Twenty-six years ago Oregon lawyers and legal aid launched the Campaign for Equal Justice’s first annual fund drive to support Oregon’s civil legal aid programs. Since then, the legal community has contributed more than $26 million to the annual fund drive alone. The Campaign has also played a key role over the years in bringing lawyers, elected officials, legal aid, the courts, and other community partners together to address how to better meet the legal needs of Oregon’s poor and elderly.

In Oregon, we believe in justice for all, not just for those who can afford it. Legal aid assures fairness for all in the justice system, regardless of how much money a person has. It provides access to civil legal help for people to protect their livelihoods, their health, their safety, and their families. Helping to ensure equal access to justice is a proud tradition of the Oregon legal profession and an important part of our professional responsibility. The Oregon legal community rose to meet the challenge this year—with more than 250 volunteers raising almost $1.25 million from more than 2,800 donors. Each year, CEJ staff and volunteers reach out to Oregon’s foundations to support legal aid; work to increase state and federal funding for legal aid; and educate lawyers and the community about the tremendous unmet legal needs of the poor. On top of this, Oregon lawyer volunteers have contributed 9,500 hours helping low-income Oregonians through legal aid pro bono opportunities.

The 2017-18 annual fund drive kicks off this September. We hope you will join with us in bringing justice home.

WHY I GIVE to the Campaign for Equal Justice…

“There can be no equal justice where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has.” – U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black (1964)

“We have an obligation to help level the playing field for others in this life and ensure fairness in our court system. Giving to the Campaign for Equal Justice is a wonderful way to help do that.”

– Jane Paulson Paulson Coletti

“In 1978, Muhammad Ali said that, ‘Service to others is the rent you pay for room here on earth.’ I believe that donating to the Campaign for Equal Justice is the rent we pay for being a part of this honored profession. As lawyers, we must ensure that equal access to justice is not just un sueño (a dream), but a reality for all Oregonians.”

– Iván Resendiz Gutierrez Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

“Donating to the Campaign for Equal Justice is important to me because I have seen firsthand the difference that having a lawyer means to low-income individuals. I started my career as a legal aid attorney and I’m inspired by the lawyers who continue this challenging and important work, along with the client stories that are central to the Campaign.”

– Audrey Hirsch Department of Justice

“We can pretend otherwise, but deep down every Oregon attorney knows that the work supported by the CEJ is the work that every lawyer should be doing at some point in his or her career. Supporting that work financially is more than just a good place to start (or finish). It is an investment in the integrity of the very judicial system on whose strength our personal and professional well-beings depend.”

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Top left: Hon Mary Mertens James, Marion County Circuit Court; Art James; and David Little, Oregon’s First Gentleman, at CEJ’s Champion Donor Event in February, 2017.

Middle left: Kathy Evans, Evans Batlan Getchell; Janice Morgan, Legal Aid Services of Oregon; and Mark Comstock, Garrett Hemann, at the Champion Donor Event.

Bottom left: Wes Kirby, Lindsay Hart; Hon Jack Landau, Oregon Supreme Court; and Susan Kirby at the Champion Donor Event.

Above: Hon Jean Maurer, Senior Judge; Gene Upoff; and Lou Savage at the Champion Donor Event.

Above middle: Hon Greg Silver, Multnomah County Circuit Court; Hon Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon; and Dale Silver enjoy the Champion Donor Event.
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And the Award Goes To...

Every year, the Campaign for Equal Justice (“CEJ”) encourages every community and every region of the state to come together and support legal aid. We lawyers care about what happens to people in our civil law system, and we care when people are shut out of a chance at a fair day in court. Civil legal aid programs exist to work alongside private attorneys to find creative, efficient, effective, and sustainable ways to fill the justice gap: that gaping area of need where people face major, critical legal issues that they cannot handle alone, but have no money and no options when they must navigate the civil court system.

The lawyers who step up to help address these problems are recognized each year through a friendly competition for the Justice and Equity cups, brought to you by the CEJ and the Oregon State Bar. Since 2013, Jackson County has been dominating the Justice Cup race. This past year, a whopping 43% of attorneys in Jackson County made a donation to the Campaign for Equal Justice. Lane County has been competitive with them in past years, but Jackson County pulled ahead and no one could touch them by the end of the race. The Equity Cup, which is for the region that shows the most improvement over the past year, is consistently a hot contest. Past winners have been Albany, Marion-Polk, Jackson County, and Central Oregon. This year Central Oregon was particularly strong in its efforts. They surpassed their past records by November of last year and continued to climb. At the end of the contest, they increased their donations by almost 14% over last year.

Congratulations to the outstanding communities in Jackson County and Central Oregon who won this year! Who will get the trophies in 2017-2018?

