

# MIT- Law is Code

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Software for Access to Justice, Legal Aid, and Open Law

“It is the daily; it is the small; it is the cumulative injuries of little people that we are here to protect....If we are able to keep our democracy, there must be once commandment:

THOU SHALT NOT RATION JUSTICE”

–The Honorable Learned Hand

# Project Categories

- Expert Systems
- Document Assembly
- Triage
- Mobile Needs

# Projects

- CORI Project
- Predatory Loan Project
- Intake Project
- Victims of Crime/U-Visa Project
- Document Sharing Project
- CPCS Calculators/Expert Systems

# Class Partners

- Harvard Legal Aid
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Suffolk Law/Accelerator Program
- Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
- Mass Law Reform Institute
- Committee for Public Counsel Services

# Predatory Loan Project

- Predatory Lending Prevention/Consumer Protection
  - Corinthian College Shut Down/Settlement
  - Quirk of Federal Law
  - Help those scammed
  - \$1.4 Billion just last year
  - 72,000 students at the time

# U-Visa Project

- Help Victims of Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence
- Intended for those who can help investigate crimes
- Victims are not ready to give needed information to attorneys
- Need a better way to get affidavit information from victims of sex trafficking and domestic abuse

# CORI Project

- Criminal Offender Record Information
- Record Sealing
- Tremendous impact on ability to find work
- Men and Women of color are disproportionately affected





<https://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2015/01/07/the-chef-and-governor/s8quiPZoLtFz7F1QR9rB4L/story.html>

Importance of Record Sealing

# Intake Project

- Legal Aid organizations have no good way to schedule appointments
- Overwhelmed by phone calls
- Need a simple powerful solution
- <http://www.mhlac.org/Intake.htm>

# Easier Document Sharing

- Legal Documents are Scary
- People often worry or have trouble explaining a legal notice
- Fast reliable & safe way to share these documents with legal aid organizations
- Allows for better, faster help

# CPCS Calculators

- The Due Processor Projects
  - CORI Cruncher
  - Collateral Consequences Calculator
  - Duration Calculator
  - Juvenile Sentence Calculator

# CPCS - Expert Systems

- Rules of Evidence
- Do I need a memo?
- Do they need a warrant?
  - CPCS attorneys are at a disadvantage to the State Agencies
- Expert systems could reduce errors

# Closing