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Subject: Congratulations Jerry!

This month, Directing Attorney Gerald (Jerry) McIntyre will retire after 22 years with Justice in Aging, and 40+ years in legal services advocacy. For decades, Jerry has championed the rights of low-income seniors. The nation's leading expert on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, Jerry has used his in-depth knowledge of SSI and Social Security to train and provide case consultations to tens of thousands of legal services lawyers and advocates during his time with Justice in Aging. His unparalleled expertise in these programs has allowed him to push the Social Security Administration (SSA) to make important changes and improvements in the program.

Working with advocates from across the country, Jerry led the charge to improve the service SSA provides to Limited English Proficient beneficiaries. As lead counsel on the Clark and Martinez class action lawsuits against the agency, **he helped end the so-called, "fleeing felon" policies at SSA and won the restoration of over \$1.7 billion in Social Security and SSI benefits**

for hundreds of thousands of older adults and people with disabilities.

In addition to his many legal achievements, Jerry has been a wonderful colleague to us at Justice in Aging and to many external partners as well.

Fortunately, Jerry will remain closely involved in the work at Justice in Aging in his new role as Special Counsel. Jerry will continue to be involved in litigation and our advocacy with the Social Security Administration. Additionally, he will continue to work closely with our economic security team to meet the training and case consultation needs of the aging network.

If you'd like to give Jerry a shout-out and join us in saying thank you for his years of service, [please sign this special e-card](#) we created as part of his retirement celebration.

The link to sign his card will close February 5.



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