Top: Michael Levelle, OSB President; Bob Kleker, Jackson County Circuit Court; Debra Lee, Center for Nonprofit Legal Services; Hon Tim Gerking, Jackson County Circuit Court; and Vanessa Nordyke, incoming OSB President, celebrate Jackson County’s Justice Cup victory.

Bottom: Michael Levelle, OSB President celebrates with Kathryn Olney, SAIF Corporation, and Howie Arnett, Kampp Petersen, as they claim the Equity Cup for Central Oregon.
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Oregon’s Farmworker Programs represent migrant and seasonal agricultural workers on priority areas set by the communities; currently, those include employment, housing, occupational health and safety, and individual rights. The programs work with clients to improve access to justice for all by addressing very basic needs such as bringing home earned wages, shelter for families, and clean drinking water at worksites. Staff members also work with other agencies to improve the lives of workers throughout our communities statewide.

Standing: Adam Jeffries, Danny Thieman. Seated left to right: Valentín Sanchez, Marcella Martinez, Julie Samples, Santiago Venturá, Nargess Shadbeh, Veronica Digman, Enrique Santos. Standing: Mark Wilk

Above: Laura Stadum, Oregon Health and Science University, and Heedle Stoller, Perkins Coie, at Party under the Stars.
Right top: Sen Peter Courtney, Oregon Legislature, Julia Courtyn Rice, Rice Kuey LLCP, and Jennifer Steeher, Law Office of Eden Rose Brown, at the Marion-Polk CEJ Luncheon.
Right bottom: Hon Lynn Nakamoto, Oregon Supreme Court, and Linley Rees, Portland Office of the City Attorney, at CEJ’s Champion Donor Event.
Volunteers

Government, Education, and Law Enforcement:


Students:

John A. Brasee, Jennifer M. Bragar, Jennifer M. Bragg, Jennifer M. Bragg, and colleagues, and her co-workers, in support of the CEJ.

Ex-parte

Jonathan Lewis helped NAPOLS complete a comprehensive needs assessment, which has led them to prioritize their efforts on behalf of tribal members in Oregon. Based on the results of this study, NAPOLS is committed to increasing access to justice in tribal courts, as well as increasing awareness among tribal members of the resources available to them.

Legal Aid:

Thank you to our volunteers for their deep commitment to supporting civil legal aid. Legal aid and the CEJ also extend their gratitude to lawyers who have provided pro bono services through legal aid’s many pro bono programs, providing 9,500 hours of free legal assistance. Their names are not listed here, but we acknowledge their essential support in the regions throughout the state.

NAPOLS

The Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS) has started an Indian Estate Planning Project. They just finished their second summer supervising two law student interns through Seattle University’s Institute for Indian Law. They have provided pro bono services through legal aid’s many pro bono programs, providing 9,500 hours of free legal assistance. Their names are not listed here, but we acknowledge their essential support in the regions throughout the state.

More than 250 lawyers and judges volunteered to help with the Campaign’s education and outreach efforts, our efforts to stabilize state and federal funding, or with the annual fund drive. Thank you to our volunteers for their deep commitment to supporting civil legal aid.

Top: Markowitz Herbold Associates, Molly Honoré, Stanton Gallegos, and Janna Giesbrecht-McKee go door to door with their special drink cart selling refreshing adult beverages to their co-workers in support of the CEJ.

Bottom: Hon. Ellen Rosenblum, Oregon Attorney General, and Hon. Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer, pitch in to help with cleanup after CEJ’s Advisory Committee Meeting.

Volunteers


Miriam Shugar, Kamala Shugar, Oregon Department of Justice, Maya Crawford, Campaign for Equal Justice, and Gerry Gaydos, Gaydos Churnside, celebrate after the Lane County CEJ Luncheon.

Thank You, Volunteers!

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We extend a special thank you to Oregon law firms* who gave generously this year:

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Central Oregon

Central Oregon staff serve on multiple partner organization committees and boards and work with them to improve services for low-income residents, including a program bringing dozens of organizations together to better work with clients who have suffered trauma, and a group that pairs social workers with people who receive housing vouchers. Bend continues to have the lowest vacancy rate in Oregon, and homelessness has risen 31% in the past two years, according to the Homeless Leadership Coalition’s 2017 county data. The focus of the Central Oregon office has shifted to even more housing work as the impact on veterans, other adults, youth, and even children continues.

