



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



GREETINGS FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Greetings —

Last year, I celebrated my 30th anniversary with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. As I reflect back over those 30 years, I am reminded of the invaluable support I received as a young attorney just starting out - support that helped me on my path to where I am now. That support encouraged me and helped me grow, not only as a lawyer, but as a person. And that support has continued as we have grown our organization into one of the most effective legal aid organizations in the country. In 2019, we accomplished more than ever and helped over 144,000 individuals. To read my entire letter looking back at 2019 and ahead to 2020, [click here](#).

Whether you are part of our staff, a dedicated volunteer, a funder, a partner, or a friend, thank you for being part of our mission of access to justice for all.

With Gratitude,



Barbara Buckley,
Executive Director



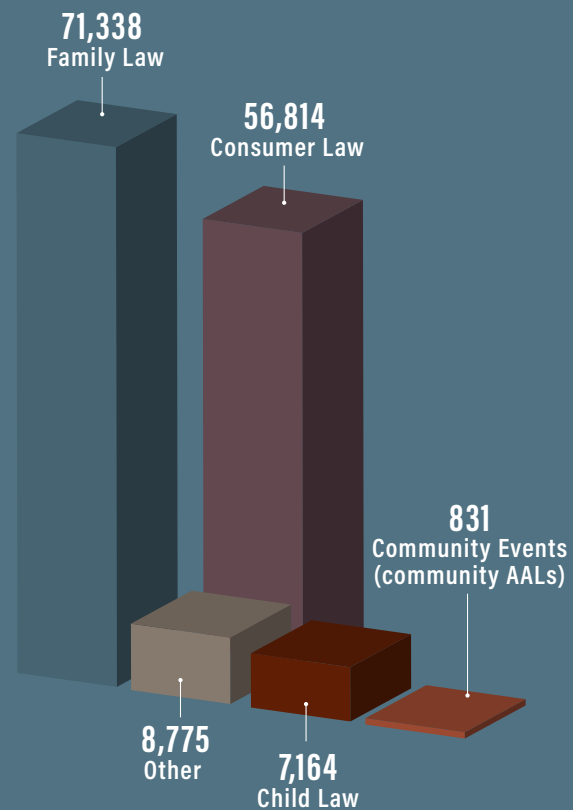
ALL SERVICES

144,922

Legal services were provided through all non-website program areas

SERVICE CATEGORIES:

includes cases, classes, Self-Help Centers, Ask-A-Lawyers, Community events, and hotlines:



WEBSITE



Over **2,499,554** users accessed legal information on our websites

3,429,884

Total sessions

FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP CENTER WEBSITE:

1,080,230
USERS

1,561,516
SESSIONS

CIVIL LAW SELF-HELP CENTER WEBSITE:

1,274,537
USERS

1,647,241
SESSIONS

LEGAL AID CENTER WEBSITE:

117,657
USERS

185,379
SESSIONS

PRO BONO WEBSITE:

14,893
USERS

19,954
SESSIONS

VSRC WEBSITE:

12,237
USERS

15,794
SESSIONS

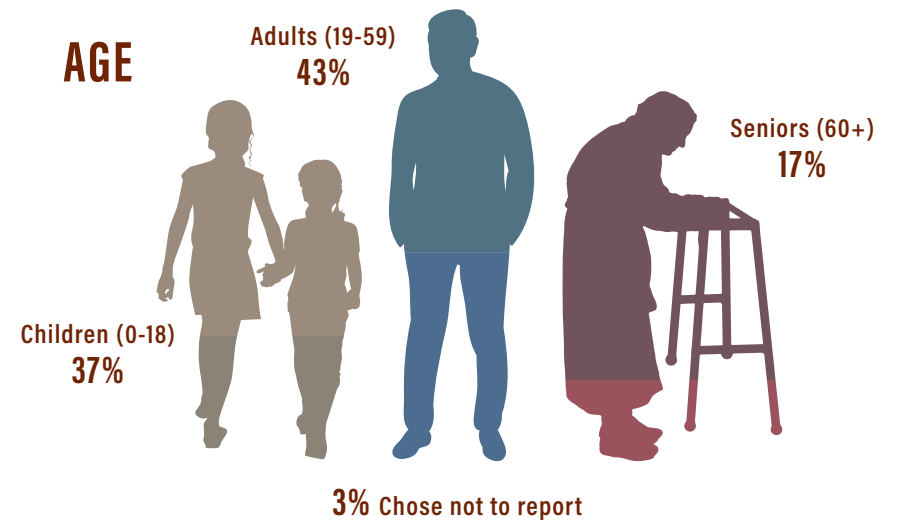
“I thank God for Gabrielle & Legal Aid Center.

