Twenty-nine 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 over $30 million to the annual fund drive, plus almost $2 million to CEJ’s endowment fund. Last year, you really outdid yourselves, raising a record-breaking $1.8 million for legal aid! These funds will be a big help to legal aid as they support clients who are struggling through the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to impact our communities, more people will have new and unanticipated civil legal problems. Lawyers are trained to spot issues and quickly pivot to solve problems. Our three Oregon legal aid programs are doing just that. They have responded quickly and comprehensively to the new challenges presented by the pandemic and economic crisis.

• Offices serving all 36 Oregon counties remain open for clients by phone, email, and video conferencing.
• Legal aid is providing extensive information to the public about important changes in landlord-tenant law, public benefits, and employment law.

Legal aid continues to provide critical legal representation in domestic violence cases at a time when domestic violence survivors may be isolated with their abusers.

• Legal aid has expanded a statewide hotline to help more clients with legal issues related to unemployment insurance, medical needs, and other public benefits.
• Legal aid is advocating for the health and safety for vulnerable Oregonians, including farmworkers and homeless individuals.

Just as legal aid is an essential part of the response to this crisis, legal aid will be a critical component of the economic recovery in our communities. Prior to COVID-19, we were meeting 15% of the civil legal needs of low-income Oregonians. Now, as the poverty population continues to grow, legal problems will also multiply.

That is why your continued support is so critical. 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 protect their livelihoods, housing, health, safety, and families. Ensuring access to justice is a proud tradition in the Oregon legal profession.

The 2020-21 annual fund drive kicks off this September. Let’s continue to break records and do our best to stay connected with each other and with our vulnerable neighbors who have lost so much to the COVID-19 crisis. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we are legal aid.

Legal aid attorneys Kathryn McNeill and Mike Pijanowski participated in a community education webinar with U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici and Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. Kathryn and Mike helped answer legal questions from Oregonians affected by the pandemic. Legal aid’s expertise and client education materials have been shared widely by the Oregon Health Authority, many local governments, and other important community partners. Through these collaborative efforts, we are reaching more people than ever before.

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While employment, health, safety, and housing have long been priorities for legal aid’s farmworker programs, they have taken on new urgency as the COVID-19 pandemic threatens the lives of farmworkers and their families and friends. Farmworkers are unable to work from home and often live in housing that isn’t conducive to social distancing. Legal aid has been involved in administrative advocacy aimed at increasing safe living and working conditions for this vulnerable group. They are also working on client education efforts around COVID-19 concerns. These efforts include education about social distancing, safety, and sanitation in the workplace, help filing for unemployment benefits and other public benefits, helping gain access to leave protections, and advocating to prevent evictions for the duration of the pandemic. The farmworker programs are also sending out weekly events on tax issues for immigrant families.
NAPOLS

The Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS) represents low-income tribes, Native organizations, and tribal members. They focus on priorities set by the communities they serve, including tribal court enforcement, tribal sovereignty, and organizational development. They help clients on a variety of issues, such as access to safe and affordable housing, public benefits, tribal enrollment, and expungement cases. NAPOLS also assists clients with estate planning, probate, trust law assistance, and individual allotment management. During the COVID-19 pandemic, NAPOLS has been working with various partners to make sure the community knows that legal aid is available to current clients and prospective clients alike, and has helped many tribes respond to this crisis.

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Central Oregon office has been maintaining intake by serving clients via phone and virtual technology. While the intake staff have been teleworking from home, attorneys are working on new and current client matters, using technology like Google Voice to maintain contact with clients. With extra safety precautions made by the courts, attorneys have been able to represent clients in domestic violence cases that needed to go to trial. The office has seen an increase in employment-related calls, and continues to advise clients on housing and family law matters. Staff attorneys have been working hard to stay abreast of new changes in the law, and have created statewide informational materials for use by clients during this difficult time.

Central Oregon Luncheon.

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Central Oregon Luncheon

- Nearly 100 members of the Central Oregon legal community attended this year, including many current and retired Circuit Court judges, along with State Representatives Cheri Helt and Jack Zika.
- CEJ Central Oregon Steering Committee member Katie Clason emceed the event, and Andrea Malone and Christine Zenthoefer of Legal Aid Services of Oregon’s Central Oregon Office highlighted Silvia’s story of escaping years of verbal, emotional, and physical abuse with the help of their office.
- Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel delivered keynote remarks, explaining how legal aid is not only on the front lines representing low-income Oregonians in individual cases, but has also been integral in helping to change laws that were harmful to victims of domestic violence or unfair to indigent parents in parental rights cases. As he so aptly stated, “the fight for justice is never over.”
- Central Oregon lawyers contributed over $30,000 this year.

