Twenty-eight years ago, Oregon lawyers 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 $28 million to the annual fund drive, plus more than $1 million to CEJ’s endowment fund.

In Oregon, we believe in justice for all, not just for those who can afford it. Legal aid provides fairness for all in the justice system, regardless of economic status. It helps people to protect their livelihoods, health, safety, and families.

Providing legal services to Oregon’s most vulnerable citizens can be a complex puzzle. The Campaign plays a key role in bringing legal aid staff, other members of the bar and legal community, pro bono volunteers, clients, elected officials, the courts, and other community partners together. Each has a role to play in solving this puzzle.

Ensuring access to justice is a proud tradition in the Oregon legal profession and an important part of our professional responsibility. Our community rose to meet the challenge this year, with almost 250 volunteers helping to raise nearly $1.4 million from 2,800 donors.

This year, we reached out to Oregon’s foundations to support legal aid; worked to increase state and federal funding for legal aid; and educated lawyers and the community about the tremendous unmet legal needs of the poor. On top of this, Oregon lawyer volunteers have worked with legal aid on over 3,600 pro bono cases.

The 2019-20 annual fund drive kicks off this September. Let’s connect with each other to make this the best year ever! Together, we are legal aid.

I am legal aid because I believe in small acts making a big difference. From Skyping for 30 minutes with rural legal aid clients, to making sure we invest IOLTA funds AND our own money in Leadership Banks and Credit Unions, to encouraging investments in efforts that advance marginalized communities, we can make our campaign for equal justice a reality.

– Elisa Dozono, Miller Nash Graham and Dunn

At its core, law is a helping profession. In our society, lawyers are uniquely positioned to empower people. Representing pro bono clients helps to empower those who are most disempowered. It is a way of ensuring that a person’s pocket book alone does not determine how his or her life journey unfolds and that the court system provides access to justice for all. Tangible results aside, pro bono matters are always a “win.” You give your time, energy, and attention to someone who desperately needs it but cannot afford to pay for it. The gift is reciprocal; it probably feels even better to give than to receive. It makes me feel that I am making a difference in someone’s life.

– Joshua Stadtler, Dunn Carney

Your efforts and actions have been such a gift to me. I am touched beyond words at the extreme amount of helpfulness you have portrayed in my case. You all have shown me such levels of caring. I can’t possibly thank you for all you have done. I am humbled and grateful.

With Kindest Regards,
Kathy
from her thank you note to her legal aid attorney

I started working with Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center as a clerk the summer of my first year of law school. I saw how valuable the services that the attorneys provided were to the clients. I knew right away that the legal aid community of attorneys was the right place for me. The attorneys I worked with then and the attorneys I work with now are deeply committed to ensuring that low-income Oregonians facing the most dire circumstances receive high quality legal services. I am proud to be a member of this organization.

– Guillermo Ramos, Legal Aid Services of Oregon

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Top Left: Hon Mustafa Kasubhai, US District Court, and Dean Marcilynne Burke, University of Oregon School of Law, at the Lane County Luncheon.
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And the Award Goes To...

The Justice Cup and Equity Cup capture the spirit of Oregon lawyers supporting equal justice for all Oregonians by encouraging a friendly competition in giving among all the regions of the state. The Justice Cup is awarded to the region in the state with the highest percentage of lawyers giving to the Campaign. The Equity Cup goes to the region with the best improvement in participation after meeting at least a 10% giving threshold.

When CEJ volunteers ask their fellow lawyers to donate to legal aid, it’s about much more than just the money. Our volunteers help promote increased awareness about the civil legal needs of low-income Oregonians, a greater understanding of the legal aid programs in every lawyer’s home region, and a sense of community around the importance of coming together as a profession to support justice for all.

How do the different regions across the state encourage participation? Committees hold monthly meetings and assign outreach efforts to each volunteer. County bar associations also chip in, making financial contributions and using their newsletters as a way to update people about legal aid and honor donors. Committees reach out to volunteers to draft and sign fundraising letters. It is an impressive and coordinated effort.

Both of our winning regions this year are located in Southern Oregon and fall under the umbrella of our Southern Oregon Steering Committee, which worked hard to spread awareness about the importance of legal aid. The community shows its pride each year at the Southern Oregon Luncheon, where over 100 supporters gather to raise funds for legal aid. This is a significant gathering for the region’s attorneys.

Jackson County is creating a dynasty, winning the Justice Cup for its sixth consecutive year. A formidable 36.4% of lawyers in the county donated to CEJ (the statewide average is around 20%). Jackson County also exceeded its fundraising goal by $1000. Dominic Campanella, Statewide Co-Chair and head of the Southern Oregon Steering Committee, stated, “We are proud of the culture of commitment to funding legal aid and protecting the rights of low-income neighbors that we have cultivated in Jackson County.”