It gave me peace & a sense of protection for me & my kids.

Keep up the greatness! Helping & changing lives 1 day at a time.”

– Legal Aid Center client

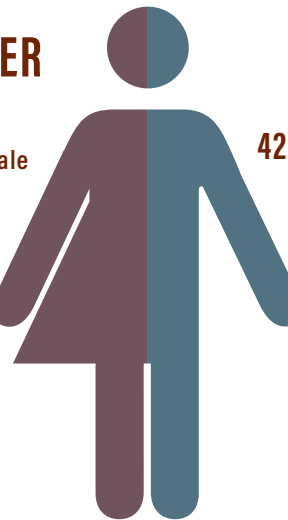
AGE



GENDER

56% Female

42% Male



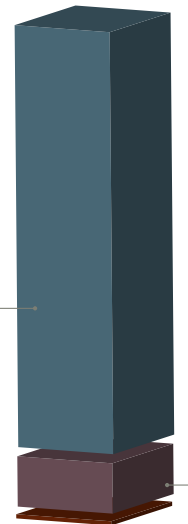
2% Chose to not report

CLIENTS

3,842
Disabled

38
Active
Military

458
Veterans



7% Multi-racial

26% African
American

34% Hispanic

3% Asian

1% American Indian/
Pacific Islander

ETHNICITY

29% White

WHO WE SERVE

DEMOGRAPHICS



WHAT WE DO: HELPING CHILDREN

The **Children's Attorneys Project** (CAP) provides counsel, advice and representation to abused and neglected children in the foster care system. The attorneys serve as the child's voice before the court and community allowing the child to take an active role (and responsibility) in their own destiny. Our dedicated CAP team handles very tough cases, often involving innocent children with broken bones, who have been sexually abused, and are suffering from emotional damage. But our team is buoyed by the fact that they make a difference in the lives of our clients like Stephanie. It is an honor to represent these children.

In 2019

- 6,033 children in foster care had a voice in court.
 - 4,688 were represented by Children's Attorneys Project attorneys and
 - 1,345 by Pro Bono CAP attorneys
- 9 CAP cases were decided on appeal



The **Education Advocacy Program**, a unit of CAP, provides advice, training, advocacy, and legal representation for children with disabilities who are entitled to special education services under federal and state law.

- 220 children in low-income families were represented by our Education attorney to ensure they received the special education assistance necessary for them to be successful in school
- 116 Volunteer Education Advocates worked directly with the Clark County School District to ensure the needs of 300 CAP children with special education needs were met.
- 573 community members received immediate help by the staff at the Family Law Self-Help Center for their adoption and parental rights cases

You could hear a pin drop as Stephanie described the difference having a lawyer made in her life. The first time Stephanie entered foster care, before she had an attorney, no one asked her what she wanted, and she was returned to a living situation where she did not feel safe.

When Stephanie entered foster care a second time, she was appointed a CAP attorney who fought for her rights. Thanks to her CAP lawyer, Stephanie's wish to live permanently with her grandmother was granted and for the first time in her life, she felt safe.



Sunny Day Fund

Determined to help give normalcy to the children in foster care, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada created the *Sunny Day Fund*. The Sunny Day Fund makes it possible to help address a gap in services for children with small but critical needs that could not be met by their foster care family or foster care system, like joining in school activities with the rest of their classmates and friends, allowing them to experience a happy environment. It also helps fill other critical needs in their life immediately. Some typical requests are:

- \$90 so a child could play football
- \$130 for a weighted blanket for a child with autism
- \$41 for a blanket and stuff animal for a child in a residential treatment center

Justin, who is under 10 years old, really wanted to play basketball. Unfortunately, the home Justin is placed in didn't have the money or the transportation sufficient for Justin to play on a team. Justin's CAP attorney asked if the Sunny Day Fund could provide Justin with a basketball and a hoop so he could have an outlet and play something he loved. The total cost was under \$100. Here is the impact a basketball and hoop made to one small boy:*

"Justin was thrilled, in the short time I was there he went from getting a few shots here and there to getting 15 shots in a row! The joy and pride on his face was unbelievable. I am forever grateful for making this happen for him. Thank you!"

*Names have been changed to protect the privacy of Legal Aid Center's clients.