Central Oregon CEJ Luncheon

About 120 attorneys gathered on a beautiful November day to talk about access to justice and to hear remarks by Justice Martha Walters. The Steering Committee that worked with CEJ staff this year was Howie Arnett, Ari Halpern, Kathryn Olney, Andrea Malone, Kirsten Naito, and Erika Hente. By the end of the luncheon, Central Oregon lawyers had already surpassed the number of donors and amount donated from the previous year. No wonder they took home the Equity Cup, earning the honor of the region with the biggest increase in contributions over last year.

Central Oregon Service Area

Counties: Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson
Square Miles: 44,419
Poverty Population: $2,660
Low-income Oregonians in Clackamas County have been served out of the Portland area legal aid office since the local office closed in 2012 because of federal funding cuts. Staff from the Portland Regional Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon continue to do outreach in Clackamas County to make certain that clients are being reached. One aspect of this outreach is having an attorney available part-time at “A Safe Place,” an innovative family justice center located in Oregon City where victims of domestic violence can find comprehensive services.

Henry Hewitt Access to Justice Award

Mark Wada is the 2017 recipient of the Henry Hewitt Access to Justice Award. This award recognizes individuals who, through strong leadership, consistent effort, and commitment to the ideal of equal justice under the law, have made a substantial contribution to legal aid for low-income Oregonians.

Mark is a founding shareholder of Farleigh Wada Witt. Throughout his career, he has been actively involved in efforts to increase access to justice. After serving for many years as a co-chair of the Campaign's Mid-Sized Firm Committee, Mark joined the Campaign for Equal Justice Board in 2005. Mark served as President of the Campaign’s Board from 2012-2014.

Mark exemplifies the values we hold most dear within our legal system: professionalism, steadfast respect for the rule of law, and the belief that all people deserve to be respected and heard within our courts. Sandy Hansberger, Executive Director of the Campaign for Equal Justice from 2005-2016, states that, “Mark's advocacy and support for access to justice issues is both strong and consistent. Whether through his board service, his Chairing of the Task Force on Legal Aid Funding, or through one-on-one conversations with peers, Mark has never wavered from pushing our legal community to live up to our promise to ensure all Oregonians have equal justice under the law.”

Left: Melissa Chapman and Mark Wada, Farleigh Wada Witt, celebrate Mark’s receipt of the Henry Hewitt Award. Above: Mark Wada receives a standing ovation after his acceptance speech at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Above: Cierra Brown, Metro Law Group, and Nick Kampars, Davis Wright Tremaine, at CEJ’s Specialty Bar Celebration.

Above top: Emmanuel Miller, EBMiller Law, and Laurie Cragned at the Central Oregon Luncheon.

Above bottom: Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and Howie Amett, Karnopp Petersen, at the Central Oregon Luncheon.
The Hillsboro office has increased its focus on assisting with employment problems for low-wage industries such as hotel workers, janitorial workers, and construction laborers. A new grant from Meyer Memorial Trust continues a volunteer clinic called Project SCRUB (Scrubbing Criminal Records to Unlock Barriers) to increase income self-sufficiency and remove barriers to employment and housing; this grant allocates funds for staff time to coordinate the clinic and funds to cover court fees when they cannot be waived. Staff members have also provided recent trainings, discussion, and education programs on new laws and orders that could change federal immigration enforcement for the community and for specific clients.
Lane County Luncheon

About 165 lawyers attended this year’s CEJ Luncheon in Eugene. There were 19 table captains organized by the Steering Committee. US Senator Ron Wyden was the keynote speaker at the event. He spoke about his time as a legal aid lawyer and his creation of the Senior Law Project, and also recognized Lane County Law & Advocacy Center Co-Director Jean Beachdel for her many years of advocacy on behalf of Lane County seniors.

Above top: Sen Ron Wyden gives keynote remarks at the Lane County CEJ Luncheon.
2nd from top: David Wade, Kristie Gibson, University of Oregon School of Law; and Emily Hill at the Lane County Luncheon.
3rd from top: E Bradley Litchfield and Megan Livermore, Hutchinson Cox Coons, at the Lane County Luncheon.
Above bottom: Jane Stewart and Sen Floyd Prozanski, Oregon Legislature, at the Lane County Luncheon.

Left: Hon Val Hoyle chats with John VanLandingh, Lane County Legal Aid/Oregon Law Center; at the Lane County CEJ Luncheon.
Above: Ross Williamson, Speer Hoyt, and Chris Jirges, Café Yummi, at CEJ’s Champion Donor Event.
Above: Shelby Tilden, Linda Gast, Kathe Drier-Thurber
Left: Nathan Kaneshiro, Kaneshiro Law; Heather Vogelsong, Oregon Department of Justice; and Shelby Tilden, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, at the Marion-Polk CEJ Luncheon.