Deschutes County Commissioner Pati Adair and Ari Halperr, Halperr Law Group at the Central Oregon Luncheon.

Clackamas County
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The Portland Regional Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon serves a multitude of clients 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.

Kathi Rastetter, Clackamas County Counsel; John Mansfield, MansfieldLaw; and Kateri Walsh, Oregon State Bar, at the Advisory Committee Meeting.

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Hillsboro Regional Office
Service Area

The Hillsboro Regional Office continues to work on civil legal issues faced by the most vulnerable populations in its service area. These issues include income maintenance, health and disability benefits, domestic violence, affordable housing, and landlord-tenant disputes. They have also seen an increase in the number of clients with excessive court fines and fees related to municipal violations, such as traffic tickets and driving infractions. This causes severe stress and anxiety for clients because these violations are compounded with interest and fees that prevent clients from ever getting ahead.

This year, the office received a grant awarded by the Washington County District Attorney’s office to provide civil legal services to victims of crime. They are also launching a new pro bono eviction expungement clinic to remove the barrier of past evictions for individuals seeking housing.

Lane County
County: Lane
Square Miles: 4,554
Poverty Population: 85,772

The Lane County legal aid office continues its work on housing issues, including affordability and habitability issues and landlord-tenant disputes. In the midst of COVID-19 and the economic impact of the pandemic, the office has seen an upsurge in tenants seeking information about evictions. The staff have also been working with clients on access to health and public benefits, family law, expungement of records, and domestic violence cases. In October 2019, the Lane County office was awarded a three-year federal domestic violence grant, and they were also awarded a one-year grant from Spirit Mountain to support outreach to rural Lane County.

Individuals, Law Firms, Businesses & Organizations by Service Area

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- Benefactor (donations of $2,000 to $4,999)
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- Advocate (donations of $500 to $999)
- Sustainer (donations of $301 to $499)
- Guardian of Justice Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $1000+ per capita)
- Defender of Justice Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $500+ per capita)
- Justice Council Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $301+ per capita)
Lane County Luncheon

• Nearly 200 members of the Lane County legal community attended the 11th annual luncheon, including members of the Lane County Circuit Court, Oregon Court of Appeals, and US District Court, as well as the Springfield City Attorney and representatives from the University of Oregon School of Law. Ross Williamson and Todd Johnston emceed the event again this year.

• Erika Hente and Elliott Farren from the Lane County Legal Aid Oregon Law Center Office gave an update about their office and shared a client story.

• Judge Mustafa Kasubhai gave inspiring keynote remarks and stated, “I am wholly disinterested in resting on the ideal of separate but equal. We have been down that road before and we need not describe the utterly flawed logic and intrinsic inequity of such a system. The ideal our community must pursue is the ideal of one circle that includes all of us. Without this ideal, there is no justice. The Campaign pursues this ideal. Through your passion for justice and commitment to equity, we can keep drawing that circle wider. Our practice of professionalism in this legal community also plays an important role.”

• Lane County lawyers contributed $82,000 to CEJ this year.

All photos were taken at the Lane County Luncheon.

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John Gartland and Erika Hente, Oregon Law Center.
Stephen Morgan, Lane County District Attorney’s Office, and Janice Mackey, Hutchinson Cox Coons.
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The Lincoln County office continues to focus on the lack of affordable housing and matters affecting those who are homeless, and staff have been working with community partners to get permanent homeless shelters established in the area. They have been active on landlord-tenant issues and helping people maintain their housing. The office has also been involved in advocating for vulnerable clients experiencing elder abuse, those experiencing income security issues, and victims of domestic violence. Staff are active on the local Domestic Violence Council.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the office and has transformed how they provide legal services. They are much more dependent on outreach to clients, enlisting the help of community partners to provide timely information, and have created a Facebook page to help provide local media and partners with the ever-changing details of new laws affecting their clients’ housing, health, and government benefits. This year, the office was honored to receive a Nonprofit Social Service Agency grant from Lincoln County.

