



2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Since 1958
LEGAL AID CENTER
of Southern Nevada



MISSION

The mission of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is the preservation of access to justice and the provision of quality legal counsel, advice and representation for individuals who are unable to protect their rights because they cannot afford an attorney.

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“INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE.”

– MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.





Greetings Friends and Supporters,

When a 17-year old, who has spent half of her life in foster care, says to one of our attorneys, "I want to be a lawyer just like you, to help kids like me," it reminds us that the work we do changes lives for the better every day.

This is important to remember as the need for our services becomes more urgent with every passing month. On any given morning, there is a stack of new cases waiting for us ... people facing financial ruin and homelessness due to foreclosure, wage garnishment or bankruptcy; domestic violence victims trying to escape their abusers and retain custody of their children; foster children striving to have their voices heard in court, hoping for adoption and a forever family; consumers who have been defrauded on a car loan; and senior citizens facing a range of difficult issues.

It is not only our privilege to serve these people who so desperately need our help, it is also our societal responsibility to ensure that all residents have access to due process for their civil legal challenges.

Toward this goal, we partnered with the Eighth Judicial District Court and the Clark County Justice Courts to open the new Civil Law Self-Help Center, located on the first floor of the Regional Justice Center. In its first full year of operation, the center helped 31,416 individuals with legal problems, 78 percent of which had household incomes under \$30,000. But this service is by no means limited to the poor. Underserved middle-class residents, who often cannot afford to hire an attorney but earn above Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's income guidelines, are enormously grateful for the reliable, professional advice that they receive at the Civil Law Self-Help Center.

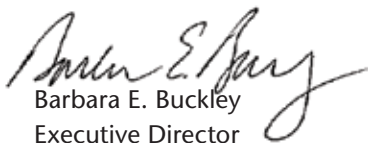
Our growth has been exponential, but every week, we have to decide who receives legal help, and who has to wait, or even worse, who cannot be served at all. Only half of the children in foster care receive help. Some victims of fraud will never recover their life savings. Some victims of domestic violence may lose their children when we cannot help. Our overarching goal is to reach a day when we never again have to turn away people who need us due to lack of funding.

Even before the economic downturn, we realized that in order to achieve this goal of serving all who need us, we had to dramatically expand our facilities. At present, we have outgrown our existing building, are renting outposts nearby and still can't accommodate all of the educational classes, client intake, attorneys and support staff that is required.

So it is my great pleasure to announce that in spite of launching our capital campaign during one of the worst economic downturns in history, we have been able to raise sufficient funds to break ground on our new headquarters. (Please see more details on page 23 of this report.) At this writing, we are raising the final funds needed to furnish the building, and we are grateful beyond words for how the Southern Nevada community has stepped forward to help us reach this milestone. In these pages, you will learn more about how we serve our clients and how this new facility will help make Southern Nevada a more just place to live.

As we seek additional funding sources to furnish our new facility and further expand our programs, we continue to serve those who, without our assistance, would otherwise have no voice. Though we cannot end poverty, domestic violence, child abuse or consumer fraud, with your continued support, we can help more victims achieve justice and more foster children find stability in loving, forever homes.

Sincerely,


Barbara E. Buckley
Executive Director

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– BARBARA BUCKLEY

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ASSURING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE DO

Children's Attorneys Project

- Give children in foster care a voice in court.
- Enforce a child's right and desire to have visitation with their siblings.
- Assist low-income parents who are struggling with the school district to protect their children's special education rights.
- Connect Educational Surrogate Parents with special needs foster care children who would benefit from an advocate to help them achieve a successful mainstream public education.

Consumer Rights Project

- Work against fraudulent sales practices.
- Fight against abusive debt-collection activities.
- Enforce car warranties so people don't pay for a service that they don't receive.
- Represent those who have lost jobs in bankruptcy court.
- Represent homeowners going through foreclosure mediation.
- Represent people with disabilities who have been denied social security benefits.

Pro Bono Project

- Recruit private attorneys to represent clients in the areas of consumer fraud, domestic violence, child abuse, bankruptcy, family law and foreclosure mediation.
- Train volunteer attorneys in specialties of law outside their practice areas.
- Mentor volunteer attorneys who need assistance in areas of law outside of their usual practices.
- Manage Ask-A-Lawyer programs in family law, landlord/tenant and foreclosure mediation, providing unrepresented litigants with 15 to 30 minutes of expert legal advice from a practicing attorney.

Domestic Violence Project

- Represent victims and help them obtain protective orders, divorce and custody of their children.
- Help victims who are living in domestic violence shelters by teaching them about their moral and legal rights to live a life free of violence.
- Assist battered immigrants who are victims of crimes under the Violence Against Women Act and criminal witness U-Visa Program.