**Lincoln County**

County: Lincoln  
Square Miles: 922  
Poverty Population: 10,121

**Marion-Polk Service Area**

Counties: Marion and Polk  
Square Miles: 1,925  
Poverty Population: 97,140

Assistant with housing continues to be a top request from clients and a high priority for staff time. Lincoln County continues to have a near-zero vacancy rate. Housing stock is increasingly being converted to second homes and vacation rentals, which makes the housing shortage even tighter. Local efforts to identify barriers to affordable housing have included study groups and task forces, and staff continue to search for solutions to these complicated problems. Lincoln County also has one of the state’s highest rates of homeless children, and the staff is working to coordinate services and enforce protections through the district’s Homeless Education and Literacy Project.

**LASO and OLC offices** just celebrated the one-year anniversary of moving to their new office location in downtown Salem, across from the courthouse. This location is one block from the Cherriots Transit Center and has proven convenient for clients. Angelica Vega, a leader in the Salem LASO Office for many years, became the Regional Director in January following the retirement of Michael Keeney. Housing remains a serious issue, and there is a big trend of landlords issuing no-cause eviction notices. There has also been an uptick in requests for community education. Topics of recent community forums include “knowing your rights” and general information about how government and police work.

**Individuals, Law Firms, Businesses, & Organizations by Service Area**

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- **Champion** (donations of $1,000 to $1,999)
- **Advocate** (donations of $500 to $999)
- **Sustainer** (donations of $301 to $499)
- **Guardian of Justice Firm** (3+ attorney firms donating $301+ per capita)
- **Defender of Justice Firm** (3+ attorney firms donating $500+ per capita)
- **Justice Council Firm** (3+ attorney firms donating $1001+ per capita)

**Poverty Population:**
- 97,140 in Marion-Polk
- 10,121 in Lincoln

**Square Miles:**
- 922

**County:**
- Lincoln

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**County:**
- Lincoln
Marion-Polk Luncheon

This year marked the 20th annual Marion-Polk Luncheon. The Steering Committee organized 33 table captains who rallied about 250 lawyers and judges to attend. Supreme Court Justice Lynn Nakamoto was the keynote speaker, reminding us that CEJ embodies the central goal of legal aid—equal justice under the law. Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters acknowledged and thanked retiring Salem LASO Regional Director Michael Kerney for his decades of service to legal aid.

Oregon Law Center Salem Managing Attorney Jorge Lara spoke about how legal aid is addressing the affordable housing crisis in the region. Marion-Polk County lawyers raised a total of $85,000.

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The Ontario office welcomes a new managing attorney, Jon Dennis, who left private practice to join legal aid and looks forward to doing his part to make the system work better for people living in poverty. The Ontario office recently received a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women to hire a new staff attorney entirely devoted to issues of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. While most attorney time in the office is dedicated to family law with a focus on preventing domestic violence, housing issues continue to be critical for many in the area, with homelessness and substandard housing continuing to be problematic.
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Pendleton Service Area

Counties: Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler
Square Miles: 15,347
Poverty Population: 28,436

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The Pendleton Service area just completed an exhaustive priority setting process, analyzing client and case data and over one hundred survey responses from clients, social services agencies, lawyers, judges, and other community members. Existing priorities were affirmed as being accurate based on that data, and the substantive work of the office will continue, with particular emphasis on housing and domestic violence. The quarterly Bankruptcy Clinic, launched in December 2015, just saw its first round of discharges.

Portland Regional Office Service Area

Counties: Multnomah, Clackamas, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman
Square Miles: 6,953
Poverty Population: 238,427

*In addition to the counties listed above, the Portland Regional OLC office covers Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill Counties.

The Portland Regional Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon and Oregon Law Center serve the largest poverty population in the state. Homelessness and housing problems continue unabated as a major legal issue for low-income clients in the region. LASO’s recent priority setting process identified an increased client need for attorney assistance in education-related cases, particularly for individuals with disabilities and students facing discriminatory discipline proceedings. In partnership with Latino Network, OLC created a packet of information to help families plan temporary custody of their children and obtain vital documents. OLC Staff have also provided recent trainings, discussion, and education programs on new laws and orders that could change federal immigration enforcement for the community and for specific clients.

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Top: staff members from the Portland Regional Office of LASSO and OLC
When Joan’s ex came to her home, violent and paranoid, she got her son Matty to safety and filed for a restraining order. When he kept returning and tormenting her and her neighbors, Joan’s landlord tried to evict her with only 24 hours’ notice. With nowhere to go, she felt like the world was falling down around her. She went to the legal aid office, where a lawyer calmly picked up the phone to explain to the landlord that victims of domestic violence cannot be evicted because of the actions of their abusers. Joan has a right to stay safe in her home. The landlord immediately withdrew the eviction and Joan and her neighbors remain vigilant as she continues to build a stable and safe life with the legal protections that are rightfully hers.