***"My first CAP case taught me how vulnerable these children are. Their vocabularies could not encompass the type of abuse experienced at the hands of people they loved. During a witness preparation, my client's voice dropped as she gave me horrific details. I told her to 'talk to the wall'. Talking to the wall seemed to ease her mind. She had no fear of saying what needed to be said in a loud voice that reached the wall and certainly pierced my heart."** – Janice Brown, Esq.*

WHAT WE DO: PROTECTING SENIORS

“This was a huge case that my entire life & future depended on. Amy was incredible the entire time. She was always updating me, going above & Beyond for me and restored my faith in the USA and legal system.”
– Legal Aid Center client

Legal Aid Center provides direct representation, counsel, and advice to seniors through our Consumer Rights Project on legal issues from predatory lending, real estate, fraud, probate, social security appeals, mobile home issues, immigration, bankruptcy, and unlawful auto sales and mechanic work.

The **Adult Guardianship Program** within the Consumer Rights Project provides direct representation to seniors and adults facing or under a guardianship. The Program is on the forefront of a changing area of law and is helping to shape and enforce meaningful protections for those otherwise unable to protect themselves.

In 2019

- 20% of our senior clients were struggling to make ends meet
- 18% of our senior clients had housing issues
- 6 seniors a month came to Legal Aid Center seeking legal help on a bad car sale or mechanic
- Our oldest client this year was 105

Our Adult Guardianship Program attorneys represented 2,201 clients in 2019.	101 Guardianships were denied or avoided
\$111,942.14 was saved or recovered for our clients	

Sandra, at 69 years-old, was hospitalized against her will. When initially admitted to the hospital, a doctor observed Sandra for only a few minutes before writing a statement saying, in his opinion, Sandra needed a guardian to control every aspect of her life. Sandra could not explain why the hospital refused to release her despite her repeated pleas. Sandra had lived by herself and was perfectly capable of managing her own affairs. Sandra called Legal Aid Center seeking help.

Using their doctor’s opinion, the hospital’s attorney petitioned the court for guardianship over Sandra. Fiercely independent, Sandra objected to someone else choosing where she would live, how her money would be

spent, and what medical care she would receive, among other things.

At the hearing on the hospital’s guardianship petition, Sandra’s Legal Aid Center attorney fought for Sandra’s independence, relying on Sandra’s long history of caring for herself independently. Sandra explained to the judge her plan for self-care and housing once released from the hospital. The judge ruled against the hospital, releasing Sandra from the hospital and the proposed guardianship immediately. After a long and needless two months in a hard hospital bed, Sandra was finally free.

Sandra is thrilled to be on her own once again and is grateful her attorney fought for her and protected her ability to make her own choices.



WHAT WE DO: GIVING VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE A LEGAL LIFELINE

The **Family Justice Project** provides a wide range of representation to victims of domestic violence. Our attorneys appear at hearings to extend protective orders and assist with divorce and custody issues. We also represent victims of crime who have civil and family law problems that are a result of their victimization.

The **Immigration Advocacy Program** provides legal assistance and representation to immigrant victims of violence. We also represent victims of crime who have civil and family law problems that are a result of their victimization and assist battered immigrants self-petition the government to remain lawfully in the United States.

In 2019

- 1,071 victims of domestic violence received legal representation to help them reclaim a life free from violence
- 1,255 immigration cases were worked on to keep families together, from special visas for immigrant children to helping victims of crime so they could help the police without fear.
- Our attorneys assisted 1,335 additional low-income clients with family law issues like divorce, custody, guardianship, name/gender marker changes, counsel, advice, and information.
- Our staff travels to local domestic violence shelters to teach victims about their legal rights to live a violence-free life

The **Family Law Self-Help Center** is a legal “emergency room” for pro se litigants navigating the court system. The center provides an environment where walk-in customers, often with urgent legal issues, can request legal information regardless of their income, assets, or citizenship who need guidance in filing or managing their family court case.

- The Eighth Judicial District Court asked Legal Aid Center to transform victim services at the Family Court so the Family Law Self-Help Center expanded their temporary protective order knowledge and staff and directly assisted 13,298 victims of violence with protective orders.
- In total 64,520 customers visited the Family Law Self-Help Center in 2019.
- Over 1.08 million users accessed the Family Law Self-Help Center website for information and forms.



“April helped me keep the TPO in place which gave me more time to get everything in order to protect my little girl. I’m forever grateful! My application was turned in at the end of the day with one day before my hearing. The people I spoke with were kind, helpful & understanding. I’ll never forget it!” – Legal Aid Center client

WHAT WE DO: GIVING VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE A LEGAL LIFELINE



“Dear Ms. Kristine. I just wanted to write you this letter. I really am grateful for all you have done, especially for getting my daughter & myself away from our abuser. You took our case on seeing the horrible damage he has inflicted on both our lives. You are undoubtedly the bravest woman I’ve met. You are forever in all our hearts and always in our prayers. Thank you for all your hard work & efforts to make women & children free from abuse. We are able to sleep at night knowing there is justice & you made it happen. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thankful for you.” – Legal Aid Center client

The Vegas Strong Resiliency Center

This year, Legal Aid Center was asked to take over management of the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center, where we and our partners represent survivors and the families of the victims of the 1 October tragedy. We moved the Resiliency Center to a more accessible and appropriate location before the end of the year, ensuring a safe, supporting, and welcoming place of healing for those affected by the shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Festival.