Civil Self-Help Center

- Provide self-help information to those representing themselves in civil matters.

Community Legal Education Project

Offer free weekly classes to members of the community in partnership with the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in the following areas:

- Divorce
- Custody
- Guardianship
- Small Claims
- Bankruptcy
- Foreclosure Mediation

SUPPORT OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE

As a nonprofit law firm that provides legal assistance at no cost to our clients, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is in fundraising mode year-round. We are so thankful to have forged strong partnerships with the following groups who support our operational needs in a variety of ways, ranging from monetary donations to marketing and communications advice to relationship building. We could not serve the thousands that we do without their generosity:

NEVADA LAW FOUNDATION – The Nevada Law Foundation is the state’s distributor of Interest On Lawyer’s Trust Accounts (IOLTA) funding and supports most of our program areas. Over the past few years, the Nevada Supreme Court has enacted rules that have significantly increased IOLTA revenue with the goal of allowing us to serve more clients.

NEVADA WOMEN’S PHILANTHROPY – The Nevada Women’s Philanthropy pools together funds from its members across Nevada and awards money to two organizations each year. We were fortunate to win their major grant award, which allowed us to create a new attorney position for our Children’s Attorneys Project. This attorney will represent abused and neglected children in foster care, early on in the process, helping them to achieve stability and security in their lives.



Members of the Nevada Women’s Philanthropy and Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada staff and board members.

BANK OF AMERICA – In 2010, we were awarded the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Grant, which allows us to further develop our infrastructure and strategic planning for the future of the organization. This will help us plan for long-term sustainability and enable us to keep up with the increasing demand for our services.



George Smith, Nevada president of Bank of America and Barbara Buckley, executive director of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

CLARK COUNTY – Clark County has been a partner of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for the past 12 years and was instrumental in developing our Children’s Attorneys Project, which represents children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. We are also fortunate to receive county funding for our Pro Bono Project, which over the past 10 years has helped more than 4,280 people. Clark County also contributed to our Capital Campaign through the Federal Community Development Block Grant.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada receives periodic funding from the Department of Justice for our Domestic Violence Project through the Legal Assistance to Victims grant. We act as the statewide manager of this grant, which funds domestic violence work throughout the state of Nevada.

STATE OF NEVADA – The State of Nevada funds some of our children’s work through its Victims of Crime Program. This additional funding allows us to represent children who have suffered not only abuse and neglect, but who have also been victims of sexual or violent crimes.

AOC/NEVADA SUPREME COURT – The Nevada Supreme Court has been a funding partner through the Court Improvement Project, which seeks improvement of interrelated systems that serve children and families who enter the child welfare system. The program operates through team-oriented court and agency initiatives, toward the goal of making the systems more effective. This funding helped us create a pilot project (now in its third year) of representing abused children early in the foster care process rather than waiting years down the road when a behavioral or other problem arises. This has proven to be of significant benefit for children as they achieve permanency quicker. This funding also assists us in providing foster care children with surrogate parents, who represent them in dealing with the school district to ensure that their special education needs are being addressed.

STATE BAR OF NEVADA – Through its Lawyer Referral and Information Services Public Grant program, this past year we received funding to reprint in bulk our outreach materials for the community. These brochures cover topics such as How to Buy a Used Car, Debt Collection, Special Education, Social Security Disability and the Family Medical Leave Act for Domestic Violence Victims. The State Bar of Nevada also contributed to our Capital Campaign.

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT – The Bankruptcy Court in Las Vegas noticed an increasing number of pro se litigants coming to court who were unable to navigate the complex world of bankruptcy. This began our Bankruptcy Facilitator Program, funded by a grant that enables Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorneys to meet with pro se litigants in court. This has helped us to expand our pro bono program through recruitment of lawyers who will accept complex bankruptcy cases midstream on a pro bono basis.

VEGAS PBS – Vegas PBS has partnered with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law to bring our free legal information classes to the Internet. This year, Vegas PBS taped our Small Claims Court class, which included a mock trial, simulating the types of procedures that one should be prepared for in a small claims proceeding. Our partnership with Vegas PBS was launched in 2009, with its taping of our Bankruptcy Court class, which continues to serve thousands who cannot travel to our headquarters in person.

UNLV WILLIAM S. BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW – Our 12-year partnership with the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law gives students invaluable, real-world experience and provides Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada with additional help in educating residents on various legal issues. The majority of the school’s first and second year law students volunteer at our office and teach classes to the general public under the supervision of a staff attorney. Without their help, we couldn’t begin to meet the demand that exists for classes in bankruptcy, small claims, divorce, guardianship, paternity/custody and the newly added foreclosure mediation program.