The Oregon Law Center (OLC) and Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) offices have been working with clients on issues ranging from health care and housing to domestic violence and sexual assault. During the COVID-19 crisis, both offices continue to meet the civil legal needs of low-income residents of Marion and Polk counties by working remotely and using online communication tools, including social media. OLC has been assisting individuals with housing questions related to the eviction moratorium, and is tracking to make sure landlords and sheriff’s comply with the law. The office is also working with community partners to share information about unemployment and new leave protections in Spanish.

Over the past several months, LASO has undertaken several statewide projects to help with the COVID-19 crisis. Working in partnership, staff initiated a plan, then wrote and distributed a letter statewide to inform LASO and OLC clients about emergency money available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. They have also been collaborating with others in the legal community to prepare and disseminate statewide resources for domestic violence survivors, and have volunteered for extra shifts on the statewide public benefits hotline.

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Marion-Polk Luncheon

• Nearly 250 lawyers and judges attended the 23rd annual Marion-Polk luncheon, including members of the Marion County Circuit Court, Oregon Court of Appeals, Oregon Supreme Court, and Oregon Tax Court, as well as representatives from the Oregon Department of Justice and many other state agencies. Former OSB President and current Salem City Commissioner Vanessa Nordyke emceed the event.

• Salem Legal Aid Services of Oregon Regional Director Angelica Vega shared the story of legal aid helping Gloria obtain a restraining order and, later, custody of her son Roman, after suffering years of abuse at the hands of Roman’s father.

• Marion County District Attorney Paige Clarkson gave remarks about the importance of lawyers using their skills to "translate" the complex legal system for their clients, and how legal aid lawyers are so crucial to doing this in the civil justice system.

• Marion-Polk County lawyers raised $76,000 in support of legal aid.

The Ontario office has been assisting clients with U.S. citizenship issues—helping some obtain a green card, which qualifies them for legal protection. The office has also been working to protect vulnerable, low-income, and elderly populations against financial exploitation and immigration-related questions or concerns. They have also been working to protect clients with workplace safety issues, abuse. Since COVID-19, the office has noticed an increase in workplace safety issues and protected leave problems, and is tracking issues related to the eviction moratorium and protected leave problems, and is tracking issues related to the eviction moratorium.
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Pro bono attorneys in the Pendleton Regional Office continue to provide much-needed legal aid services to clients, whether it is a 30-minute consultation or longer-term representation. Legal aid’s cases span a range of issues, including bankruptcy, landlord-tenant disputes, domestic violence, and family law. The office is also working on setting up an expungement clinic where staff and a pro bono attorney will help low-income, homeless, and veteran clients with the expungement of their criminal records. This will be a new community service provided through the office, in partnership with the Salvation Army, the courts, the Pendleton Warming Station, and local private attorneys. Since COVID-19, the office has had to adopt new and unusual practices, such as assisting clients in a virtual office setting.

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**Pendleton Service Area**

Counties: Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler
Square Miles: 14,011
Poverty Population: 27,925

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oregon Law Center (OLC) and Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) staff have been working remotely. Due to recent changes in state and federal law, the offices have seen an increase in inquiries from clients concerned about where to get necessities such as food and utility assistance, questions about how to get unemployment benefits, and questions from tenants about terminations or evictions for not paying rent. They also continue to assist clients with other critical needs, such as seeking pardons or suspensions for domestic violence survivors. Staff recognize that their jobs as legal aid advocates have become even more critical to their clients who will be impacted the most by COVID-19, such as communities of color, seniors, survivors of domestic violence and the homeless population. Their clients are also at increased risk of exposure to the virus because of their living and working arrangements. Legal aid's response to this crisis will have life-changing effects.

Since the onset of COVID-19, both offices have become more creative, strategic, and coordinated than ever before. OLC has launched advocacy teams centered around priority client issues, and populations within their client communities that are hardest hit. They have adjusted their intake, outreach, litigation, and advocacy strategies accordingly. The teams focus primarily on the following areas: consumer, garnishment, and employment law; domestic and sexual violence issues; and immigration, housing, and senior law. Lawyers from these teams help clients with a variety of issues, including: unemployment denial and general problems accessing the Employment Department, including language access issues; restraining orders, which are needed by a growing number of clients, but are difficult to obtain due to reduced access to the courts; a variety of housing issues; the problem of seniors facing increased barriers to accessing lawyers at senior centers; access to food and health care; and problems receiving federal stimulus payments.