VEGAS STRONG

RESILIENCY CENTER

HELP IS HERE FOR YOU AND THOSE YOU LOVE

I am overawed with what you have done. You have eased my mind on dealing with the problem I have given to you!!! You have taken the time and the knowledge you have & helped me to deal with this.”

– Legal Aid Center client



WHAT WE DO: DEFENDING VICTIMS OF FRAUD AND UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR

“The outcome was very important for me as I have been fighting my disability case for 3 years and finally having an attorney like Robert I got a favorable outcome. Everyone from Legal Aid Center and including the attorney was very helpful and knowledgeable.” – Legal Aid Center client

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Consumer Rights Project helps people who cannot afford an attorney fight back against financial predators. Consumer attorneys fight for clients being abused by real estate and housing fraud, unlawful wage garnishments, predatory loans, car dealer scams, unscrupulous mechanics, and illegal repossessions.

In 2019:

- 4,467 consumer law related cases were worked on in 2019
- 1,304 people came to Legal Aid Center seeking help to stay in their homes; an average of 108 every month or 5 people every weekday.
- One consumer Class Action case provided relief for over 2,000 people
- Another long time class action was settled, with hundreds of thousands of dollars being given to an Emergency Rent Fund that serves the community.
- Dozens of low-income mobile home owners received free help obtaining titles to their mobile homes

Isabel Lima came to Legal Aid Center for help getting the title to her mobile home. Ms. Lima did not understand why the Manufactured Housing Division refused to provide her the title to the mobile home she purchased in March 2009 and has lived in ever since. Ms. Lima's Legal Aid Center attorney reviewed all of the documents Ms. Lima brought in and further researched the history of the mobile home itself.*

Ms. Lima purchased the mobile home from Mr. Sawyer in 2009. Mr. Sawyer had purchased the home from the company who repossessed the home from the original owners. The original owners had a loan from Green Tree LLC. At some point, Green Tree transferred the loan and lien to another company, Castle Homes, but neither company transferred the title to Castle Homes. The original owners defaulted on the loan which allowed Castle Homes to repossess the mobile home. Castle Homes did not transfer the title into their name after the repossession. Instead, Castle Homes sold the mobile home to Mr. Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer, instead of transferring the title into his name, turned around and sold the mobile home to Ms. Lima. When Mr. Sawyer sold the home to Ms. Lima, he gave her a bill of sale and the title, but Mr. Sawyer's name was not on the title, so he did not sign the title. Castle Homes hadn't signed over the title either, since their name was never on the title. The original owners never signed the title over, because their home was repossessed. So Ms. Lima had a title with the original owners name and Green Tree's name as the titled lien holder, but no signatures.

Ms. Lima's legal aid attorney scrupulously put together the history and documentation of the sales to get the title in Ms. Lima's name. Ms. Lima had to pay for all three title transfers in order to complete the title history. Ms. Lima now has the title to her mobile home and she is very happy to have had an attorney resolve her complex problem.





LEGAL EMERGENCY ROOMS



Self-Help Centers function as legal emergency rooms for people struggling to navigate the court system and obtain accurate legal information. The staff at each Self-Help Center provides trustworthy information, legal forms, and assistance in civil and family matters.

www.FamilyLawSelfHelpCenter.org/

www.CivilLawSelfHelpCenter.org/

CIVIL LAW SELF-HELP CENTER CELEBRATED ITS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN 2019.

The Family Law Self-Help Center expanded their services this year to provide assistance with Temporary Protective Orders and our staff assisted 13,298 people in just this one area.

- Civil Law Self-Help Center assisted 47,725 people
- Family Law Self-Help Center helped 64,520 in total (13,298 just in Temporary Protective Orders)
- 7,416 people were able to complete on-line interactive guide and file interviews across 28 legal subject areas. The interviews asks questions and use the answers to populate the legal form, making it easier for a pro se litigant to tell their story and request relief.



One day in the life of a 50,000-person-per-year Self-Help Center:

... on the first floor of the RJC this man jumps in front of me. He's jittery with excitement, and lurches forward as if he's going to hug me. "I was waiting for you to come out because I needed you to know that the staff at the Self-Help Center is the BEST!!!!"