This family is going to be all right.

Oregon’s legal aid programs are implementing a multi-faceted approach to help clients who are being hurt by Oregon’s affordable housing crisis. Legal aid provides web-based materials, public education, advice, limited services, and representation to help tenants and low-income clients facing foreclosures, to help them stay in their homes or get reasonable time to move to a new home. Legal aid also:

* helps prevent discrimination in housing;
* works with tenants and housing providers to help low-income people receive subsidized housing benefits;
* works with housing authorities and private landlords to provide training on housing law;
* helps develop and avoid the loss of affordable housing in several ways, including: helping residents and nonprofits buy existing mobile home parks;
* and works to stop the loss of subsidized affordable housing when private owners fail to comply with promises that they made to the government in exchange for subsidies.
WHAT YOU SUPPORT

Family Law

About 34% of legal aid's cases are in the area of family law and almost all of those cases involve domestic violence. Legal aid takes a systemic approach to addressing domestic violence by direct representation, advocating for more services for domestic violence survivors, and working with institutions such as the courts, the legislature, law enforcement, and community partners.

Domestic violence is a major cause of poverty for women and children in Oregon. Women and children are thrown into poverty when they are forced to suddenly leave homes and jobs to avoid physical violence or death from an abuser who knows where they live and work. 50% of people who are homeless say domestic violence is the cause of their homelessness.

A study found that the single most important factor in decreasing the incidence of domestic violence is the presence of a legal aid office in the community. Legal aid helps keep women and children healthy and safe through everyday legal advocacy. Domestic violence is—and will remain—legal aid's top priority.

Molly and Olivia

Molly and her ex moved to Oregon from Virginia with their 4 year-old daughter Olivia in hopes of a better life. When the domestic violence she had previously endured continued to escalate after their move, Molly knew she needed to leave to protect her daughter. As soon as Molly received information about a domestic violence shelter, she knew it was time for her to leave with Olivia. Molly filed for custody soon thereafter, only to find out that her ex had already filed for custody in Virginia. Legal aid successfully represented Molly in her custody case and now she and Olivia are safe from harm. She told CEJ, "it was such a big relief to know that I would have someone there to help me." Having a legal aid attorney meant that she could use her paycheck for rent and groceries instead of legal fees.

What is CEJ?

Oregon lawyers created the Campaign for Equal Justice in 1991 to help make equal justice a reality for all Oregonians. Your support helps the Campaign:

• operate an annual fund drive powered by over 250 volunteers;
• educate lawyers and communities about the importance of access to justice and how legal services are delivered in Oregon;
• work with lawyer volunteers and bar organizations to increase state and federal funding for legal aid;
• help legal aid programs increase private foundation and grant support; and
• operate an endowment to preserve the future of legal aid.

Since 1991, the Oregon legal community has raised more than $26 million for legal aid in our annual fund drive. This summer, CEJ staff and volunteers will be getting ready for the fall fund drive. The legal community will be coming together again this fall to focus on access to justice. Please join us.

If you would like to get involved, please contact CEJ at office@cej-oregon.org.

Thank you for your help!

What is Legal Aid?

Civil legal aid ensures fairness in the justice system. It provides essential services to low-income and vulnerable Oregonians who are faced with legal emergencies. When low-income Oregonians lack the resources for needed legal help, they are effectively shut out of the justice system. To the average person, our legal system is a maze. That’s why lawyers are trained to guide their clients through the system.

Legal aid provides:

• free civil legal services to low-income and elderly Oregonians;
• brochures, court forms, and self-help materials to help people navigate our justice system;
• a website with accessible legal information available to all Oregonians; and
• resources to help stabilize families and prevent a further slide into poverty.

Pro Bono Opportunities

Volunteer lawyers help legal aid meet the needs of the poor by working with legal aid offices around the state. Legal aid’s pro bono opportunities are tailored to the needs of low income clients and the available resources in the particular community. Some of the projects include:

• Domestic Violence Project
• Senior Law Project
• Bankruptcy Clinics
• Statewide Tax Clinic
• Expungement Clinics; and
• a virtual Legal Aid Clinic pairing Portland-area lawyers with rural clients via videoconferencing.

Several law firms and corporate counsel partner with legal aid offices to sponsor pro bono clinics. Sign up at legal aid’s advocate website at oregonadvocates.org to learn more about opportunities in your area.
Oregon’s Justice Gap
Current funding only meets 15% of the need for civil legal aid in Oregon.