In response to the Oregon Judicial Department’s recent adoption of policies offering temporary relief for people with court debt during the pandemic, OLC has been developing self-help materials to support people around the state who are petitioning for waivers, suspensions, reductions, or manageable payment plans of their debt. Staff also host a monthly Spanish radio program on Radio Tierra, a community station that broadcasts in the Columbia Gorge area. During a broadcast in March, they presented information on changes to public benefits due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided resources on accessing free legal assistance.

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Barriers to Justice
Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis, Oregon legal aid programs only had funding to meet 15% of the civil legal needs of the poor. The poverty population is rapidly growing, as is the need for help.

National standards recommend two legal aid lawyers for every 10,000 low-income individuals for a minimally adequate legal aid program. Prior to the pandemic Oregon had only two legal aid lawyers for every 14,000 low-income Oregonians. The poverty population is increasing weekly, leaving fewer available resources for those in need.

The Task Force on Legal Aid Funding, which included elected officials and leaders in the legal community, concluded that legal aid needs at least $30 million a year in revenue 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), three months into the 2020 Federal Fiscal Year a budget was passed and LSC received $440 million dollars in funding. This is up from $415 million in the previous year. The 2021 Federal Fiscal Year starts October 1, 2021. 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 2019 was about $17.3 million. According to a recent Economic Impact Study conducted by the Oregon Law Foundation, for every $1 spent on legal aid, Oregon receives $3.43 in financial benefit to individuals and to the community. See pages 18 and 19 for more information on how this funding fulfills critical needs.
Contributions to the CEJ support the valuable work done by legal aid. During our 2019-20 fundraising campaign, Oregon lawyers donated $1,664,000 to the annual fund. An additional $200,000 was donated to the CEJ Endowment Fund. This is the highest amount of money CEJ has ever raised in one year. 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!

CEJ maintains an operating reserve. We are holding more funds in reserve than usual, due to the pandemic related recession. We will release more funds to the legal aid programs later in the year if we do not need to tap into our reserve.

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 three 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 CEJ.

*This figure does not include gains to CEJ’s Endowment Fund, which is held by the Oregon Community Foundation (see page 31 for more information on the endowment).
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 300 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; and
• operate an endowment fund to preserve the future of legal aid.

Since 1991, the Oregon legal community has raised more than $30 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. Opportunities to help pro bono clients “virtually” are available. To learn more about opportunities in your area, contact legal aid’s Statewide Pro Bono Manager, Jill Mallery at: jill.mallery@lasoregon.org
WHAT YOU SUPPORT

Silvia

Silvia is a native Spanish speaker and mother of two young daughters, Josephina and Carmen. Silvia’s husband abused her for years, often in front of the girls, who were very afraid of him. After enduring emotional, verbal, and physical violence, Silvia finally decided she had to get help. Domestic violence community resource connected her with the local legal aid office, where she received help filing for a restraining order. When her husband was served, he was furious and challenged the order in court. Silvia was fearful of what her husband might do, but legal aid’s support and encouragement gave her confidence that she had made the right decision. The restraining order was upheld, and with her husband gone, Silvia and her daughters were finally safe in their own home. Next, Silvia decided to file for divorce. With legal aid’s help, she was awarded custody of her daughters, her husband was allowed supervised visitation, and she was awarded their mobile home.

“Today, my daughters and I are living a different life and doing better in many ways,” she says. “Physically and emotionally; everything changed in our lives. We can communicate and express ourselves better than before, and I feel stronger. I don’t have the words to express enough thanks for all [legal aid] did for us!”

Rachel

Rachel is a senior who suffers from Charles Bonnet Syndrome, a disease in which a person experiences hallucinations that are brought on by vision loss. The hallucinations are visual, and they can be distressing. Rachel lives in an assisted living facility, where staff help reorient her to time and place when she is having hallucinations and assure her that she is safe.

Despite the manageable nature of Rachel’s condition, the assisted living facility gave her a 30-day eviction notice, claiming that her medical condition exceeded the level of care that the facility could provide and that her behavior posed a danger to herself or others. With the help of legal aid, Rachel successfully challenged the facility’s eviction notice at a hearing. Legal aid argued that the facility had an ongoing obligation to meet Rachel’s care needs, that it had not identified why it was unable to do so, and that it had failed to prove that Rachel was in any way dangerous. The administrative law judge ruled in Rachel’s favor and held that the facility could not force her to move out. Rachel is now content and safe in her home.

