## Mid-Missouri Legal Services Helps Bridge the "Opportunity Gap" for Mid-Missourians



Did you know that Boone County, Missouri is "among the worst counties in the U.S. in helping poor children up the income ladder?"

Click on the following link for more information: economic disparity

To help reduce this "opportunity gap," Mid-Missouri Legal Services (MMLS) has launched a new project to expand its representation of low-income consumers in matters that impact their financial stability and economic mobility. MMLS is pleased to welcome consumer attorney Julia Stensby in connection with this project.

Examples of issues for which we can provide legal assistance include:

- Garnishment and debt collection proceedings;
- Unlawful and/or predatory loans;
- Automobile and title cases (including fraud);
- Credit reporting issues;

- Employment terminations and wage and hour claims;
- Appeals of unemployment compensation denials;
- Contract disputes;
- Public utility billing practices; and
- Bankruptcy assistance (limited).

Ms. Stensby will also be working closely with community partners to strengthen collaborations, increase referrals, and connect consumers with financial counseling resources and providers of emergency relief.

Community partners, please click this <u>link</u> for a copy of our flyer.

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