

Eric Angel

Eric Angel has served as Legal Aid's Executive Director since December 2010. Prior to his appointment to this position by Legal Aid's Board of Trustees, Eric had been the organization's Legal Director for almost a decade. Under Eric's leadership in both of these roles, Legal Aid has grown nearly four-fold and dramatically increased the number of individuals it is able to serve and the quality of the legal representation it provides. Throughout his tenure at Legal Aid, Eric has served on a variety of D.C. Bar and Court committees including: the D.C. Bar's Landlord-Tenant Implementation Committee; the D.C. Superior Court's Small Claims Rules Committee; the D.C. Superior Court's ad hoc in Forma Pauperis and 9-I Rules Committees; and the D.C. Bar Foundation's Loan Repayment Assistance Program Advisory Committee. Eric is a past Co-Chair and Steering Committee Member of the D.C. Bar's Litigation Section. Eric served on the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission from 2011-2020. Since 2012, Eric has served on the D.C. Circuit Standing Committee for Pro Bono Legal Services; in 2018, he was appointed by Chief Judge Merrick Garland to serve as Chair of the Committee. In the context of the COVID-19 crisis, Eric serves on a variety of formal and informal task forces and committees to attempt to ameliorate the access to justice harms of the pandemic.

At the 2010 D.C. Judicial and Bar Conference, Eric was named the co-recipient of the D.C. Bar Foundation's Jerrold Scoutt Prize. The Prize is awarded annually to an attorney "who has worked for a significant portion of his or her career at a non-profit organization providing direct hands-on legal services to the needy in the District of Columbia; has demonstrated compassionate concern for his or her clients; and has exhibited a high degree of skill on their behalf." In 2012, Eric received the American Bar Association Section of Litigation's John Minor Wisdom Award, given annually to individuals who have made "outstanding contributions to the quality of justice in their communities, ensuring that the legal system is open and available to all."

Before joining Legal Aid in March 2001, Eric served as an Associate Counsel to President William J. Clinton. Prior to Eric's two years at the White House Counsel's Office, he served for four years as a Trial Attorney in the Civil Division in the United States Department of Justice handling civil litigation matters in federal district courts around the country.

A graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School, Eric began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. In addition to his work at Legal Aid, Eric serves as an adjunct faculty member teaching "Public Interest Lawyering" at The George Washington University Law School.