

AROUND TOWN



Legal Key presents at National MLP Conference

Last month, Legal Key's ED Amy Copperman and Law & Policy Director Jeannine Casselman traveled to Forth Worth, TX for the [Texas A&M Health Institute for Healthcare Access 2026 Medical-Legal Partnership Conference](#). They delivered a workshop entitled: "**Beyond Patient Outcomes: How a medical-legal partnership impacts health care systems and workforce**" and led a great discussion about how MLPs can evaluate and measure their impact on care teams' knowledge and skills.

It felt like home to be among so many expert MLP practitioners!



Jeannine and Amy in Texas

Visit us on [LinkedIn](#) to see what else we've been up to. We'd love to connect!



WELCOME!



This summer, Legal Key is thrilled to host **Scarlett Xi**, a rising junior at Wellesley College, as our summer intern. Here is more about Scarlett in her own words:

I am currently pursuing a BA in Economics and Psychology at Wellesley College, where my interests center on the intersections of law, policy, inequality, and social justice. I previously interned at Zhong Lun Law Firm where I conducted legal research, drafted bilingual documents, and supported litigation and transaction teams. I'm currently a Research Assistant at MIT, studying racially restrictive housing covenants, housing discrimination, and the economic effects of inequities. I'm excited to intern with Legal Key because of its commitment to addressing health-harming legal needs through community-centered lawyering and advocacy.



Welcome, Scarlett!

POLICY WORK



In 2026, hypothetical changes to federal law that were once only debated in national conversations have started to become increasingly real. Legal Key has signed on to **18 letters** opposing changes in federal law and policy that would decrease funding to vital programs like WIC, and eliminate data privacy protections for taxpayers. We have also submitted **four public comments** on federal regulations proposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Homeland Security.

Proposed regulations are threatening to undermine access to affordable housing, due process rights, and other procedural and substantive changes. We felt compelled to add our voice to the debate surrounding these proposed changes and to highlight their potential impact on health. We hope these federal agencies receive enough comments for them to reconsider the proposals.

DIGITAL DIGEST

Federal

After years of legal battles, the **SAVE federal loan** repayment plan has been shut down. The Department of Education has indicated that borrowers enrolled in the plan will receive notices in early July giving them 90 days to enroll in a new plan or to be put in one automatically. Visit our [Federal Digital Digest](#) for additional information on this and other education-related topics.



Rhode Island

Receiving text messages claiming to be from the DMV? The **RI DMV** is alerting the public following a recent surge in scam texts making false claims and payment demands. RI residents should not click on or respond to these texts. If someone has concerns about their DMV records, they can utilize the [DMV Customer Portal](#). Visit our [RI Digital Digest](#) for information on government ID, DMV fees, and more.



Massachusetts

Massachusetts has announced expanded access to **\$25,000 in interest-free down payment assistance** for qualified first-time homebuyers, available now through July 31. Visit our [MA Digital Digest](#) for additional information on this program and other housing-related topics.



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