NV ENERGY – NV Energy purchased a page for us in the 2010 In Business Giving Guide, an overview of nonprofit organizations in the valley. This generous donation gave us broad-based outreach, which helped to educate more members of the Southern Nevada philanthropic community about the critical social services that we provide and how our work improves the quality of life for all Southern Nevadans. NV Energy also contributed to our Capital Campaign.

R&R PARTNERS FOUNDATION – For more than three years now, the R&R Partners Foundation has been an invaluable partner in helping us grow. They recognized the importance of our 50th anniversary and helped us to utilize this distinguished record of service to kick off our Capital Campaign. Thanks to their guidance, we rebranded ourselves as Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, making it easier for clients to find us and for members of the philanthropic community to understand what we do. They design our annual reports, update our brochures, assist with our annual pro bono luncheon fundraiser and help us in countless other ways. We would not be where we are today without their talent, expertise and support.

ADDITIONAL THANKS – Our heartfelt appreciation also goes out to Tyler Technologies, Nancy Katz, Beau Sterling, Rich and Carlyne Myers, and Proof Interactive, our additional in-kind contributors from 2010.

CLARK COUNTY CIVIL LAW SELF-HELP CENTER

In 2002, district court judges recognized that there was a crushing need for a professional, trustworthy forum where residents could come to have their civil legal questions answered. After seven years of planning, the Clark County Civil Law Self-Help Center opened its doors to a grateful community.

Run in partnership between the Clark County Courts, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and the Neighborhood Justice Center, the Self-Help Center's mission is to increase informed access to the courts by providing education, information, legal forms, community referrals and support services to self-represented civil litigants, regardless of their income. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada provides one supervising attorney, four paralegals along with a Neighborhood Justice Center mediator, who are all based on site.

In 2010 alone, the Self-Help Center assisted more than 31,000 pro se litigants, providing assistance in such areas as small claims, landlord/tenant complaints and evictions, foreclosures and protection orders, among others. The organization's staff helps with identifying and completing legal forms; making referrals to community resources; and conducting highly effective "Ask-A-Lawyer" programs, where litigants can meet face-to-face with a pro bono attorney for professional legal advice. Through its website, the Self-Help Center also makes legal forms and additional information available to the broadest possible audience.

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EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INFORMATION

"The staff was awesome! I was expecting to go through this process alone and was amazed with how affable and kind this wonderful staff was to me. They took a lot of pressure off of me. Thank you!" (January 2010)

"I didn't have to ask for help – it was offered." (February 2010)

"Excellent. An essential tool for the public to help settle small legal matters such as tenant nonpayment of rent and collections." (March 2010)

"The Self-Help Center is the BEST – every time I come, you guys have answers or seek them – you are truly the first HELP center – for real!" (March 2010)

"These people are absolutely AMAZING. They gave me hope!" (March 2010)

"This service was extremely helpful. I walked in lost and confused, and walked out confident and sure of myself and my direction." (March 2010)

"The staff at the Self-Help Center was very courteous and user friendly. I appreciate that there is a place like this for the public in distress who are unable to afford an attorney. Thank you!" (April 2010)

"The staff here was great! I didn't feel degraded when I had to ask questions. They were very helpful. Thank you!" (June 2010)

"You saved my life!!! ☺ Thank you for the customer service and compassion!" (August 2010)

"I don't know where I would have gotten the information and help I needed if it were not for you guys. Thank you to the entire staff." (September 2010)

"You people are outstanding in knowledge coupled with warmth and sincerity ... they squashed my fears, gave me confidence and understanding. They are the saints of the city." (November 2010)