National standards recommend 2 legal aid lawyers for every 10,000 low-income individuals for a minimally adequate legal aid program. Oregon currently has 2 legal aid lawyers for every 17,000 low-income individuals – about 60% of the targeted goal.

The Task Force on Legal Aid Funding, which included elected officials and leaders in the legal community, concluded that we need to double the resources for Oregon’s legal aid programs in order to have minimally adequate funding.

Threats to Federal Funding
While we have many accomplishments to be proud of from the past year, our year ended with a big challenge for the future: threatened cuts to federal legal aid funding. The White House Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposes the elimination of the Legal Services Corporation (the federal agency that helps fund legal aid programs nationwide).

Last year LSC’s nationwide budget was $385 million. That represents .0001% of the federal budget. In Oregon, almost 30% of funding for legal aid comes from LSC. Elimination of this funding would be catastrophic.

Fortunately, there is reason to be hopeful. Here in Oregon, legal aid has a long history of strong bipartisan support in both the state legislature and among our federal representatives. This broad bipartisan support is remarkable. In Oregon, we believe in justice for all, not just for those who can afford it. Legal aid assures fairness for all in the justice system by providing access to civil legal help for people to protect their livelihoods, their health, their safety, and their families.

Legal Aidfulfills Critical Needs at Low Cost
Legal aid is a state, federal, and private partnership. The Oregon legal community has a strong commitment to supporting legal aid through the Campaign for Equal Justice. This sends a clear message to everyone: the Oregon legal community believes that funding civil access to justice is a priority.

Oregon’s three legal aid programs manage over 80 different sources of funding. Available funding in 2016 was about $16 million.
Contributions to the CEJ support the valuable work done by legal aid. During our 2016-17 fundraising campaign, Oregon lawyers donated $1,250,000. When everyone pitches in, good things happen.

CEJ leverages your donation to stabilize federal, state, and foundation funding – and to seek new funding for legal aid.

Adding your name to the list of donors shows other legal aid funders how much Oregon’s legal community cares about access to justice. Your donation and your volunteer work encouraging others to donate is a critical part of keeping Oregon’s legal aid programs intact!

Oregon’s legal aid programs do not conduct separate fund drives. Instead, CEJ’s annual fund drive is a collaborative, statewide effort that supports all Oregon legal aid programs. CEJ’s “Other Funding Initiatives” program seeks grant, state, and federal funding for legal aid; those dollars go directly to legal aid programs and are not reflected in CEJ’s revenue. CEJ’s audited financial statements are available on our website, www.cej-oregon.org.

The Oregon State Bar, the Oregon Law Foundation, and the Rose Tucker Charitable Trust provide support for the operating expenses of the Campaign.

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**Coos Bay Service Area**

Counties: Coos, Curry, and Western Douglas
Square Miles: 3,294
Poverty Population: 21,021

Coos Bay staff has strong relationships with social agencies, shelters, and other groups that work with potential and current clients. Recent priority setting reaffirmed that affordable and habitable housing continues to be a major issue on the south coast, and extensive outreach with the local homeless population as a part of a coalition working to improve transitional housing and basic services led to new insights into unique issues faced by community members. The Coos Bay office has a grant from the DOJ Crime Victims Services Division to provide emergency legal services to survivors of domestic violence. They also continue to work on a yearly grant from the Area Agency on Aging to serve elderly individuals in Coos and Curry Counties.

Alysha Cruz, Bill Niese, Brett Pruess

**Grants Pass Regional Office Service Area**

Counties: Josephine
Square Miles: 1,639
Poverty Population: 22,906

The Grants Pass office is focusing more resources on the struggles of clients because of the severe housing crisis. For example, people are losing housing subsidies because they cannot find rentals to use them with. Long-standing cuts to the Josephine County sheriff’s department resulted in general safety issues and delays in court service of critical documents. This affects the restraining order process and housing cases. The rise of homelessness, lack of emergency shelter, lack of affordable housing, and lack of public resources to address these issues are all aspects of the housing crisis where legal aid assists clients.

Eric Dahlin, Erin Levenick, Diana Fellows

**Jackson County**

Counties: Jackson
Square Miles: 2,801
Poverty Population: 48,971

The Jackson County Center for Nonprofit Legal Services office is seeing an increase in requests from veterans and indigent clients for help with expungement and reinstatement of drivers licenses to access employment, housing, and public benefits. They report seeing a crisis in affordable housing availability and an increase in homelessness of families with children. The office is working on the creation of a medical-legal partnership to provide representation in guardianship cases.

Back row, left to right: Laura Lindley Gutierrez, Joseph Fichter; Ray Churba, Ricardo LuJuan, James Sims. Middle row left to right: Ardyce Hutmacher, Candace Clements, Connie Ihm, Linda Leyrer, Karen LuJan. Front row Faye Weisler with Chaucer, Debra Lee, Miriam Silvestre, Rocio Magana.