The winner of the Equity Cup this year is the Grants Pass region, who not only increased their participation by almost 16% but also raised 7 times their fundraising goal! Rachele Selvig, a Southern Oregon Steering Committee member from Grants Pass, helped to motivate her fellow lawyers in Josephine County to get involved, and a generous matching grant from Janay Haas also inspired increased giving.

Lane County came in second place in the Justice Cup race, with just over 26% of lawyers giving. The Portland Region came in third place. Large firms and midsize firms in the Portland Region have high participation rates in the Campaign, with about 60% of lawyers in large firms and about 28% in midsize firms participating. It’s possible that a strong effort next year could see Portland taking either of the trophies.

For 28 years, the Campaign has helped to foster a community of people who care about the civil legal system and work together to make justice accessible to everyone, not just the few who can afford it. What can you do to help win the Justice Cup next year? Donate! Please encourage others to donate, too! Congratulations to our champions in Jackson County and Grants Pass!

To see the numbers for any region, check out the detailed standings on the CEJ’s website: https://cej-oregon.org/justice-cup/
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Nearly 250 lawyers and judges volunteered to help with the annual fund drive and the Campaign’s education and outreach efforts to stabilize state and federal funding. Thank you to our volunteers for their deep commitment to supporting civil legal aid. Legal aid and the CJF also extend their gratitude to lawyers who have provided pro bono services through legal aid’s many pro bono programs, providing 6346 hours of free legal assistance. We acknowledge their essential support throughout the state.

Michelle Vlach-Ing; and Stephanie Palmblad and Ryan Collier, Collier Law, at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.
We extend a special thank you to Oregon law firms* who gave generously this year:

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The City of Albany has recently enacted an “enhanced exclusionary zone.” This zone penalizes individuals who have “persistent violations” within the zone, with increased fines and exclusion from the zone for a period up to one year. Many of the ordinance violations considered to be persistent violations are those commonly attributed to the homeless population. The exclusionary zone encompasses most of the community resources used by the homeless, making it difficult for them to access services without facing additional violations. Some of these services include free meals at churches, substance abuse support centers, and legal aid offices. The exclusionary zone raises serious concerns about penalizing individuals for their status of being homeless. The Albany Regional Office is working with the homeless population to find out how the zone is being enforced and to defend their right to receive services.

Central Oregon Service Area

Counties: Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Square Miles: 44,419
Poverty Population: 40,908

The Central Oregon region continues to feel the impact of the lack of available and affordable housing. Consequently, the Regional Office assists low-income clients with a variety of housing-related issues including substandard housing and tenant rights. They also assist clients living in mobile home parks with issues of discrimination, unlawful fee assessments, and retaliation by landlords. A family law legal clinic has been established that serves clients referred by Saving Grace (the local domestic violence resource agency) and other survivors of domestic violence. The clinic expands services to victims needing assistance with family law cases by providing one-hour appointments twice per month.

Individuals, Law Firms, Businesses & Organizations by Service Area

- Visionary (donations of $5,000 and above)
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- Defender of Justice Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $500+ per capita)
- Justice Council Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $301+ per capita)
Central Oregon Luncheon

- About 80 lawyers attended, and this year there were 10 table captains organized by the Steering Committee.
- CEJ Statewide Co-Chair Ari Halpern emceed the event, and Andrea Malone, Regional Director of Legal Aid Services of Oregon’s Central Oregon Office, highlighted the critical case her office is currently working on.
- Presiding Judge Wells Ashby delivered keynote remarks, stating that, “the law is a language and lawyers are the interpreters.” He encouraged all lawyers to do their part to increase access to justice.
- Central Oregon lawyers contributed nearly $28,000.

Clackamas County
See also: Portland Regional Service Area

The Portland Regional Office serves clients extensively in Clackamas County. The Clackamas County Bar partners with legal aid on an expungement clinic to help remove barriers to housing and employment. A legal aid attorney is available part-time at “A Safe Place,” a family justice center located in Oregon City where victims of domestic violence can find comprehensive services.

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Tom Kranovich, Kranovich & Lucero, and Nick Kampars, Davis Wright Tremaine, at CEJ’s Advisory Committee Meeting.

Ben Lavine; and Noam Amir-Brownstein, Vial Fotheringham, at CEJ’s Champion Donor Event.
The Hillsboro Regional Office completed its priority-setting retreat at the end of March and has narrowed its focus to legal issues faced by the most vulnerable populations in their service area. These issues include domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, and homelessness. The office is also receiving grant funding from the Washington County District Attorney's office to assist victims of crime to address their civil legal needs. In April, the Washington County Family Justice Center (a collaboration of agencies dedicated to providing support, services, and hopes to domestic violence survivors) wrapped up its first year of service and the Hillsboro office continues to spend two days a week at the Center, providing legal assistance and advice.