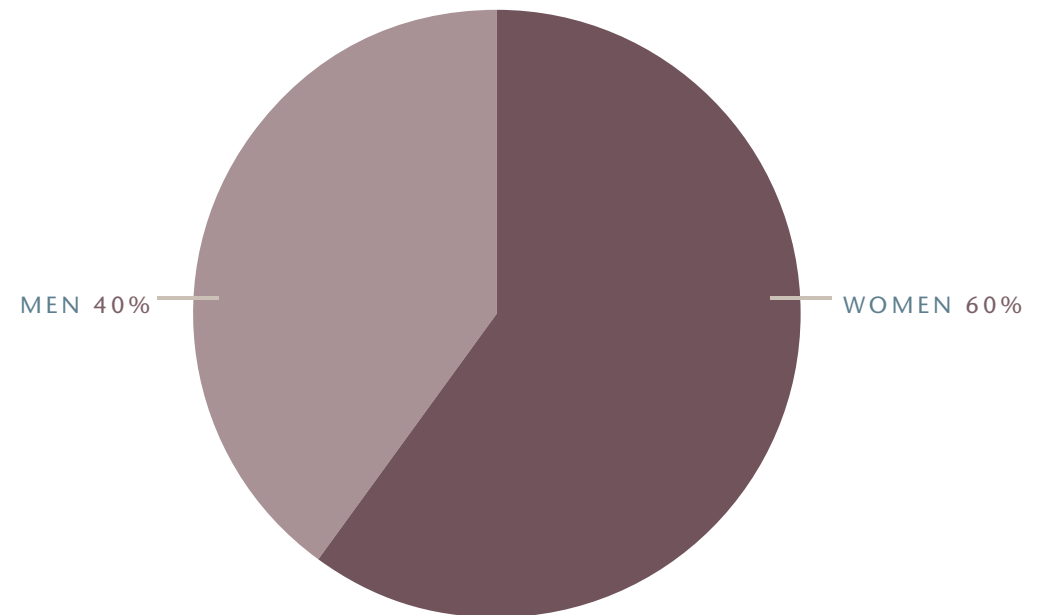
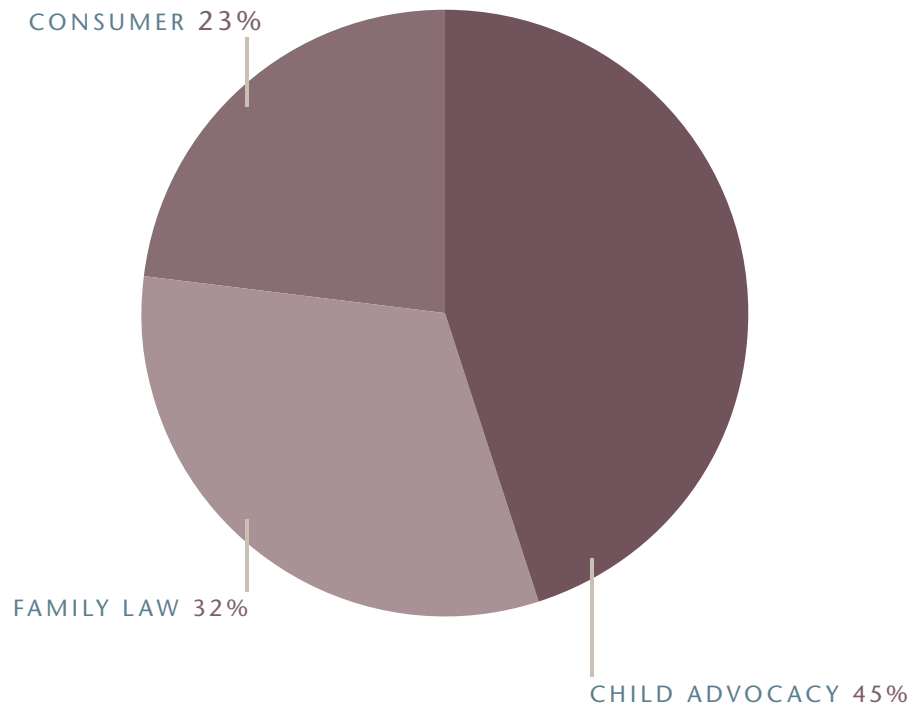
EXPANDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE



CLIENT STATISTICS

CASE TYPES and GENDER

MORE THAN
45,000 PEOPLE
ASSISTED
IN 2010



SUCCESS IN ACCESS TO JUSTICE



ERADICATING OVERMEDICATION OF FOSTER CHILDREN

Children should not be controlled by medication just because no one has the time to identify or confront their issues. It is not unusual for a child to act out when they have been removed from the only family they have known. However, a lack of attention to their needs often leads to mistaken psychiatric diagnoses. One example was 10-year-old Nathaniel, who was removed from his home due lack of supervision by his meth-addicted mother. When his Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorney first met Nathaniel, he was hospitalized, appeared heavily medicated and was not functioning like a normal child. His attorney immediately filed a motion with the court, demanding an independent evaluation of his medication and treatment. After securing this court victory, the attorney worked with his doctors to take him off of all medications and get him stabilized. She was able to place him with a wonderful foster family and his true personality emerged in this loving environment. The family decided to adopt him and Nathaniel was elated to finally have a forever family. His attorney completed all of the paperwork on his behalf and even attended his adoption ceremony to celebrate the beginning of his new life.



PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENT VICTIMS

Domestic violence continues to be a significant problem for Nevada, and it has been made worse by the economic crisis. Francine was a young stay-at-home mother with two young daughters. She came from a home where physical abuse was routine between her father and mother, which conditioned her to view abuse as normal. Her own marriage was marred by physical violence for several years. Though she wanted to leave, her husband convinced her that because she was unemployed, if she reported his abuse and left with the children, she would ultimately lose custody of them. After a particularly vicious incident, though, Francine escaped with the children and obtained an emergency protective order against the husband, which allowed her to remain in the marital home. The husband continued to harass her and threatened to burn down the house. Finally one night, he smashed the home's front window, terrifying the children. Fearing for their lives, Francine took her children and fled, moving into one of the area's domestic violence shelters. It was there that she met her Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorney, who immediately filed a motion asking the court to allow her to relocate out of state to a community where she had a support system. The court granted the order and she is now gainfully employed, living close to family and raising her children in a safe and healthy environment.

HELPING FOSTER CHILDREN TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD

All too often, children “graduate” from the foster care system at the tender age of 18 and must transition into adulthood without a guardian to guide them. After the death of both parents, Abigail was placed in the foster care system at a young age. Originally, she was going to be adopted by her foster mother, with whom she had lived for several years, but a family emergency arose and the foster mother had to surrender her foster care license and move out of state. Abigail was overwhelmed by the loss and bounced from foster home to foster home, never feeling comfortable or welcome. Fortunately, Abigail was tough and smart and her dream to become a doctor drove her to academic success. She was nearing 18 when Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada was asked to represent her. With the help of her attorney and a supportive case worker, Abigail graduated from high school with honors and earned full scholarships to both the University of Washington and UNLV. She opted to spend her first two years at UNLV and then transfer out of state for her junior and senior years. By the time her case was closed, Abigail had bonded with her attorney, whom she still speed dials for advice and communicates with on Facebook.



OBTAINING OWED BENEFITS

The federal government’s denial of disability benefits is a common occurrence for people who have problems tracking their paperwork and attending hearings. David, a 56-year-old man who is living with full-blown AIDS, hepatitis C and other opportunistic infections, asked us to assist him with the denial of his Social Security disability payments. He was living in a group home but due to his illnesses and weakened condition, he was unable to attend his hearings. When he failed to appear, the Social Security Administration sent him warning letters that his case was about to be dismissed, but the group home manager failed to check David’s mail. By the time his Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorney stepped in, the judge was preparing to dismiss his case. The attorney got the dismissal stopped, got the hearing rescheduled and transferred it to another judge. However, David had grown so sick, he was unable to attend, even with assistance. Again, his attorney saved the day, transferred the hearing to a third judge, and won an amended onset date of his illnesses, which reinstated his benefits. Because his benefits had been cut off, David had been transferred to a nursing facility, which was not serving his needs. Once his disability payments were restored, he was able to move to an assisted living facility where he receives more care and is regaining his strength.





PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF BORROWERS

Some payday lenders continue to find creative ways to hurt those who are most vulnerable. Hundreds, if not thousands, of Rapid Cash short-term or “payday loan” borrowers had been sued in Justice Court and had void default judgments obtained against them, robbing them of their right to due process and the ability to be heard in court. These actions were the results of falsified affidavits of service filed by Rapid Cash and executed by process server Maurice Carroll (doing business as On Scene Mediations). We filed a putative class action in District Court seeking relief. Attempting to stall, Rapid Cash filed a motion to compel arbitration and stay all proceedings. We filed an opposition, the matter was argued and Rapid Cash’s motion was denied. Our motion for class certification was granted in October 2010 and we are close to successfully negotiating a settlement which will provide relief for those who were harmed. We are lucky to have the expertise of Randall Jones and Jennie Dorsey from Kemp, Jones & Coulthard as co-counsel with us on this case.



PREVENTING FORECLOSURE TO START A NEW LIFE

Nevada continues to lead the nation in the rate of foreclosures. One example of the kinds of cases that we see was Deborah, a widowed senior who lost her son and her husband the same year. Not only was she in a state of severe grief, she had lost half of her household income and was left with no financial safety net. This began a downward financial spiral. In a last-ditch hope of saving her home, she came to Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and was given an attorney. Her property was already in foreclosure and a trustee sale was scheduled. Her Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorney was able to straighten out issues with the servicer, who had offered her a trial payment plan based on an incorrect calculation of her income. Once that was resolved, her attorney worked with the servicer to resolve the title and subordination issues (which involved a junior lien holder) before the servicer would provide Deborah with a solution. Finally, a year after she first came through our doors, she received a permanent loan modification. Her interest rate dropped and her monthly mortgage payment became affordable, giving her the relief she needed to put her life back together.

ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

At the age of 12, Michael was diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance. His problems began in the first grade, but rather than seeking a proper diagnosis, school officials sent him to different special education classrooms throughout the district. When Michael reached the fourth grade, his mother was told that a separate “special school” would be the answer for him, where an individualized program could be tailored to address his academic and emotional needs. However, once he was transferred, problems immediately arose. On three occasions, he came home from school with large bruises, which the school blamed on Michael, accusing him of fighting with a teacher. Desperate for help, Michael’s mother came to Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Their attorney reviewed his school records and learned that his teacher was actually a substitute with no teaching degree. She also found that discipline at this school included an intervention room, a “relaxation room,” which amounted to isolation, and a point system. It was clear that there was no individualized program in place for Michael, as required by federal law. The attorney and mother moved him back to a traditional school setting and initiated hearings with the school district. The district agreed that he had not been well-served and moved him to a regular campus in a self-contained classroom. Today, with a personalized education plan, he is doing extremely well and his new teacher is talking about mainstreaming him into regular classes.



ASSIGNING EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENTS TO SUPPORT AT-RISK CHILDREN

Keesha is a 15-year-old girl in foster care who is represented by an attorney with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. She got into a physical fight at school with another female student, which actually turned out to be self-defense. This was not taken into account and she was suspended from school with a recommendation for expulsion. Her attorney assigned Keesha a volunteer from our Educational Surrogate Parent Program to advocate on her behalf with the school district. Through this process, it became apparent that Keesha has personal issues that were contributing to her clashes at school, but numerous requests for special education services had been denied. At the first meeting, the educational surrogate provided documentation that proved the school’s awareness of Keesha’s disability and its failure to act. The dean agreed that the requests for help had been ignored but insisted that the girl’s disability did not qualify her for special education. The educational surrogate pressed the point that under federal law, the school district was required to consider behavior as well as academic performance, and had Keesha testify about her struggle to control her anger. The dean finally conceded that her actions were a direct result of her disability and that she should qualify for special education services. Keesha continues to benefit from a strong bond with her educational surrogate.



ANNUAL PRO BONO LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING THE PRO BONO PROJECT'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The dramatic increase in need for our services over the past several years reminds us yet again how fortunate we are to have the support of so many fine attorneys in the Southern Nevada legal community. Without their hard work and commitment to this cause, we would have to turn away thousands of our most vulnerable residents. Each year, our Annual Pro Bono Luncheon honors these local attorneys, who collectively, provided a record-breaking 16,000+ hours of free legal services to low-income residents of Clark County in 2010.

Lied Award for Most Hours for Law Firm:

Lied Award for Most Cases for Law Firm:

Lied Award for Most Hours for Attorney:

Lied Award for Most Cases for Attorney:

Justice Nancy Becker Pro Bono Award of Judicial Excellence:

Vince A. Consul Memorial Pro Bono Award:

Louis Wiener Service Award:

Myrna Williams Children's Pro Bono Award:

Public Interest Law Student of Distinction:

Ask-A-Lawyer Community Commitment Award:

Pro Bono Attorney of the Year:

Pro Bono Law Firm of the Decade:

Pro Bono Attorney of the Decade:

Lewis & Roca (1060)

Lewis & Roca (21)

A. Maria Maskall (900+)

David L. Tanner (12)

Judge Frank P. Sullivan

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Lionel Sawyer & Collins

R. Christopher Reade



Vince A. Consul

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Maria Maskall accepts the award for Pro Bono Attorney of the Year from Nevada Supreme Court Justices James Hardesty, Kris Pickering, Mark Gibbons, Ron Parraguirre, Michael Douglas, Nancy Saitta and Mike Cherry.



Chris Reade accepts the award for Pro Bono Attorney of the Decade from Nevada Supreme Court Justices James Hardesty, Mark Gibbons, Ron Parraguirre, Nancy Saitta, Mark Cherry and Kris Pickering.



Sam Lionel and Cam Ferenbach, on behalf of Lionel, Sawyer & Collins, accept the award for Pro Bono Law Firm of the Decade from Nevada Supreme Court Justices Kris Pickering, James Hardesty, Mark Gibbons, Ron Parraguirre, Michael Douglas, Nancy Saitta and Mark Cherry.



Joel Henriod and John Krieger accept the Lied Award on behalf of the law firm of Lewis & Roca from Justices Michael Douglas and James Hardesty.



Maria Maskall accepts the Lied Award from Justices James Hardesty and Michael Douglas.



Judge Frank Sullivan accepts the Nancy Becker Award from Justice Nancy Becker.



Bill Kapalka accepts the Louis Wiener Award from Senator Valerie Wiener.