**Klamath Falls Regional Office**

Counties: Klamath, Lake
Square Miles: 14,079
Poverty Population: 19,997

The Klamath office staff continue to see a trend in ever-increasing difficulties of many low-income residents in finding and keeping safe, affordable housing. Drew Hartnett, the Regional Director of the office, reports that they are also seeing a growing trend of unlawful collections practices directed at low-income tenants. Building coalitions with community partners and government agencies is key in domestic violence and housing cases. Conveniently, their offices are near local homeless shelters and DHS offices.

Robert Emerson, Joe MacNeille, Drew Hartnett

**Roseburg**

Counties: Douglas
Square Miles: 5,036
Poverty Population: 26,075

The Roseburg office has seen a significant increase in housing-related requests for assistance. Many people are having a hard time finding housing and as a result are forced into units that are substandard and hazardous. The office reports seeing housing with dangerous wiring, non-permitted and unsafe gas heat, leaky roofs, floors with unsafe holes, and homes with inadequate sewage systems. Over the past two years the office has significantly increased their outreach and education to seniors throughout Douglas County. They have also increased their placement of pro bono cases with private attorneys in the community.

The Roseburg Office of LASO

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Southern Oregon Luncheon

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Has your bar group signed on to the Call to Action?

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Give to the Campaign for Equal Justice. The best way to increase access is to create more legal aid staff attorney positions.

Review your IOLTA account for abandoned client funds. The funds are paid to the Oregon State Bar for appropriation to legal aid through the Oregon State Bar’s Legal Services Program.

Shop. Support legal aid when you shop at Fred Meyer by linking your rewards card to CEJ (ask at the customer service desk to set it up) and when you shop at Amazon through Amazon Smile. It costs you nothing, but supports legal aid.

Educate. Talk about the importance of access to justice. Let people know—civil legal aid is there for those who need help. Host a Campaign for Equal Justice CLE for one hour of Access to Justice credit for attorneys.

Volunteer through one of legal aid’s many volunteer lawyer projects and clinics, or help the Campaign for Equal Justice raise money for legal aid.

Endow. Take simple steps to endow your annual gift to the Campaign’s endowment fund.

Speak Up. Let state, federal and private funders know that access to justice is important.

Learn how legal aid services are delivered in your community so that you can make appropriate referrals for low-income clients.

Move your IOLTA accounts to a “Leadership Bank.” If all lawyers took this step, funding for legal aid could increase by as much as $900,000—enough to fund almost three small rural legal aid offices. Contact the OLF at www.oregonlawfoundation.org.

Connect. Ask your bar group to take action to support statewide legal aid programs in Oregon. Contact the CEJ for ideas.

Equal Justice Starts Here.

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We need help from all lawyers, bar groups, and the community in providing access to justice for low-income Oregonians. Please join us! For more information on how you can be involved, contact the Campaign for Equal Justice.

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Legal Aid News
Sara Lora, Statewide Tax Clinic Supervisor at LASO, was named as Mentor of the Year by the New Tax Lawyer Committee of the OSB Taxation Section. She was nominated by an attorney who worked at El Programa Hispano’s Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, where Sara served as a mentor in the OSB New Tax Lawyer Committee Mentor Program.

Angelica Vega of the Marion-Polk LASO Office is now serving as an attorney member of the Oregon Supreme Court Council on Inclusion and Fairness (OSCCIF). Chief Justice Thomas Balmer recently appointed the formation of the OSCCIF as a permanent council within the Oregon Judicial Department. Angelica’s strong interest in inclusion and fairness in our courts for all Oregonians, her extensive legal aid experience, and her years working with Justice Edwin Peterson’s early efforts for access to justice will be strong assets to OSCCIF.

Dana Woolbright of Lane County Legal Aid/Oregon Law Center recently received the Ye’Ilan Yama (Helping Hand) Award from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund for her dedicated work with domestic violence survivors in rural Lane County. The award is given to celebrate the outstanding service of an individual who works within one of the nonprofits located within the 11 county service area of the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde.

Sara Lora

CEJ Board and Volunteer News
Sandy Hansberger received the Oregon State Bar’s highest honor, the 2016 Award of Merit. The award recognizes an Oregon lawyer who has made outstanding contributions to the bench, the bar and the community at large, and who exhibits the highest standards of professionalism. Sandy was previously honored with the 2012 Lewis and Clark Law School Distinguished Graduate Award, the 2011 MBA Mentor of the Year Award, the 2006 Oregon Women Lawyers’ Betty Roberts Award, and the 2003 MBA Professionalism Award. Nominator Katherine O’Neill wrote, “By her long career of service to Oregon’s attorneys—male and female—and her unflinching support of the rights of litigants of all economic levels, Sandy has had a remarkable career of dedicated service to the principles of the Oregon State Bar.”