I thank him for his kind words and head happily back to my office. I get to the Self-Help Center and see it's brimming with people and buzzing with voices. Customers are lined up and more are surrounding our counter tops. I hear a loud bang, then several more—a toddler kicking our file cabinets. I look to my right and see Kat fanning a pregnant woman sitting in a chair, hands on full belly, breathing heavily. Kat passes her a clipboard, and the pregnant woman, with one hand still on her belly, extends the other to scribble a signature. She's signing paperwork asking for a continuance for her hearing, which is only an hour away. She went into labor that morning at the doctor's office, and her doctor told her to go straight to the hospital for delivery. But she had an eviction hearing, didn't want her baby to come back to a locked house, so came to the courthouse instead. Kat swiftly and calmly helps her gets her paperwork done and filed.

I see Pam smiling and chatting with an elderly customer sitting on his walker, while

she simultaneously reviews his paperwork. He's doing a probate form because his wife recently passed. Jessica is behind me, surrounded by a family, explaining the court process. They are speaking softly, nervous and scared, and she has to repeat the directions 3 times, but does it evenly, without ever losing an ounce of patience. Prescilla is pleasantly listening to a customer talk (a lot) about how she came into debt, while skillfully and politely interjecting with questions to identify the legal issues and direct the customer.

I take half a step,. "Where's Marco?" a man asks. I say, "I think Marco is there helping someone, but I can help you." He thinks for a half second. "No, thanks. I'll wait for Marco. He's the best." Another customer hears Marco is coming back and says, "Yes!!! I'll wait for Marco too." A second line forms for Marco.

And that is a regular day at the Self-Help Center. And while all this is going on, our law clerk is busy creating easy-to-understand, colorful infographics for tenants on habitability!

P.S. A few days later, the pregnant lady returned with her healthy newborn baby to show off (she had successfully continued her hearing!)

WHAT WE DO: ASK-A-LAWYER, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH

Ask-A-Lawyer

Staff and pro bono attorneys volunteered for free Weekly Ask-A-Lawyer sessions, offering 3,875 unrepresented individuals who cannot afford an attorney, 15 minutes free with a pro bono attorney who can answer specific legal questions in the following legal areas or at Community-wide events:

- Debt Collection
- Family Law
- Foreclosure
- Homeless Asst. Project
- Immigration
- Landlord/Tenant
- Probate
- Small Biz Project
- Small Claims
- Veterans AAL

Community Events Ask-A-Lawyer

- Veterans Stand down
- May Law Day
- Pro Bono Week
- Project Homeless Connect

Community Legal Education Classes

Legal Aid Center educated 3,382 individuals with free weekly and monthly classes designed to explain legal concepts, provide information on alternatives to litigation, and supply answers to Nevadans unfamiliar with the law. We partner with the Williams S. Boyd School of Law to train law students how to teach individuals who are in the early stages of understanding their legal plight in various legal areas:

- Bankruptcy
- Being Collection Proof
- Divorce
- Do I Have a Path to Citizenship?
- Guardianship
- Litigation and Trial Preparation
- Paternity and Custody
- Small Claims
- Family Law, Do I Have a Path to Citizenship?, and Bankruptcy are also taught in Spanish
- Family Law classes are also taught at local shelters

Outreach

Pro Bono attorneys, Legal Aid Center attorneys and staff volunteered for 70 outreach events around Clark County in 2019, including outreach to local schools, senior living homes, community group meetings, nonprofit events, and Community Law Day, among others.

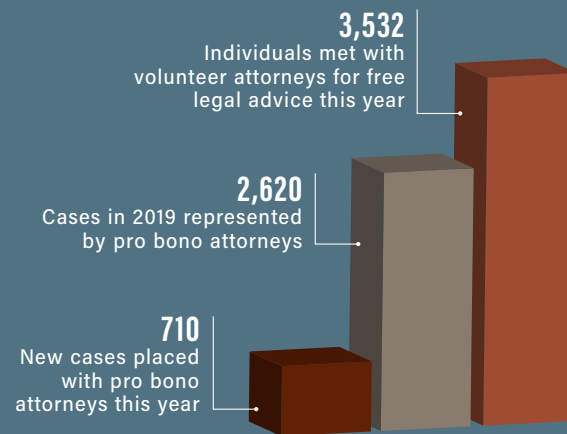


“I like participating in Ask-A-Lawyer programs because sometimes people don’t need an attorney but just need 15 minutes to get clarification of everything and it’s nice to be able to give people the reassurance that they are doing it correctly themselves and to give them encouragement”.

– Alyssa Aklestad, Esq.