Administrative Advocacy

Last year, legal aid helped nearly 122,000 low-income Oregonians through administrative advocacy on a range of issues. When legal aid attorneys learned that low-income Oregonians were routinely being denied access to new, life-saving drugs that were almost 100% effective in curing hepatitis C, they sprang into action. Legal aid advocates across the state represented individual clients, but also sought to bring the state policy into compliance with federal law. Thanks to Oregon Law Center’s advocacy, a memorandum of understanding was reached with the Oregon Health Authority and the Legislature appropriated an additional $10 million for treatment. OLC worked to ensure that new and existing funding was used to fully implement a plan of action, and to make community partners aware of this policy change that could potentially save the lives of 95,000 Oregonians.

Legal aid has also responded to the changes to the federal public charge rule, which harm immigrant families who receive public benefits, making it more difficult for them to access food, medical, and housing benefits even if they have citizen children. Legal aid submitted comments to the federal government when the rule was proposed and conducted educational presentations reaching thousands of people statewide. Legal aid has been instrumental in helping state agencies, community partners, and clients understand the rule and its multiple changes, and has worked to minimize the negative impact of the rule on clients’ lives.

Housing and Family Law

More than 63% of legal aid’s cases involved safety or shelter in 2019. Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Oregon was in the midst of an affordable housing crisis. There was not a single community in the state that had enough affordable housing for its citizens. With record numbers of people applying for unemployment benefits, and eviction moratoriums nearing their expiration dates, legal aid’s housing advocacy will be critical for many people to maintain roofs over their heads.

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. Many 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.

Assisting victims of domestic violence and preservation of housing are two of legal aid’s top priorities.
Portland Area Recap

The Portland area legal community raised nearly $800,000 for legal aid this year. Campaign volunteers worked on creative fundraisers and one-on-one outreach in committees and within their firms to encourage support. Large and midsize law firms donated generously, and small and solo firms combined to give nearly $120,000. Lawyer comedians from across the state competed in CEJ’s biennial LAF-OFF competition held in Portland, helping the CEJ to raise a ruckus and more than $21,000!

Jill Mallery, Rebecca Morgan, and Maria Arellano, all of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, at Laf-Off.

Top to Bottom: Multnomah County judges rise to be honored at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Loni Reeves, Bullard Law; Bryson Davis, Sussman Shank; and Helen Hierscheiht, Oregon State Bar; at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Gracey Nagle, Lewis & Clark Law School; and Emily Fullerton and Savannah Wolfe, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, at Party Under the Stars.

Jill Mallery, Rebecca Morgan, and Maria Arellano, all of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, at Laf-Off.
Southern Oregon

Coos Bay Service Area
Counties: Coos, Curry, and western Douglas
Square Miles: 3,819
Poverty Population: 20,171

Even in the best of times, poverty is a pressing issue in Coos, Curry, and Western Douglas counties. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it even more difficult to make ends meet for low-income Oregonians who live in the region. During this crisis, the Coos Bay Regional Office has seen an increase in requests for assistance in domestic violence and family law cases. They have also noticed a spike in calls for information and assistance on housing, landlord-tenant, and consumer debt issues, because they are the only office in the region providing free legal assistance to low-income Oregonians in these matters.

This year, the office received a renewal for an Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Grant through the Oregon Department of Justice, which provides them with increased funding to represent survivors of domestic violence. They also received a renewal of the South Coast Business Employment Corp. grant, which provides them with increased funding to represent low-income senior citizens on the Southern Oregon Coast.

The housing crisis continues to cause many problems for low-income residents of Josephine County, along with concerns about health and safety, public benefits, and employment issues that have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Grants Pass office has continued serving clients by doing all intake over the telephone. At the time of the appointment, an attorney will either conduct the meeting by telephone or do a videoconference, based on the client’s preference.

This year, the Grants Pass office is staying true to form and is proudly displaying CEJ’s Equity Cup, which the region retained by once again showing the highest percentage increase in attorneys donating to CEJ again this year.

With the onset of COVID-19, the Jackson County Center for Nonprofit Legal Services (CNPLS) has focused on securing the stability of their client community, especially families at risk of homelessness. Landlord-tenant matters are particularly challenging in light of recent changes in the law, in court procedures and schedules, and in daily activities. Within just a few weeks of the pandemic, there was a 100% increase in COVID-19 related housing applications submitted by individuals and families affected by this crisis. CNPLS has also been working with clients on securing SSI disability benefits and helping them navigate through the appeals process. They have also helped to Increase awareness and community support for the DACA legal support project. This year, CNPLS received the Immigrants and Refugees Collaborative Grant, the City of Medford Council Vision Grant, a COVID-19 emergency grant, a Smart Family Foundation Grant, and the OCF Community Grant for their Public Guardian Program.