As in other parts of the state, the lack of available, affordable housing continues to be a serious problem in Lane County. The office has seen an increase in clients who were able to get housing in the past but who are now unable to do so. This is especially the case for clients with prior evictions, poor credit, criminal histories, or bad references. Clients who do have Section 8 vouchers are not able to find housing because of the short supply and rental prices that exceed the limits for the program. In fact, the wait list for Section 8 housing is closed for two years! The Lane County office has also been working with clients on safety and habitability issues in mobile home parks, and has done extensive community education and outreach about housing rights.


Gerald Lunn; Jessie Neilon, Sandra Alvarez, Celeste Mora, Maria Sias, Griselda Castro, Katie Freimuth, Michael Pijanowski, Trena Kloke, Heather Kemper, Ellen Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Kathryn McNeill, and Caleb Mannen.

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Lane County Luncheon

- The Steering Committee recruited 20 table captains this year, who in turn invited 175 members of the legal community to join them for lunch and to learn about legal aid in their community. Ross Williamson and Todd Johnston once again emceed the event.

- Erika Hente, the Regional Director of the Lane County Legal Aid Oregon Law Center Office, gave an update about the work her office is doing. This includes helping disabled and vulnerable Oregonians facing cuts in their home care hours and advocating for local policies that increase the supply of affordable housing and provide support for individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

- Dean Marci Lynn Burke of the University of Oregon School of Law spoke about how, “to those who cannot afford an advocate or do not have a pathway available to them for finding justice, the legal system can be particularly complex, frustrating, and devastating.” She explained her role and the law school’s role in preparing law students to help build the bridge to justice and challenged us all to take more seriously the notion that we are legal aid.

- Lane County lawyers contributed nearly $93,000 to CEJ this year!
Lincoln County

County: Lincoln
Square Miles: 922
Poverty Population: 11,679

Affordable housing and matters affecting those who are homeless continue to be critical issues in Lincoln County given the almost non-existent vacancy rate of rental housing. The Lincoln County legal aid office participates in a monthly meeting of nonprofit organizations, service providers, and government officials to cooperatively address these issues. Regional Director Blair Bobier was appointed by the Newport City Council to serve on its Task Force on Homelessness. The office received a $5,000 grant from the Legal Services Corporation and Equal Justice Works to hire a law student to work as a fellow for the summer. They hired Joseph Baxter from Lewis & Clark Law School, who will focus on affordable housing, tenant rights, and issues affecting the homeless community.

Marion-Polk Service Area

Counties: Marion and Polk
Square Miles: 1,925
Poverty Population: 85,280

US immigration policy changes have had a notable impact on the Marion-Polk region’s immigrant communities. These communities are less likely to go to court, access social services, or speak with a lawyer if their rights have been violated. Working with partners in the community, the Oregon Law Center is doing extensive outreach and education to encourage this underrepresented population to seek assistance. The office is also working with clients on unlawful evictions, substandard housing, and employment issues, as well as fielding a variety of immigration-related questions. They are collaborating with a local nonprofit, Mano a Mano, to interview clients at this nonprofit’s office, making it easier for the immigrant community to have a safe location to meet with staff, and to help the office better understand their legal needs. The Legal Aid Services of Oregon office has been working with clients on housing-related issues due to the lack of available, affordable, and habitable housing; and has noted a visible increase in the number of homeless people living in downtown Salem.

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Marion-Polk Luncheon

- About 250 lawyers and judges attended this year’s luncheon, with 30 table captains recruited by the Steering Committee. Immediate Past OSB President Vanessa Nordyke emceed the event.
- Salem Oregon Law Center Regional Director Jorge Lara spoke about the issues affecting clients in the Marion-Polk community. One of the largest issues is housing, so the office is focusing on prioritizing preservation of existing housing, working toward the alleviation of discrimination in housing, addressing habitability issues, working on foreclosure relief, and addressing issues related to homelessness.
- Supreme Court Justice Adrienne Nelson spoke at the event, stating that justice for all is a right, not a privilege, and that Oregon lawyers who care about the rule of law can make a difference by supporting legal aid.
- Marion-Polk County lawyers raised almost $86,000 in support of legal aid.

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Far Left: Shannon Garcia, Oregon Law Center; Diane Nguyen, Oregon Department of Justice; Justine Bonner and Michael Beilstein, Oregon Court of Appeals; and Andi Pia, Oregon Department of Justice, at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.
Left: Vanessa Nordyke, Oregon Department of Justice; Monica Goracke, Oregon Law Center; Thomas Stensson, Disability Rights Oregon; and Valerie Colas, Office of Public Defense Services, at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.