PRO BONO PROJECT

The Pro Bono Project recruits private attorneys to represent clients in civil legal areas such as child abuse, domestic violence, consumer fraud, family law, and education advocacy, and we train and mentor our volunteer attorneys in specialties of law outside their usual practice areas.



19th Annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon

Each year since the Pro Bono Project became a part of the Legal Aid Center, we honor local attorneys who collectively provided over 26,000 hours of free legal services to low-income residents in Clark County this year. We are so fortunate to have the support of so many fine attorneys in the Southern Nevada legal community. Without their hard work and commitment to the cause, we would have to turn away thousands of our most vulnerable residents.

ASK-A-LAWYER COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AWARD: GLENN C. SCHEPPS (not pictured)
Presented by Justice Elissa F. Cadish, Nevada Supreme Court.



PRO BONO FIRM OF THE YEAR:
Snell & Wilmer
Presented by Justice James Hardesty, Nevada Supreme Court.



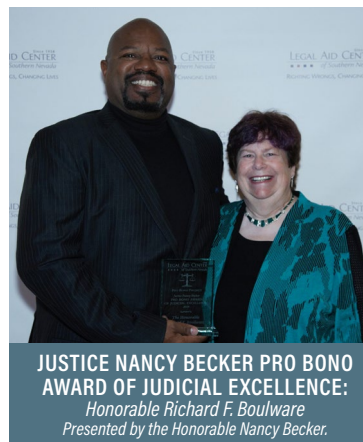
PRO BONO ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR:
Mary E. Bacon
Presented by Chief Justice Mark Gibbons, Nevada Supreme Court.



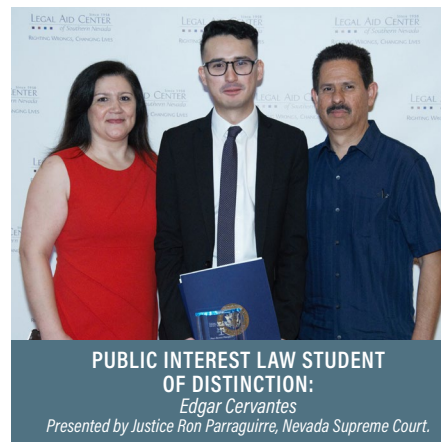
MYRNA WILLIAMS CHILDREN'S PRO BONO AWARD:
Meng Zhong
Presented by Senior Justice Michael Douglas.



VOLUNTEER EDUCATION ADVOCATE AWARD:
Leora Abrams
Presented by Senior Justice Michael Cherry, Nevada Supreme.



JUSTICE NANCY BECKER PRO BONO AWARD OF JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE:
Honorable Richard F. Boulware
Presented by the Honorable Nancy Becker.



PUBLIC INTEREST LAW STUDENT OF DISTINCTION:
Edgar Cervantes
Presented by Justice Ron Parraguirre, Nevada Supreme Court.



LOUIS WIENER PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD:
Shannon Wilson
Presented by Justice Lidia Stiglich, Nevada Supreme Court.



VINCE CONSUL MEMORIAL PRO BONO AWARD
Kevin Hernandez
Presented by Chief Judge Michael Gibbons, Nevada Court of Appeals.



ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:
Brittnie T. Watkins
Presented by Justice Abbi Silver, Nevada Supreme Court.



WILLIAM S. BOYD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:
Southwest Gas
Presented by William S. Boyd.

LIED AWARDS

Presented by Justice Kristina Pickering, Nevada Supreme Court.



LIED AWARD FOR MOST CASES ACCEPTED BY A LAW FIRM:
Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie & The Dickreson Karacsonyi Group



LIED AWARD FOR MOST CASES ACCEPTED BY AN ATTORNEY:
Marshal S. Willick



LIED AWARD FOR MOST HOURS DONATED BY AN ATTORNEY:
Dawn Hathaway Thoman



LIED AWARD FOR MOST HOURS DONATED BY A LAW FIRM:
Holland & Hart

PRO BONO AWARDS SPONSORS

“My belief is that attorneys, regardless of our backgrounds, have the unique ability to make a lasting impact in the communities we live in. Pro bono legal work is my way of serving the Las Vegas community.” — Carlos Morales, Esq.

