must pre-register for Mediation, Parenting through Divorce Class, and Legal Advice by May 2nd 2017.

To sign up, please email 9JDFLD@gmail.com or call Jackie Deam @ 970-928-3078

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF ALPINE LEGAL SERVICES

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Elizabeth Granado to the Alpine Legal Services Staff. Elizabeth comes to Alpine Legal Services with a vast experience representing victims. Prior to coming to ALS, Elizabeth worked as the Managing Attorney for the Hope's Door - New Beginnings in Dallas, Texas a domestic violence shelter where she represented victims of domestic violence



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in all phases of family law. Additionally, Elizabeth has trial experience both as a public defender in New Orleans during Katrina and in Micronesia!

Alpine Legal Services was able to fund Elizabeth's full-time position through a grant awarded by the Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Division.

In addition to her experience and legal skills, Elizabeth's smile, outgoing personality, and ability to speak fluent Spanish are much valued additions to our office. We are thrilled to welcome her to the Roaring Fork Valley.

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BY THE NUMBERS....SERVED TO DATE IN 2017

- NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED 248
- SENIORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED LEGAL ASSISTANCE 132
- VICTIMS OF CRIME 73
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS WHO RECEIVED PROTECTION ORDERS 21
- CLASSES OFFERED:
 - WILLS
 - ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES
 - CONSERVATORSHIP/ GUARDIANSHIP
 - GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS
 - HOW TO DO YOUR OWN DIVORCE

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