Far Left: Haley Percell, Andrea Schiers, and Jennifer Nancarrow, Oregon School Boards Association, at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.
Left: Hon Audrey Broyles, Hon Mary James, and Hon Claudia Burton, Marion County Circuit Court, at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.

Far Left: Kathleen Evans, Evan Battin Getchell, and Hon Douglas Tooley and Hon Scott Schor, Oregon Court of Appeals, at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.
Left: Hon Adrienne Nelson, Oregon Supreme Court, and Michelle Viaching at the Marion-Polk Luncheon.

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Counties: Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur
Square Miles: 27,617
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The Ontario office continues its work to educate people who have immigration questions and concerns, and is working to protect vulnerable, low-income populations against exploitation in consumer matters. The office has also been involved in efforts to prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and receiving funds from a grant through the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The three-year grant expires this year, but the office has applied to have it renewed so that it can continue work in this area. Paralegal Maria Romero is celebrating her 40th year with legal aid.

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The Portland Regional Offices of Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center continue to work on housing, habitability, and homelessness issues. Clients have been struggling with rising rents and no-cause evictions; however, those in Portland have benefitted from the city’s new tenant protection ordinance, which requires landlords to pay relocation assistance when issuing a no-cause eviction or increasing rent 10% or more in one year. With the passage of Senate Bill 608, legislation that provides new statewide renter protections, the offices also have a greater ability to assist clients in outlying areas, including rural counties. They have received requests for education and trainings regarding these new protections.

The offices are also providing presentations to clients on various legal topics and have established strategic partnerships with organizations including the Urban League, El Programa Hispano Catolico, the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, Don’t Shoot PDX, and VO2. Staff members provide support to clients through on-site consultations and representation on issues including employment, housing, discrimination, public benefits, domestic violence, family law, and consumer law matters.
Clara & Diego

Clara found legal aid after being severely injured by Rafe, her partner of 25 years. He came home drunk and destructive and flew into a rage when Clara finally said, “enough is enough.” Concerned neighbors called 911 and Clara was transported to the hospital with internal bleeding, a broken arm, and irreversible back and neck injuries. Legal aid helped Clara gain full custody of her young son, Diego, and resolve over $15,000 of misdirected medical bills. They also helped her assume the mortgage that Rafe refused to pay after he moved out but that she had been contributing to all along. After suffering at Rafe’s hands for decades, Clara credits her legal aid lawyer’s patience and skill for helping give her confidence, overcome fear, stand up for her rights, and regain safety.

Oregon is in the midst of an affordable housing crisis. There is not a single community in our state that has enough affordable housing for its citizens. Rents have risen much faster than income. A senior on a fixed income, for example, would have difficulty finding housing they could afford almost anywhere in the state. Oregon’s legal aid programs are part of the solution to this problem. Legal aid helps by:

- representing tenants and low-income clients facing foreclosure, to help them stay in their homes or get reasonable time to move to a new home;
- fighting housing discrimination;
- working with tenants and housing providers to help low-income people receive subsidized housing benefits;
- working with housing authorities and private landlords to provide training on housing laws; and
- working 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 33% 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 providing 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. Fifty percent 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 one of legal aid’s top priorities.

Sophia

Sophia is a native Spanish speaker and mother of five. She and her children had been tenants for several years in a single-family home when she received a no-cause eviction notice. She called legal aid, who contacted pro bono attorney Joshua Stadtlter with Dunn Carney. He told Sophia that a new Oregon law went into effect this year that protects renters from most no-cause evictions as well as large rent increases; Sophia’s eviction notice was unlawful. Joshua communicated with her landlord, who was not aware of the new law and agreed to rescind the eviction notice. Sophia was greatly relieved. In an email to Joshua, she said: “Thank you for all of your help. This has been the worst two months of sleeplessness while having no luck finding a new house for my kids. I will never forget what you did to help my family.”

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 nearly 250 volunteers;
• educate lawyers and communities about the importance of access to justice;
• 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 fund to preserve the future of legal aid.

Since 1991, the Oregon legal community has raised more than $28 million for legal aid in our annual 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. Several law firms and corporate counsel partner with legal aid offices to sponsor pro bono clinics. To learn more about opportunities in your area, sign up at legal aid’s advocate website at: oregonadvocates.org
Barriers to Justice

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 14,407 low-income individuals.

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 to serve those who are in need.

Oregon’s Bipartisan Support for Legal Aid

Despite initial White House proposals to eliminate all funding for the Legal Services Corporation (the federal agency that funds and regulates legal aid programs), five months into the 2019 Federal Fiscal Year a budget was passed and LSC received $415 million dollars in funding. This is up from $410 million from the previous year. The 2020 Federal Fiscal Year starts October 1, 2019. Funding bills to support nationwide legal aid programs are working their way through both houses.