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Individuals, Law Firms, Businesses & Organizations

- Visionary (donations of $5,000 and above)
- Benefactor (donations of $2,000 to $4,999)
- Champion (donations of $1,000 to $1,999)
- Advocate (donations of $500 to $999)
- Sustainer (donations of $301 to $499)
- Guardian of Justice Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $1000+ per capita)
- Defender of Justice Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $500+ per capita)
- Justice Council Firm (2+ attorney firms donating $301+ per capita)
The Klamath Falls Regional Office continues to focus on housing law and housing justice—working to protect and help maintain housing for the low income in the community. Like other offices, they are doing everything they can to remain “open” and available to help individuals in need of legal services, while cooperating with the community as a whole to address the COVID-19 crisis. A member of the three-person office voluntarily staffs the office daily (in complete closed-door safety) to answer the phone and provide resources, new case intake, and general functions; while other staff work remotely from home, including taking on additional shifts on the statewide public benefits helpline. The office also participates in the statewide legal aid “time bank,” taking on various research tasks or online projects remotely when other offices are swamped, or a particular impact could be achieved.

The Roseburg office continues its work on behalf of the homeless community, providing a variety of services, including advocating for their rights and helping them get into rental housing. The office is also heavily involved in landlord-tenant work, helping people keep their housing by preventing unlawful evictions from occurring, and helping in cases where eviction was brought against people who were not covered by the Governor’s eviction moratorium. With the temporary hold on evictions, they have seen an increase in both unlawful efforts to get people out of housing, and in units being taken off the market. Their work advocating on behalf of survivors of domestic violence continues, and the office has helped a number of people keep their Family Abuse Prevention Act Restraining Orders and Stalking Protective Orders in place.

Due to COVID-19, the Roseburg office has primarily been working remotely from home. They have significantly expanded both their phone intake hours and the cases on which needed and appropriate. They are also posting updates on Facebook as benefits are expanded to those affected by the pandemic.
Has your bar group signed on to the Call to Action?

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

Speak Up. 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.

Act. 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.

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 over $1 million – enough to fund at least two 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.

Has your bar group signed on to the Call to Action?
Sarah Lowe
Associate Award

Sarah Lowe is an associate at Collier Law in Salem, where she’s practiced since 2018, focusing on estate planning, guardianship, and conservatorship proceedings. Sarah went above and beyond this year to support the CEJ. She competed in, and was one of the winners of the CEJ Laff Off Comedy Competition. Sarah also helped organize and was the emcee of the CEJ’s “Accessories to Justice” event in Salem. Accessories to Justice included pub trivia as well as an auction of accessories (scarves, neckties, etc.) from legal community celebrities. Sarah is also a member of CEJ’s Advisory Committee.

Bullard Law
Midsize Firm Award

Bullard Law is the recipient of this year’s Midsize Firm Award. They had a significant increase in their number of donors and had a 100% participation rate this year. The firm also increased their overall giving and per capita giving rate. Efforts were spearheaded by firm members Naomi Johnson, Jess Osborn, and Liani Reeves. Jess is a member of the CEJ’s Associates Committee, Naomi is a member of the CEJ’s Midsize Firm Committee, and Liani is a member of the CEJ Board. The CEJ thanks Bullard Law for its amazing support this year!

Perkins Coie
Large Firm Award

Lawyers from Perkins Coie showed strong support of the CEJ and legal aid this year, and the firm received our Large Firm Award. Perkins Coie had over 100% participation rate this year, and they are a Justice Council firm with an average of $446 per capita attorney giving. This was an increase in per capita giving over last year! Perkins Coie has been actively involved with CEJ since its creation in 1991. Special credit is due to Danielle Benderly, Julia Markley, and Holly Martinez. Danielle is a member of the CEJ’s Large Firm Partners Committee, Julia is one of the CEJ’s five Statewide Campaign Co-Chairs and a member of the CEJ’s Advisory Committee, and Holly is a member of the CEJ’s Associates Committee.
Among Us

Justice Remembers: In Memoriam

The staff and board of the Campaign for Equal Justice were saddened by the loss of several incredible advocates and supporters this past year. These individuals made countless positive impacts in our community and will be remembered as true champions of equal access to justice for all.