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Nevada Supreme Court
Maggie Lambrose
Ireland Law Group
Stephanie Charter
for Family Court Judge
Thorndal Armstrong Delk
Balkenbush & Eisinger
Rowe Law Group
Candy Cove
The Law Office of Dayvid Figler
Las Vegas Defense Lawyers





▣ Inaugural Associates Challenge

The Associates Challenge is a friendly competition between law firms to raise awareness about the unmet legal needs of low-income individuals residing in Southern Nevada. Associates at the participating firms challenged each other and their own firm members to donate to Legal Aid Center's Access to Justice Endowment Campaign. Beyond bragging rights, trophies were awarded for the highest per capita associate donation, firm total donation, and non-associate total donation. Connor Shea and Mark Starr, associates at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, launched the inaugural Associates Challenge in August 2019 and Dickinson Wright, Fennemore Craig, Greenberg Traurig, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, Marquis Aurbach Coffing, McDonald Carano, and Snell & Wilmer participated in the first annual event, resulting in nearly \$40,000 for the Access to Justice Endowment fund! www.LACSN.org/associateschallenge

▣ 2019 Melanie Kushnir Access to Justice Fellow Brittini Tanenbaum

The Melanie Kushnir Access to Justice Fellowship was created in honor of Melanie Kushnir. Melanie passionately believed that those who face domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, consumer fraud or other civil legal challenges can have their lives forever changed for the better with an attorney who will stand and fight for their rights—and that they deserve nothing less.



One law school student is selected annually to spend their summer as a staff member in the Pro Bono Project, carrying on Melanie's work in assisting those unable to afford the civil legal help they need.

www.LACSN.org/Fellowship



▣ Celebrating 20 Years of Partnership with the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law September 19, 2019



▣ Community Justice Fellowship Sponsored by Paul Padda Law

In 2019, we announced the Community Justice Fellowship Sponsored by Paul Padda Law. It's a one year fellowship for a law school graduate who wants to work in a public interest law firm and learn how the top legal aid in Nevada assists over 144,900 individuals a year. The Fellow assists with the great unmet legal need at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada while training and working in each Legal Aid Center's Project areas throughout the year. The first fellow, Wesley Su, begins his Fellowship in 2020. www.LACSN.org/CJFellowship



HOW WE DO IT



Community Partners

As a non-profit law firm providing legal assistance at no cost to our clients, Legal Aid Center is in fundraising mode year round. We are so thankful to have forged strong partnerships with the following groups, who support us 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:

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| Attorney General National Settlement | Ironman Foundation |
| AT&T | Irvin Stern Foundation |
| AT&T - Believe Las Vegas | Nevada Bar Foundation |
| Bank of America | State Bar of Nevada / Lawyer Referral |
| Barrick Gold Mines | Information Service |
| Clark County | U.S. Department of Justice |
| Federal Attorney Admission Fund | Walter S. Johnson Foundation |

IN KIND SUPPORT

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| Assistance League of Las Vegas | Nevada Legal News |
| City of Las Vegas | Nevada Women's Philanthropy |
| Clark County Bar Association | Pro Bono Court Reporting Program |
| Global Intelligence Network | QDRO Masters at Willick Law Group |
| HELP of Southern Nevada | R&R Partners Foundation |
| Las Vegas-Clark County Library District | State Bar of Nevada |
| Las Vegas Country Club | Tyler Technologies |
| Purdue Marion & Associates | UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law |
| Neighborhood Recreation Center, North Las Vegas | Vegas Golden Knights Foundation |
| Nevada Business Magazine | Vegas PBS |
| Nevada Justice Association | Wynn Resorts |
| | Jay Young |