Oregon has broad bipartisan support for legal aid at both the federal and state levels. As a community, we will work with our elected officials to maintain our focus on advocating for a fair and accessible legal system – a system where our neighbors can know their rights and get the help they need to protect those rights.

Legal Aid Fulfills 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 2018 was about $16.8 million. See pages 16 and 17 for more information on how this funding fulfills critical needs. Oregon legal aid’s current funding equals just five hundredths of a percent of Oregon’s annual state budget and four ten thousandths of a percent of the annual U.S. budget. Oregon spends about half as much each year on legal aid as the $32 million Americans spend on chew toys annually for their pets.
Contributions to the CEJ support the valuable work done by legal aid. During our 2018-19 fundraising campaign, Oregon lawyers donated nearly $1.25 million to the annual fund. An additional $105,000 was donated to the CEJ endowment fund. 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, your volunteer work, and encouraging others to donate is a critical part of keeping Oregon’s legal aid programs intact!

Brena Moyer Lopez, Oregon Department of Justice demonstrates her eagerness to donate to help legal aid.

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. The CEJ maintains an operating reserve. 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 CEJ.

*This figure does not include gains to CEJ’s endowment fund, which is held by the Oregon Community Foundation (see page 29 for more information on the Endowment).
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Alex Tsiavos, Max Forer, and Brandon Thornburg, Cousins & Vergeer Kester, at Party under the Stars.

Molly Marcum, Keating, Jones Hughes; Hon Stacie Fatka Beckerman, US District Court; and Sonia Montaltano, McKean Smith, at CEJ’s Advisory Committee Meeting.

Danny Santos and Helen Hirschbiel, Oregon State Bar, at CEJ’s Champion Donor Event.

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Coos Bay Service Area
Counties: Coos, Curry, and western Douglas
Square Miles: 3,294
Poverty Population: 20,171

There is currently a severe shortage of affordable housing available in Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties. Exacerbating the problem is the high rate of poverty in the area. Less money and less housing means that area residents must spend more of their scarce dollars on housing. They also face the risk of renting substandard or even uninhabitable housing from unscrupulous landlords. Domestic violence continues to be a problem in the community as well. Standing up to a domestic abuser in the context of a restraining order hearing is stressful, especially when the survivor does not know the law and represents herself in court while facing her abuser alone. The Coos Bay Regional office has also seen a number of clients facing consumer debt issues and denial of public benefits and health services. The office provides advice and representation in all of these areas and is one of the few resources that low-income Oregonians have to rely on to protect their housing, to get and uphold restraining orders, and to protect their right to access public benefits and health services.

Grants Pass Regional Office Service Area
Counties: Josephine
Square Miles: 1,639
Poverty Population: 22,056

The Jackson County Center for Nonprofit Legal Services has been focusing its efforts on an array of housing-related issues in response to the housing crisis statewide and in the region. They partner with the Continuum of Care Board of Directors to help provide a user-friendly system that includes social service assistance to help people experiencing homelessness. Executive Director Debra Lee was appointed to serve on the Medford Housing Advisory Commission to advise the city on the use of the Medford Construction Excise Tax to build affordable housing. The office is also working with law enforcement and community partners on the Immigration Law Project, providing legal assistance for immigrants trying to gain legal status.

Jackson County
Counties: Jackson
Square Miles: 2,801
Poverty Population: 46,370

The housing crisis continues to cause many problems for low-income residents of Josephine County. The Oregon Law Center’s Grants Pass office has filed a lawsuit against the City of Grants Pass, alleging that it is unconstitutional for the city to criminalize homelessness by ticketing, fining, jailing, and otherwise punishing the homeless for sleeping and camping in public when there is no shelter or other option for them. This year, the office is proud to display the CEJ’s Equity Cup, won for having the highest percentage increase in attorneys donating to the CEJ this year.

Klamath Falls Regional Office
Counties: Klamath, Lake
Square Miles: 14,079
Poverty Population: 19,644

The trend of clients facing difficulty with finding and keeping safe, affordable housing continues in Klamath Falls. The State of Oregon recently enacted legislation that provides new statewide renter protections, including limiting rent increases and banning no-cause evictions. The Klamath Falls office has consequently been working with clients who are now experiencing new types of landlord/tenant issues, including new types of unlawful evictions and rent increases.

Roseburg
Counties: Douglas
Square Miles: 5,036
Poverty Population: 23,932

Working with local homeless advocates, the Roseburg office has been reaching out to the homeless community and providing a variety of services. This year, the office advocated for a significant change in policy related to how the City of Roseburg deals with the personal property of individuals who do not have permanent dwellings. They have also advocated for local housing providers to process vouchers and subsidies correctly, and to allow formerly homeless people the ability to obtain rental housing. Landlord/tenant work is another area the office has been involved in, preventing unlawful evictions from occurring. The office is also partnering with others in the community to create a local domestic violence task force, and a new expungement clinic has been an important addition to the services they provide. The office is also partnering with the Portland law firm Tonkon Torp on a virtual legal clinic, where Tonkon Torp attorneys will meet with clients in Roseburg via video conferencing.
Southern Oregon Luncheon

- About 100 lawyers and judges attended, and this year there were 14 table captains organized by the Steering Committee.

