

AROUND TOWN



In mid-December, more than 30 folks gathered to launch a **Massachusetts MLP Network**. Attendees came from 25 different organizations across a wide range of sectors, including legal services, law schools, hospitals, health organizations, law firms, social services organizations, and government.

The meeting was full of connections and great conversations. It culminated in a brainstorm session full of ideas about how we can coordinate, collaborate and support each other to ensure a thriving MLP community in Massachusetts for years to come. **We will next gather on February 26**. Interested in joining the coalition? Email Amy at acopperman@legalkeypartnership.org.

Thanks to Northeastern University School of Law's Center for Health Policy and Law for hosting the event.



WELCOME!



Legal Key is thrilled to announce our **newest Advisory Board member, Ellen Farwell**. Ellen is an Associate Professor of Law at Roger Williams University School of Law. Previously, Ellen was Associate General Counsel at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and worked as a tax associate at Nutter McClennen & Fish. She will join our Advisory Board's Strategy and Impact Committee.

Welcome, Ellen!



SURVEY OPPORTUNITY



The Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission wants to hear from you!

How do people in Massachusetts address their legal problems? Where do they turn for help those problems arise? And what kind of support are currently available across the Commonwealth?

The Massachusetts Access to Justice (A2J) Commission – created 20 years ago by Massachusetts' highest state court – has released a [brief survey](#) to gather answers to these questions and understand the universe of legal helpers in Massachusetts beyond traditional legal organizations.

Legal Key's partners are already expert legal problem-solvers who sit outside of the typical legal settings and bring legal considerations into many different conversations. This work is exactly what the A2J Commission needs to know about! Please consider completing or sharing the [survey](#) with others in your network.

DIGITAL DIGEST



Important Changes to SNAP Eligibility

Rhode Island

Impacted SNAP recipients in Rhode Island should have received a "Benefit Decision Notice" describing these changes. Visit Legal Key's [RI Digital Digest-Employment](#) page for more SNAP updates and links to DLT Community Outreach Support.



Massachusetts

People should be on the lookout for notices from benefits programs, and follow instructions on how to respond as required. DTA decision notices are available in various languages. Visit Legal Key's [MA Digital Digest-Food and Income Security](#) page for more information on General Work Rules and links to helpful resources.



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