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**Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg Named
Director of Immigrant Advocacy Program**

Falls Church, Va., June 22, 2015—The Legal Aid Justice Center is pleased to announce that attorney Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg has been named director of the Legal Aid Justice Center’s Immigrant Advocacy Program (IAP). Since its creation in 1998, IAP’s attorneys and community organizers have educated Virginia immigrants about their rights and helped them protect their families’ well-being.

Since joining the Immigrant Advocacy Program as an attorney in 2011, Sandoval-Moshenberg has specialized in consumer, housing, and employment litigation in federal and state court. He has spearheaded many high-impact cases, including our successful effort to gain in-state tuition eligibility for thousands of Virginia recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). He also has taken on “zombie” debt collectors, and he helped establish our program to assist unaccompanied minor refugees.

Sandoval-Moshenberg will lead a team that has been widely recognized for its strategic advocacy on behalf of immigrants and its deep commitment to the community. Mary Bauer, executive director of LAJC, said, “Simon has really distinguished himself as an impact advocacy leader. He has an amazing ability to find legal solutions to some of the immigrant community’s biggest challenges, and he is an expert at achieving results through litigation.”

“Immigrants in Virginia today continue to face abuse, exploitation, and discrimination, but they remain hopeful that their contributions to our society will be recognized and valued. I am honored to lead a great team of passionate, skilled advocates who fight for our immigrant neighbors every day,” said Mr. Sandoval-Moshenberg.

Sandoval-Moshenberg is a graduate of Columbia University and Yale Law School, where he was awarded the Munson prize for excellence in clinical practice. He received the 2013 LASSY award from the Virginia Poverty Law Center for greatest achievement in consumer law.

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About the Legal Aid Justice Center and the Immigrant Advocacy Program

The Legal Aid Justice Center provides civil legal assistance to low-income families and individuals in Virginia with a focus on vulnerable populations, including children, immigrants, the elderly, and the institutionalized. The Immigrant Advocacy Program (IAP) represents low-wage immigrant workers in court and administrative proceedings, counsels them about their rights under federal and state law to be paid for their work, recovers unpaid wages they have earned, and fights workplace discrimination. With a special focus on day laborers and migrant farmworkers, IAP seeks to stop unjust employment practices and assist hard-working immigrants throughout Virginia who face discrimination and exploitation.