- Court of Appeals Judge Rex Armstrong made keynote remarks, commenting that for justice to be a right and not a privilege, all people must have meaningful access to the civil justice system, regardless of income. Jackson County Bar President Eric Mitton and Josephine County Bar President Rachele Selvig co-emceed the event, and Statewide Co-Chair Dominic Campanella encouraged all Southern Oregon attorneys to keep up their momentum as the top donors in the state.

- Local attorney (and former legal aid lawyer) Janay Haas made a $10,000 matching grant to encourage Southern Oregon lawyers to give for the first time or increase their contributions. As a result, the region’s attorneys donated almost $50,000.

- Jackson County won the Justice Cup for the sixth year in a row, with 37% of attorneys donating $37,000—the highest participation rate in the state.

- Grants Pass won the Equity Cup for the first time by increasing their participation by 16%.
Call to Action

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

- **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 or Credit Union.” If all lawyers took this step, funding for legal aid could increase by as much as $2 million—enough to fund more than 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.

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. WWW.CEJ-OREGON.ORG  503.295.8442

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Tami Hall, Candy Barnett, and Anit Jindal, Markowitz Herbold; and Kristin Asai, Holland & Knight, at CEJ’s Annual Awards Luncheon.
Elisa Dozono, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, and Liani Reeves, Bullard Law, at CEJ’s Annual Awards Luncheon.
Patricia Rincorn and Nathaniel Aggrey, Oregon Department of Justice; and Ivan Resendiz Gutierrez, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, at CEJ’s Annual Awards Luncheon.
Jacqueline Tokiko Mitchson and Christine Sargent, Bullivant Houser Bailey, at CEJ’s Connection & Action Meeting.
The CEJ thanks FWW for its sustained and consistent support. By 26%, per capita giving by 32%, and percentage of donors who gave by 53%! Contributing more than $500 per attorney. This year, they increased overall giving this year, along with many staff members. FWW is a Defender of Justice firm, on the Associates Committee since 2012. 85% of the firm's attorneys donated on their membership in support of CEJ, and volunteers organized coordinated efforts to encourage participation. This year, OTLA members across the state have donated almost $94,000! Way to go, OTLA!

Associate Award
Tim Cunningham

Tim Cunningham is an associate at Davis Wright Tremaine, where he’s practiced since 2011, focusing on complex business disputes and intellectual property litigation. Tim has been a member of CEJ’s Associates Committee since 2012, serving as co-chair since 2016. His support in rallying his colleagues at DWT and other firms has been invaluable. Tim says, “I support CEJ because legal aid lawyers are the last line of defense for some of the most vulnerable members of our community, and because I know every bit of support makes a tangible difference in their work.”

Midsize Firm Award
Farleigh Wada Witt

Farleigh Wada Witt is the recipient of our Midsize Firm Award. Firm members have been longtime supporters of the CEJ. Partner Mark Wada is a CEJ Board Member and past President. He has been on the CEJ Advisory Committee since 2000, and a member and past Chair of the Midsize Firm Committee since 1996. Melissa Chapman has represented the firm on the Associates Committee since 2012. 85% of the firm’s attorneys donated this year, along with many staff members. FWW is a Defender of Justice firm, contributing more than $500 per attorney. This year, they increased overall giving by 26%, per capita giving by 32%, and percentage of donors who gave by 53%!

Large Firm Award
Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

Lawyers from Miller Nash Graham & Dunn showed strong support of CEJ and legal aid this year and are receiving our Large Firm Award. 62% of MNGD’s lawyers donated to CEJ this year, and they are a Justice Council firm with an average $317 per capita attorney giving. The firm had a 9% increase in total giving and a 12% increase in per capita giving this year. They have been actively involved with CEJ since its creation in 1991, and in 2016 helped to launch the first ever Virtual Legal Aid Clinic in Oregon, linking Oregon-licensed attorneys from MNGD’s urban offices in Oregon and Washington State with legal aid clients in rural Oregon.