Phil Dabney and the staff from Holland & Hart accept the Myrna Williams Award from Justice Nancy Saitta.



Nick Portz accepts the Law Student Award from Justice Mark Gibbons.



Mario Fenu accepts the Ask-A-Lawyer Award from Justice Kris Pickering and Jessica Perlick.

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PRO BONO VOLUNTEERS

New Cases:

Enrique R. Acuña	Anthony D. Brooks	Philip J. Dabney	Kristen T. Gallagher	Lance J. Hendron
Malik W. Ahmad	Laura E. Browning	Michelle Darquea	Edward M. Garcia	Angela M. Hensley
Eric T. Aldrian	Thomas M. Burns	James M. Davis	Puneet K. Garg	Stephanie Cooper Herdman
Tera K. Ames	Rebecca L. Burton	Monica R. Dean	Paul M. Gaudet	Allison L. Herr
Mark R. Anderson	Marek P. Bute	Laura A. Deeter	Nedda Ghandi	Sophia L. Herrera
Heather B. Anderson-Fintak	Chelsie C. Campbell	Valerie L. Del Grosso	James B. Gibson	Lawrence C. Hill
Michelle L. Anderton	Walter R. Cannon	John S. Delikanakis	Gregory S. Gilbert	Jennifer Sloan Hilsabeck
Maricar S. Andrade	Candace C. Carlyon	Lindsay C. Demaree	Jacqueline A. Gilbert	Tera B. Hodge
Samuel S. Anter	Michael P. Carman	Alice S. Denton	Gerald I. Gillock	Juliana M. Hofsommer
Shannon L. Applegate	Christopher D. Carr	William C. Devine II	G. Asa Ginapp	Kenneth E. Hogan
Paola M. Armeni	Stephen M. Caruso	Kevin R. Diamond	Kristol Bradley Ginapp	Anita K. Holden-McFarland
Alejandro Arroyo	Arlene Casillas	Damon K. Dias	Sharon J. Glancz	Brian E. Holthus
Elizabeth S. Ashley	Sue Trazig Cavaco	Robert P. Dickerson	Peter J. Goat	Eric D. Hone
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THE NEW HEADQUARTERS

In 2007, Executive Director Barbara Buckley came to the board of directors with a vision. After several years of nonstop growth, which required splitting the staff into two different locations, she knew it was time to create a headquarters where all of our services could be available at one convenient location. Such a facility would increase efficiencies to assist clients who often have multiple issues; make room for a large classroom to hold free legal education classes; and allow for interview rooms where victims of domestic violence could recount their stories in private. This new building would also allow for central file maintenance, expanded computer servers and adequate, expandable work spaces that would promote improved communication and information storage while reducing overhead costs.

And so began the Capital Campaign, launched just before the start of a crushing economic downturn. And yet, in spite of these hard times, the Southern Nevada community has shown its strength and resilience in the face of adversity. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we will break ground on a debt-free facility in the summer of 2011. Our new headquarters will allow us to add additional staff and expand our services well into the next decade. The final hurdle was cleared thanks to a gift from the Engelstad Family Foundation in the amount of \$3.4 million (in addition to a previous \$500,000 gift), which finally made this dream a reality.

Our fundraising efforts will continue toward the goal of furnishing the new building, expanding our existing programs and creating new initiatives to serve those who need us most. Among these is our most urgent goal of providing every child in the Clark County foster care system with their own attorney to ensure that their best interests are always represented in court. With this new facility, and the promise that it holds, we can finally say that this goal is in sight.



THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR GROWTH

There are many groups and individuals who have helped Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada reach our goal of establishing a new headquarters to serve our rapid growth well into the future. However, these three local foundations have formed the bedrock of financial support that has brought us to this milestone in spite of an ailing economy, and therefore, deserve special recognition. They share our belief that no one should be denied access to justice through our legal system because they cannot afford an attorney. In this spirit, we say thank you to the Lied Foundation Trust, the Boyd Foundation and the Engelstad Family Foundation on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Southern Nevadans whose lives will be greatly improved because of your good will. We also want to extend our sincere thanks to our Capital Campaign co-chairs Bill Boyd, president of Boyd Gaming, and Dick Morgan, former dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law and a member of our board of directors. None of this would have been possible without their vision and leadership.

