



MIGUEL C. KEBERLEIN | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY



Miguel C. Keberlein joined the Legal Aid Society from the Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF), where he served as the Director of the Immigrants and Workers' Rights (IWR) Practice Group, a position he held since 2012. In that role he led the Group's statewide strategy and initiatives, directed LAF's Migrant Project, litigated federal and state cases, as well as supervised a team of attorneys. Keberlein also secured more than \$750,000 in grants supporting immigrants and workers' rights, and launched LAF's annual "Farmworker Blues" fundraiser.

In addition, Keberlein also served as Director of LAF Client Support Services. Holding that position since 2015, he integrated social work services into all of LAF's practice groups, directed the agency's efforts to train staff in providing trauma-informed services to clients, and furthered LAF's ability to secure grants that required social work case management.

Before holding Director roles with LAF, Keberlein joined in 2002, starting as a Staff Attorney, then was promoted to Senior and Supervisory Attorney, roles he held through 2012. As an attorney in LAF's Migrant Project, and later in the Immigrants and Workers' Rights Practice Group, he provided comprehensive legal services statewide to migrant and seasonal farmworkers, litigating on multiple issues.

A former adjunct professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law, Keberlein is Chair of the Illinois Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking. He also is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Illinois Immigrant Legal Aid Collaborative Steering Committee, the National Employment Lawyers Association and the Chicago Bar Association. He has been admitted to the State Bars of Illinois and Wisconsin, and has been admitted to practice in the 5th and 7th Federal Courts of Appeals.

In addition, Keberlein has lectured extensively on issues related to immigration and human/labor trafficking. His honors include being named a Chicago Community Trust Fellow and one of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's "40 Under 40."

Keberlein earned his Juris Doctor degree in 2002 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School. He also holds a Master's degree in Third World Development Support from the University of Iowa, and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from St. Norbert College.