



BUILDING DEMOCRACY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

## EVERYDAY DEMOCRACY

AN E-NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITIZEN ADVOCACY CENTER

### CITIZEN ADVOCACY CENTER WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JACK BENTLEY, ESQ.



As Executive Director, Jack looks forward to expanding the reach of the CAC, promoting CAC's successes, identifying new stakeholders, and creating an expansive team environment throughout CAC's service area. Jack brings enthusiasm and a spirit of innovation to his role in advancing CAC's mission and goals.

Jack also has a deep appreciation for CAC's innovative and catalytic "Community Lawyer" model through which CAC delivers its services. Jack views the role of a lawyer not only through the lens of being an experienced litigator and practitioner of law, but he also views and recognizes the need to create community leadership, build relationships, proactively engage others in addressing causes they care passionately about, and be philanthropically active.

### WEDNESDAY PROGRAM! 101 COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & THE FIRST AMENDMENT

**TOMORROW!**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**7- 8 PM (CT)**

**Join In-person at 188 W  
Industrial Dr Conference  
Room, Elmhurst or  
Join virtually by  
clicking this [ZOOM](#) Link**

**RSVP not required but appreciated!**  
**[cac@citizenadvocacycenter.org](mailto:cac@citizenadvocacycenter.org) or  
call 630-833-4080**

**Community Lawyer Jackson  
Paller will facilitate a lively and  
engaging discussion on how you  
can make a difference in your  
community!**

Come learn the basics of how to build community networks, work with neighbors, identify allies, create an action plan, grow community leaders, and integrate various aspects of the First Amendment freedoms of the Right to Speech, Right to Petition, and Right to Assembly into your advocacy plan!

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful  
committed individuals can change the world.*

*In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."*

Margaret Mead

Jack first joined the CAC in 2011 as a legal intern from Chicago-Kent College of Law. After graduating from law school, Jack worked in the Cook County States Attorney's Office and, more recently, at Johnson & Bell, Ltd. Jack has also held board leadership positions in a variety of Bar Associations and nonprofit organizations which he is passionate about, including A Just Harvest and Grey Ghost Theater.

Myrrha Guzman, Esq., CAC's Board President said, "The Board and staff are excited to welcome Jack back to the CAC as Executive Director, and are eager to work with him as he leads the organization into its fourth decade of service to our communities!"

The CAC is thrilled that Jack has returned full circle to the CAC, now as our newest Executive Director/Community Lawyer.

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All donations to CAC are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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CAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan, free, community legal organization.

Our mission is to build democracy for the 21st Century by strengthening the citizenry's capacities, resources, and institutions for self-governance.

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