Staff Award
Tonkon Torp CEJ Donation Team

This year’s staff award recognizes the efforts of the entire Tonkon Torp CEJ Donation Team. This dedicated group works behind the scenes, helping both the donors at Tonkon and the CEJ staff in gathering and processing donations, fielding questions, and making the entire process run smoothly. Key members of the team include: Koren Benish, Executive/HR Assistant; Jeff Block, Relief Receptionist/Administrative Team Assistant; Esther Gutierrez, Receptionist; Suesan Klimowicz, Staff Accountant; Josh LaRose, Payroll Billing A/R Coordinator; Jen Sloan, Legal Assistant; Tracy Tunnell, Accounts Payable Specialist; and Jackie Wilkes, Legal Assistant. We couldn’t do it without them!
Among Us

Angelica Vega, Regional Director of the Marion-Polk Legal Aid Services of Oregon office, received the Justice Paul DeMuniz Professionalism Award from the Marion County Bar Association. The DeMuniz award recognizes a member of the Marion County Bar Association who best exemplifies the pursuit of the practice of law as a profession, demonstrating a spirit of public service and the highest possible level of competence, integrity and ethical conduct, and who serves as a role model for other attorneys. Congratulations, Angelica!

CEJ Board Member Darcy Norville, Tonkon Torp, was honored by the Portland Business Journal as one of its 2019 Women of Influence. This highly regarded award recognizes women who are business and community leaders in the greater-Portland area.

CEJ Board Member and Oregon Law Foundation Board Chair Elisa Dozono, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, was honored with the Oregon Women Lawyers Roberts & Deiz Award. The OWLS Roberts & Deiz Award honors the legacies of both Justice Roberts (the first woman appointed to the Oregon appellate bench) and Judge Deiz (the first African American woman to practice law in Oregon and the first woman of color on the Oregon bench) as promoters of those from non-dominant cultures.

Attorney Julie Stevens retired this Spring after nearly 40 years with legal aid. Julie received her undergraduate degree from the University of Oregon and her J.D. degree from Columbia University School of Law. She began her legal career as a VISTA Staff Attorney for the Multnomah Bar Association at its Northeast Albina Office. She then worked for the legal aid office in Coos Bay for nine years. After several years in private practice, Julie returned to legal aid as a staff attorney in the Portland office, where she has worked for the past 29 years. Julie specialized in representing domestic violence victims in family law cases.

Mitzi Naucier, Regional Director of the Albany Legal Aid Services of Oregon office, will retire this summer. Mitzi received her B.A. from Moorhead State University and her J.D. degree from Willamette University College of Law. Mitzi has been the Regional Director of the Albany office since 2005. Before joining legal aid, Mitzi had a varied career as team leader of a nonprofit organization; the director of externship programs and a clinical law professor at Willamette School of Law; a pro tem judge for Keizer Municipal Court; an attorney in private practice in Salem; and an attorney with a legal aid program serving inmates in Oregon prisons. Mitzi was the president of the Oregon State Bar in 2012 and has served on numerous boards and committees for the Bar, community organizations, and government agencies.

Valentin Sanchez, Outreach Paralegal for the Hillsboro Oregon Law Center farmworker office, has been appointed to Governor Kate Brown’s Environmental Justice Task Force. This 12-member task force is comprised of members throughout the state who are well informed on the principles of environmental justice and who represent minority and low-income communities, environmental interests, and industry groups.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon received two grants to fund summer law students. The Lincoln County office received a Legal Corps grant from the Legal Services Corporation. They hired Joseph Baxter, who is focusing on the rights of homeless individuals and examining local ordinances affecting the homeless population. Joseph says: “Having grown up in a rural area and understanding many of the financial challenges that individuals in rural economies face, I jumped at the opportunity to work in a small community and join legal aid.”

Rachelle Collins, who will focus on working with domestic violence survivors of domestic violence, secured grants to increase legal services to low-income communities, environmental justice and who represent minority and government agencies. In her various positions throughout the years, Janay helped pass legislation to protect survivors of domestic violence, secured grants to increase legal services to seniors and children, and created numerous self-help materials on topics such as navigating small claims court, housing law, and family law. Janay has been involved with CEJ as a donor and volunteer since its founding in 1991 and spent a lot of time helping with early CEJ events and outreach efforts. More recently, she has focused her resources on building the CEJ’s Endowment Fund. Thanks to her generosity, the CEJ is now able to make annual disbursements to Oregon’s legal aid programs from the Endowment Fund. Since the 1990s, Janay has also volunteered with the Oregon State Bar on projects that serve low-income populations with the legal help they need and deserve, and I am so incredibly grateful to be a part of that this summer.”

Mark Wilk, Managing Attorney of Oregon Law Center’s Woodburn farmworker office, has been appointed Vice President of AWARE Food Bank’s Board of Directors. AWARE is the second largest food pantry in Marion County and, from the first quarter of 2018 to the first quarter of 2019, has doubled the number of households served, to 4,389 households and 15,313 individuals.

Congratulations to Rayven Settler, Paralegal with the Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, for passing the Warm Springs Tribal Bar Examination.

