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### **Shriver eJustice to offer better technology leadership for the poverty law community**

(Chicago)—A new image, philosophy, and approach are shaping the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law's eJustice. A national technology project, eJustice offers technology information, networking, training, leadership, and other national initiatives to promote successful technology applications for the poverty law community. eJustice became part of the Shriver Center in April 2005 with funding from the Legal Services Corporation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. eJustice is now fully operational with the following components:

- Website Relaunch

The website [www.ejustice.org](http://www.ejustice.org) features a new design with more relevant content at a higher quality. With its streamlined content delivery, eJustice is now more targeted for legal services professionals and administrators who need assistance in navigating the tech waters.

- New Training Model

A new enhanced training model interweaves screenshots, video, and text for an always-available experience.

- Survey Tools

eJustice will have the resources to help legal services programs design truly effective surveys and an online tool for programs to conduct their own surveys.

Changes in the project also reflect a new, broader perspective on the relationship between technology and justice. eJustice does not simply approach technological issues in the poverty law community simply from a "digital divide" perspective. Project managers will also address how the larger legal, political, and social content of technology affects poor people.

"Because technology is outrunning our ethical and legal imagination, we are experiencing unprecedented problems," says David Eads, the eJustice project manager. For example some Katrina evacuees who were offered technical services and computers were still not able to access necessary forms because the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, had locked into a specific platform for delivering services. This illustrates that "digital divide" discussions often miss the principles that would animate the need for better access for low-income people. "We must ensure that all have the minimum level to access services that are being provided," says Eads.

The Shriver Center also hopes that technology issues addressed by eJustice can be instructive for the nonprofit organizations on diverse issues beyond legal services.

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