LIED FOUNDATION TRUST

The Lied Foundation Trust was established in October 1972 by Ernst F. Lied, in memory of his parents, Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied. The Lied Foundation Trust and its sole trustee, Christina Hixson, first became partners with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada in 2001, when we were paying off the \$1.3 million mortgage on our existing building. At the time, we had also merged with the Pro Bono Project and were searching for a way to attract new volunteer attorneys to assist with our growing case load. Christina offered us a brilliant solution to both challenges, offering to match volunteer attorney hours with money to pay off the mortgage. This incentive program enabled us to retire our note and greatly expanded our Pro Bono Project recruitment efforts, enabling us to serve many more individuals in need. When it became clear that we had to invest in a larger facility, Christine again came to us with an offer to build excitement around our fundraising goal. She donated \$1.5 million contingent upon matching donations and brought our Capital Campaign to life. The Lied Foundation Trust has been a pillar in the community for many years and has funded many other worthy projects, making Southern Nevada a better place to live.

BOYD FOUNDATION

Bill Boyd, trustee of the Boyd Foundation, made a substantial donation to our Capital Campaign in 2008 when he volunteered his time to be co-chair. Since then, he has been tireless in recruiting his friends and colleagues to donate to this worthy cause. The Boyd Foundation also made a pledge of \$500,000 to the campaign, the largest single pledge in the foundation's history. With this, our struggling effort was given a financial jump-start as well as immediate credibility within the philanthropic community. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada has had a win-win partnership with the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV since the inception of the school. We provide law students with real-world experience and they help to staff our free community legal education classes. Without Bill's stalwart support, we would not be where we are today.

ENGELSTAD FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Engelstad Family Foundation was established in June 2002, prior to Ralph Engelstad's passing later that year. The foundation trustees include Ralph's widow Betty Engelstad; their daughter, Kris Engelstad McGarry; Owen Nitz; and Jeff Cooper. Over the years, the trustees have transformed the lives of countless Southern Nevadans through their gifts to worthy causes throughout our community. In January 2010, the Engelstad Foundation matched a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Lied Foundation and became committed partners in our mission to provide low-income residents with access to justice through professional legal counsel. In May of 2011, the foundation donated an additional \$3.4 million, which was the remaining balance of our \$13 million Capital Campaign, allowing us to build our new facility without any debt. Generations of Southern Nevadans will benefit from their vision for a better community for all.

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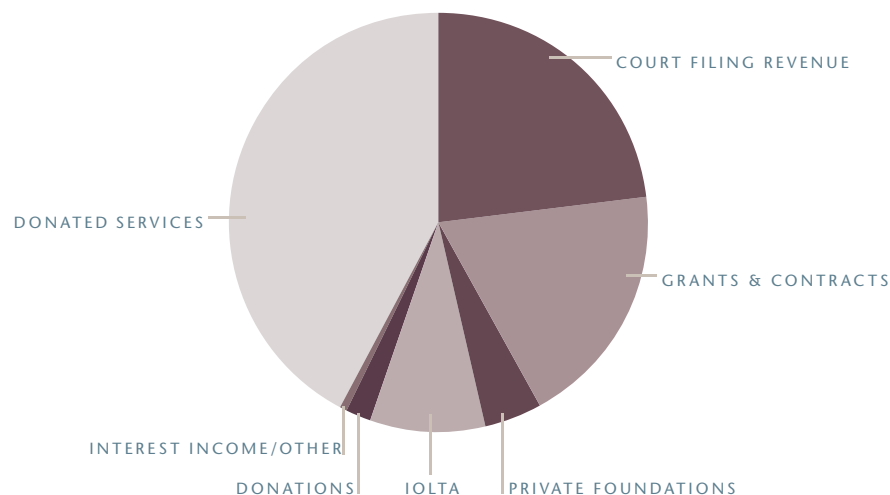
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Court Filing Revenue	\$2,276,991
Grants & Contracts	\$1,845,108
Private Foundations	\$415,281
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Donations	\$180,512
Interest Income/Other	\$57,758
Income Before Donated Services	\$5,653,150
Donated Services (16,500 hours at \$250/hr)	\$4,125,000
Total Income & Donated Services	\$9,778,150



EXPENSES

Personnel	
Salaries	\$3,659,049
Benefits	\$675,005
Personnel Subtotal	\$4,334,053
Non-Personnel	
Space & Utilities	\$368,088
Equipment Rental, Maintenance, IT	\$74,880
Supplies, Printing, Postage, General Office Related	\$118,644
Travel & Training	\$111,429
Legal Library	\$38,713
Dues & Fees	\$35,555
Litigation & Case Related Services	\$51,979
Telephone	\$35,423
Audit Expenses	\$21,818
Grant Pass Through Funds	\$125,450
Contract Services	\$48,000
Community Outreach & Events	\$35,465
Non-Personnel Subtotal	\$1,065,443
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$5,399,496
Expenses Before Donated Services	\$4,686,381
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