CEJ board member Ed Harnden, Barran Liebman LLP, was honored with the 2017 ABA Grassroots Award recognizing outstanding outreach efforts. The award was presented on April 26 during ABA Lobby Day events in a ceremony at the United States Supreme Court in Washington D.C. Justice Elena Kagan thanked attendees for their important work because, “so many people depend on it, and depend on there being adequate funding for it.” ABA President Linda Klein thanked Ed for his “tireless efforts to expand legal aid funding and increase access to justice for all.” Ed also recently received the OSB’s President’s Public Service Award. He has been involved with CEJ since its beginnings in 1991, has been a board member since 2005, and has attended ABA Lobby Day since 2001.

Hon Hardy Myers, former Oregon Attorney General, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown at CEJ’s 25th Anniversary Dinner Celebration.

Hon Ted Kulonskis, former Oregon Governor, and Emie Bosshard at CEJ Champion Donor Event.

Hardy Myers, 1939-2016

Hardy Myers, a lifetime champion of access to justice, passed away in November 2016. Hardy distinguished himself as a lawyer, legislator, and as Oregon’s Attorney General. Among his many accomplishments, Hardy worked to combat sexual assault, helped to preserve Oregon’s Death with Dignity laws, fought to protect consumers, and made finding state funding for legal aid a priority. Sandy Hansberger interviewed him in 2009 and he said:

“A core value of our country is equality before the law. When so many people are unable to attain help because they are too poor, it makes a mockery of our legal system…. The Campaign is a wonderful way for lawyers to help us meet the ideal of equal justice.”

The Portland Tribune called Hardy “one of the last true statesmen,” and a “true gentleman.” Oregon’s leaders have sung his praises. But former Governor Ted Kulongoski best captured his essence when he explained, “When Hardy was in the room—any room, be it a hearing room in the Capitol or the Attorney General’s office or the parish hall—everyone, including me, tried their best to be like Hardy. To be courageous, honest, cooperative, and respectful. He demanded it without saying a word, just by being that way himself. And that is real power.” Hardy will be sorely missed.
Endow Now!
Building the Future of Legal Aid

Helping to create a permanent, stable source of income for access to justice in Oregon through a planned gift honors the lifetime commitment to “justice for all.” As the Campaign passes its 26th anniversary, many founders and loyal donors are reaching retirement age. The idea behind the Endow Now! Initiative is to ask you to make a planned gift pledge that will return the amount of your yearly annual gift to the Campaign in perpetuity. Of course, you don’t have to be reaching retirement age to show your commitment!

Part of the beauty of the Endow Now! Initiative is its simplicity. One of the easiest ways to participate is to name CEJ as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of your IRA, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. In most cases all you need is to fill out a simple form.

How much does it cost to endow your annual gift? See the chart (right). The Oregon Community Foundation, which holds the endowment corpus, estimates available distributions each year to be between 4.5%-5%, with the remaining distributions to be reinvested. Calculated at a 5% distributions rate, a $20,000 planned gift will provide an endowed annual fund contribution of $1,000 in perpetuity.

For more information on how to pledge to the Endow Now! Initiative, including easy ways to endow your annual gift, contact maya@cej-oregon.org.

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Several OWLs members reached out to other members using Facebook, resulting in donations of almost $200,000! This is a testament to the support of the OWLs members who donated to support Oregon Women Lawyers this year. Over 36% of OWLs' membership participated, resulting in donations of almost $200,000! Several OWLs members reached out to other members using the power of the mighty OWLs listserv. We are proud to have such strong support from Oregon's women lawyers.
CEJ partnered with Chief Justice Balmer, the OLF, the OSB, and legal aid to put on a day-long Access to Justice Forum on September 8, 2016. The Forum brought together judges, private lawyers, legal aid lawyers, court administrators, funders, and other community partners to discuss the barriers that exist for low and middle-income Oregonians in accessing the justice system. Sherri Carter, Executive Officer and Clerk of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, opened the day with an engaging presentation on the many innovations they are using in her court to serve self-represented litigants. Other panel topics included: an overview of the delivery of low-income civil legal services, fee waivers, interactive forms, opportunities to provide pro bono services, self-represented parties in family law, self-represented parties in small claims and consumer law, and expanding pro bono services. Panelists and speakers included judges, court administrators, and lawyers. It was a compelling day, where we shared many ideas on how we can work together in Oregon to increase access to justice.