Henry Hewitt Access to Justice Award

Janay Hass was the 2019 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. Janay has dedicated her career to furthering the cause of access to justice. She has worked for legal aid programs in five states; was the Senior Legal Services Developer for the state of Oregon; and has worked in the US and abroad as a professor of criminology and criminal justice.

After graduating from law school, Janay worked for legal aid in Idaho, where she advocated for survivors of domestic violence. While there, she was also appointed to the Governor’s Council on Domestic Violence. Janay then came to Oregon, where she first worked as a staff attorney for the Oregon City office of Oregon Legal Services and later helped open its Grants Pass Office, acting as its first Director. She represented clients on a broad array of poverty law issues and designed DV training for police officers, prosecutors, and pro bono attorneys.

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Janay’s lifetime of service and advocacy are a testament to her deeply-held belief that all people deserve to be heard and their rights respected. CEJ was pleased to honor Janay Hass this year with the Henry Hewitt Access to Justice Award!
Endow Now!

Imagine What it Would Look Like if Funding for Legal Aid Was Secure

Helping to create a permanent, stable source of income for access to justice in Oregon through a planned gift honors your lifetime commitment to “justice for all.” When you Endow Now!, you make a planned gift pledge that will return the amount of your yearly annual gift to the Campaign for Equal Justice in perpetuity.

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 to do is fill out a simple form. Curious about what it would take to endow your annual gift? See the chart (right).

For more information, contact: maya@cej-oregon.org.

As the gap between rich and poor continues to grow, it becomes ever more important for us to step up and do whatever we can to ensure that underprivileged Oregonians have access to the legal services and resources they desperately need. CEJ provides critical funding to help empower, stabilize, and protect the most vulnerable members of our communities.

In memory of my mentor, the legendary litigator and WWII fighter ace Bruce Williams, and in recognition of the growing needs of the underserved, I added a testamentary sustaining gift in my trust for the Campaign’s Endowment Fund. As Teddy Roosevelt said, ‘Our country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.’ Please join me in supporting CEJ in its quest for equal access to justice for all Oregonians.

–Eden Rose Brown

Endowment donor Eden Rose Brown has spent her career serving others. She was a United States Air Force Judge Advocate and Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1989 to 1993, serving in support of the Gulf War in 1991. During war operations, then Captain Brown supervised the design, drafting, and execution of over 8000 wills, trusts and supporting documents for deploying troops. President George H.W. Bush awarded Captain Brown the United States Meritorious Service Medal for her efforts during the war.

After her active duty tour, Eden moved home to Salem, where she opened her own estate planning firm. Eden concentrates her practice in the areas of wealth preservation, family legacy design, trust administration, and highly customized estate, tax, and charitable planning. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and earned her Juris Doctor degree from Lewis & Clark Law School.

The Barrie Herbold Fund

The Barrie Herbold Fund was established with the bequest Ms. Herbold left to the Endowment Fund. We would like to thank Markowitz Herbold’s attorneys, staff, and friends for their continuing contributions to the Fund honoring her legacy.

Legacy Partners Circle/Endow Now! Initiative

The Legacy Partners Circle was created in 2004 and the Endow Now! Initiative in 2013. Both recognize those individuals who have made significant Endowment gifts or who will include the Endowment Fund in their estate plans.

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Oregon Women Lawyers did an amazing job again this year in the Campaign for Equal Justice Fund drive, with almost 35% of OWLs membership donating over $175,000! OWLs members created matching challenges with almost 35% of OWLs membership donating over $175,000! OWLs members created matching challenges with almost 35% of OWLs membership donating over $175,000! OWLs members created matching challenges with almost 35% of OWLs membership donating over $175,000! OWLs members created matching challenges with almost 35% of OWLs membership donating over $175,000!
Barriers to Justice: 2018 Oregon Civil Legal Needs Study

With the support of the Oregon Department of Justice, the 2018 Civil Legal Needs Study was commissioned in partnership with the Oregon Law Foundation, Oregon State Bar, Campaign for Equal Justice, Oregon Judicial Department, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, and Oregon Law Center to assess the current ability of low-income individuals to access the civil justice system. The findings were released earlier this year in the Barriers to Justice report.

The study findings are stark.

- 75% of survey participants live in a household that experienced a legal problem in the previous 12 months.
- 5.4 legal problems were experienced by the typical low-income household in Oregon in the last 12 months.
- 84% of people with a legal problem did not receive legal help of any kind.

What can we do?

- **Educate**
  - Talk about the importance of access to justice. Let people know that civil legal aid is there for those who need help.
- **Speak Up**
  - As a community, let’s continue our sustained focus on a fair and accessible legal system.
- **Fund Legal Aid**
  - The best way to increase access to justice is to help create more legal aid attorney positions.

See the CEJ’s Call to Action on page 26.

Find the full report and underlying data at: https://olf.osbar.org/lns/ or contact CEJ for a hard copy.