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Records of the Illinois Technology Center, 1999-2005

Overview of the Collection

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| Creator: | IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law |
| Title: | Records of the Illinois Technology Center |
| Inclusive Dates: | 1999-2005 |
| Identification: | AC.029 |
| Accessions: | 2014.05 |
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History

Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO) was founded in March of 2001 as the Illinois Technology Center for Law and the Public Interest. Initial funding was provided by The Chicago Bar Foundation, the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

The mission of the Tech Center was to successfully use technology in innovative ways to increase access to justice by streamlining the delivery of free and pro bono services to the poor, and to provide easy to understand legal information and assistance to the public. In July of 2001, the Tech Center launched three websites for each of the communities it served: lower-income Illinoisans seeking legal help (IllinoisLawHelp.org), legal services attorneys and staff members (IllinoisLegalAid.org), and pro bono attorneys and legal professionals (IllinoisProBono.org). Legal information on these three websites was contributed by members of the Illinois legal services community and managed by Tech Center staff. The websites featured training manuals, searchable directories of free legal services and lawyer referral programs, discussion forums for legal aid advocates, searchable databases of pro bono opportunities, and free access to online manuals and forms.

The Tech Center was created by twelve partner organizations as a statewide collaboration of Illinois legal services providers, funding entities, and private bar and law schools. The Tech Center was housed at Chicago-Kent College of Law, which provided space and technical resources to the organization, in addition to financial support, until 2005. In March 2005, the Tech Center was incorporated as an independent nonprofit, moved to a new location, and became known as Illinois Legal Aid Online.

Scope and Contents

Series I: Administrative materials contains strategic planning documents, including project diagrams, progress reports and overviews, and handwritten notes. Correspondence includes emails and memoranda regarding to ITC projects and processes. The original collaboration agreement between Chicago-Kent, Illinois Lawyers Trust Fund, and the Chicago Bar



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Foundation, as well as materials related to the dissolution of ITC in favor of Illinois Legal Aid Online as an independent nonprofit, are included within the series. Collected conference materials from the 2002 Illinois Statewide Legal Services Advocates Conference, the 2002 Illinois Access to Justice Conference, and the 1999 National Conference on Pro Se Litigation, and a usability report on the project are included.

Series II: Meeting materials includes meeting minutes, agendas, reports of various ITC committees, and project status reports from ITC board meetings. This series also includes some correspondence, such as interoffice communication and memoranda between ITC entities. A small amount of materials from ITC committee meetings is included at the end of the series.

Series III: Financial materials of the ITC consists of budget materials and funding sources, the bulk of which is grant research and application materials.

Subseries I. Budget includes quarterly financial reports, budget correspondence, memos, and revenue projections.

Subseries II. Grants includes grant planning materials, such as notes from meetings of the ITC Resource Development Committee, grant sources and prospect indexes. Also included are details regarding specific grants received by the ITC, as well as grant applications and project proposals.

Series IV: Includes employee hiring and termination details (restricted).

Restrictions

Series IV is restricted indefinitely.

Separations

None

Provenance

Records transferred by Professor Ron Staudt and the office of the Center for Access to Justice and Technology at Chicago-Kent in June of 2014 (Acc. 2014.05).

Related Collections

Records of the Center for Access to Justice & Technology, 1990-2005 (AC028)

Subject Headings

Illinois Technology Center for Law and the Public Interest.
Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)
Legal assistance to the poor--Illinois.
Legal services--Illinois.



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Public interest law.
Internet in legal services.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 4 series and 2 subseries:

- I. Administrative
- II. Meeting Materials
- III. Financial
 - a. Budget
 - b. Grants
- IV. Restricted Materials

Each series is arranged chronologically where possible.

Container List

Series I. Administrative, 1999-2005, .42 linear ft

| Box | Folder | | |
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| 1 | 1 | Conference materials | 1999-2002 |
| 1 | 2 | Strategic planning materials | 1999-2000 |
| 1 | 3 | Strategic planning materials | 2001-2002 |
| 1 | 4 | Strategic planning materials | undated |
| 1 | 5 | Collaboration agreements | 2000-2001 |
| 1 | 6 | Correspondence | 2000-2004 |
| 1 | 7 | Publicity | 2001-2002 |
| 1 | 8 | HotDocs Online project materials | 2002-2005 |
| 1 | 9 | Usability report | 2003 |
| 1 | 10 | Transition materials | 2005 |

Series II. Meeting Materials, 2000-2005, .63 linear ft

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| 2 | 1 | Board Meeting: 9/26/2000 | 2000 |
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| 2 | 2 | Board Meeting: 11/15/2000 | 2000 |
| 2 | 3 | Board Meeting: 1/9/2001 | 2001 |
| 2 | 4 | Board Meeting: 3/8/2001 | 2001 |
| 2 | 5 | Board Meeting: 4/24/2001 | 2001 |
| 2 | 6 | Board Meeting: 6/12/2001 | 2001 |
| 2 | 7 | Board Meeting: 8/28/2001 | 2001 |
| 2 | 8 | Board Meeting: 8/28/2001 | 2001 |
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| 2 | 13 | Board Meeting: 12/3/2002 | 2002 |
| 2 | 14 | Board Meeting: 3/4/2003 | 2003 |
| 2 | 15 | Board Meeting: 7/1/2003 | 2003 |
| 2 | 16 | Board Meeting: 10/2003 | 2003 |
| 2 | 17 | Board Meeting: 1/6/2004 | 2004 |
| 2 | 18 | Board Meeting: 4/7/2004 | 2004 |
| 2 | 19 | Board Meeting: 6/4/2004 | 2004 |
| 3 | 1 | Board Meeting: 8/3/2004 | 2004 |
| 3 | 2 | Board Meeting: 10/5/2004 | 2004 |
| 3 | 3 | Board Meeting: 1/11/2005 | 2005 |
| 3 | 4 | Board Meeting: 4/5/2005 | 2005 |
| 3 | 5 | Board Meeting: 6/21/2005 | 2005 |
| 3 | 6 | Committee meeting materials | 2001 |



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Series III. Financial, 1999-2004, .20 linear ft

Subseries I. Budget, 2000-2002

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| 3 | 7 | 2001 Budget Materials | 2000-2001 |
| 3 | 8 | 2002 Budget Materials | 2001-2002 |
| 3 | 9 | 2003 Budget Materials | 2003 |

Subseries II. Grants, 1999-2004

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| 3 | 10 | FIPSE/LAAP | 1999 |
| 3 | 11 | International Center for Automated Information Research | 1999 |
| 3 | 12 | Miscellaneous grant application materials | 1999-2004 |
| 3 | 13 | Chicago Bar Foundation | 2000-2001 |
| 3 | 14 | Illinois Lawyers Trust Fund | 2000 |
| 3 | 15 | Illinois Equal Justice Foundation | 2001 |
| 3 | 16 | Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiative | 2001-2002 |
| 3 | 17 | Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiative | 2003 |
| 3 | 18 | Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiative | 2004 |
| 3 | 19 | NTIA/TOP | 2004 |
| 3 | 20 | Grant planning materials | 2003-2004 |

Series IV. Restricted, 1999-2004, .01 linear ft

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| 3 | 21 | Human resources materials | 2001 |
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