

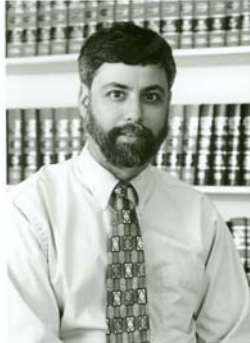
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Biography:



Dan Lesser is a senior attorney with the Shriver Center's welfare unit. He specializes in child care, immigrant rights, teen, and welfare-to-work issues. He was very involved in the creation of a consolidated, income-based, universal child care assistance program in Illinois; he served on the statewide advisory committee to the state agency and worked in coalition with advocates and service providers throughout the reform process. He also has been a significant participant in the coalitions that have obtained partial federal and state removal of the 1996 federal welfare law's draconian restrictions on the eligibility of legal immigrants for public benefits. He co-convenes a state advisory committee on service coordination to families involved in both the financial assistance and child welfare systems. Before joining the Center, he was a senior staff attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, where he worked for seven years. Before that he was in private practice for four years. Dan is a 1984 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and a 1978 graduate of Princeton University.

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