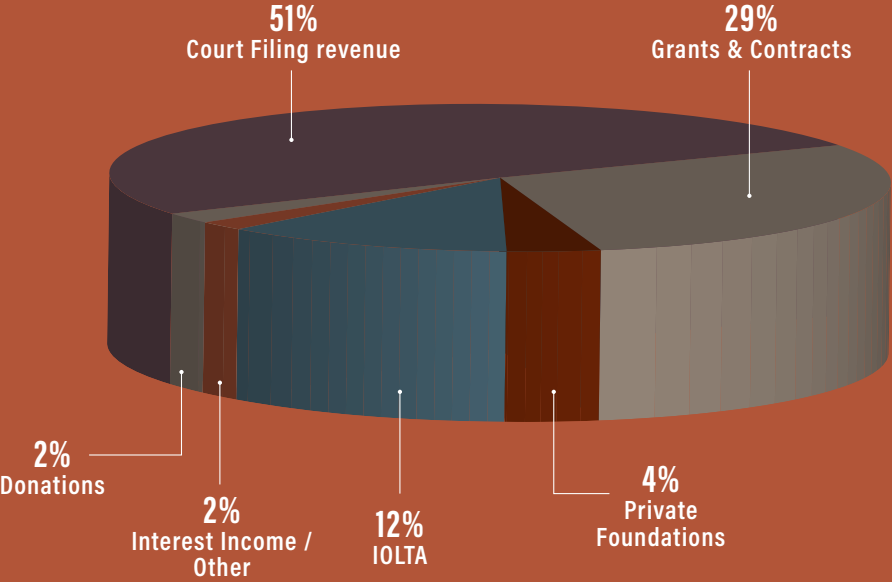
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| Allen & Michelle Thach | Eckley Keach | Michael Stannard |
| Alex B Ghibaudo | E. Chrissy Lawler | Millenium Dance Complex |
| Amanda Kern | Eric Quirk | Minas Nordanyan |
| Amazon Smile Foundation | Erik Lovaas | Murphy and Murphy Law Offices - |
| Amie Sabo | Eva Turner | Cy Pres |
| Amy Ismail | Evan Lowe | Myrl L Duncan |
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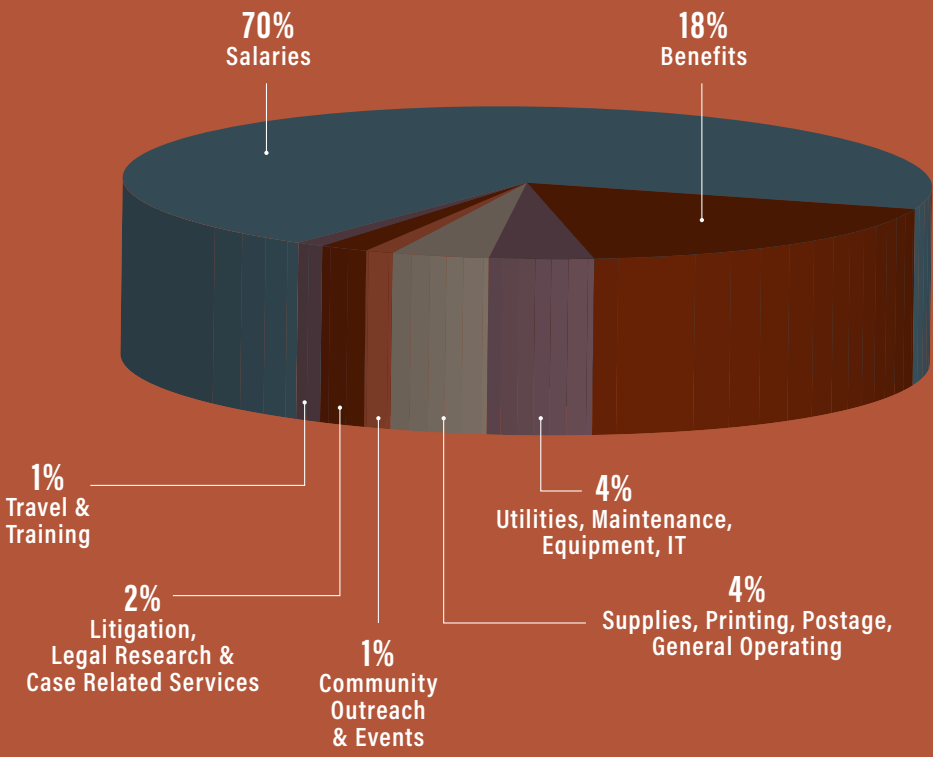
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INCOME



EXPENSES



INCOME	2019	
Court Filing revenue	\$7,992,286	51%
Grants & Contracts	\$4,575,269	29%
Private Foundations	\$548,322	4%
IOLTA	\$1,831,920	12%
Donations	\$382,381	2%
Interest Income / Other	\$258,475	2%
Income Before Donated Services	\$15,588,654	100%
(26,484 hrs at \$300/hr) Donated Services	\$7,945,200	
Endowment Contribution	\$7,899,754	51%
Total Income, including Donated Services & Endowment	\$31,433,608	

EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL		
Salaries	\$9,870,302	70%
Benefits	\$2,484,076	18%
Personnel Subtotal	\$12,354,378	88%
NON PERSONNEL		
Utilities, Maintenance, Equipment, IT	\$515,977	4%
Supplies, Printing, Postage, General Operating	\$493,724	4%
Travel & Training	\$190,684	1%
Dues & Fees	\$61,393	0%
Litigation, Legal Research & Case Related Services	\$311,474	2%
Community Outreach & Events	\$98,946	1%
Non-Personnel Subtotal	\$1,672,194	12%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$14,026,571	100%

Expenses Before Donated Services & Endowment	
Donated Services	\$7,945,200
Endowment Investment	\$1,104,938
Total Expenses, including Donated Services & Endowment	\$23,076,710
NET OPERATIONS	\$8,356,898



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