Charles Corrigan
William Crow
Anita Engles
Nicholas Fish
Michael Kennedy
Thomas Landye
Don Marmaduke

Awards

Nargess Shadbeh, Director of the Oregon Law Center Farmworker Program, received the Larry K. Amburgey Commitment to Public Interest Law Award from the Lewis & Clark Law School Public Interest Law Project. Nargess has dedicated her long and fascinating career to improving conditions for farmworkers through litigation and advocacy. She received the award for outstanding service to farmworkers and for her steadfast encouragement of students and new lawyers to practice public interest law.

The Board of Directors of the Federal Legal Services Corporation (LSC) recognized, honored, and thanked Ed Marks, the recently retired Statewide Pro Bono Manager for legal aid, for his lifelong devotion to civil legal aid in America. Ed spent his career working for legal aid organizations in Arizona, Ohio, New Mexico, and Oregon. He was credited for pioneering work developing and implementing innovative use of technology in serving low-income communities.

Public Access to Justice Award

The Campaign for Equal Justice Board is pleased to honor State Treasurer Tobias Read and former State Representative Jennifer Williamson with the 2020 Public Access to Justice Award. The award recognizes individuals who, through public service and leadership, have made a long-standing commitment, both personally and professionally, to ensuring civil legal services for the poor.

While serving in the Legislature, Treasurer Read and Ms. Williamson were instrumental in advocating for a change in Oregon’s law to allocate class action cy pres funds—funds left over when members of the class action group cannot be found—to support legal aid and other nonprofits. The legislation advanced by Treasurer Read and Ms. Williamson, and later passed by the Oregon House and Senate, requires that 50% of residual class action funds be used to support legal aid. The other 50% of unclaimed funds goes to nonprofits deemed beneficial to the interests of those who filed the lawsuit.

This type of financial support would not have been possible without the bold and creative leadership of Treasurer Read and Ms. Williamson, and the coalition of support they amassed. Treasurer Read stated that, “unclaimed funds from class actions can now make a transformational difference in the lives of Oregonians who most need help.” Ms. Williamson added that the change, “will increase the health, safety, and economic security of our low-income neighbors. It gets us closer to a justice system that is fair for all people, regardless of their ability to pay for an attorney.”

Both honorees are members of the CEJ Advisory Committee. Their service and advocacy are a testament to their deeply-held belief that all people deserve to be heard and their rights respected.

CEJ Statewide Co-Chair Julia Markley, Perkins Coie, received the Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). This is NAPABA’s highest honor and recognizes the outstanding achievements, commitments, and leadership of lawyers who have paved the way for the advancement of other APA attorneys.

Bar Associations & Sections

Bar Associations and Organizations

Coos County Bar Association
Jackson County Bar Association
Marion County Bar Association
Multnomah Bar Association
Oregon State Bar
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• Delman Family Charitable Trust
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• Joyce Family Giving Account
• Thomas Family Giving Fund
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• First Interstate Bank
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• Cirio Family Charitable Fund
• Cumberland Fund II
• Douglas & Katherine Green
• Dennis & Sandy Leybold
• Meng Family Charitable Account
• Nakamoto White Family Fund
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• Vanguard Charitable
• Christopher & Rebecca Heuer Fund
• Mann Nelson Fund
• The Curtis & Deborah Rose Family Charitable Fund
• Joan P Snyder Charitable Fund
• WareEvans Inc
• Willamette Valley Bank
“I have committed to fund, in Lara’s name, an additional Legal Aid Services attorney in Portland for a minimum of eight years, focusing on the area that Lara cared about most—domestic violence. This funding will enable hundreds of people to get the legal services they deserve. In the process, this effort will ensure that we build something positive out of her tragic and premature death.” — John Moot

Lara L. Skidmore, the Managing Partner of Troutman Sanders’ Portland office, passed away in July 2019. In her memory, her husband John Moot has generously offered to fund a new domestic violence attorney position at Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

Donations in Lara’s honor can still be made to the CEJ. We thank you for honoring her memory and for helping to support domestic violence survivors in Oregon.

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Juniper Jacques: Skidmore Attorney

Juniper Jacques is a Lewis and Clark Law School graduate, and is the legal aid attorney hired to do DV work made possible by the Skidmore Fund. Before joining Legal Aid to assist domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, they clerked for Presiding Judge Kathie Steele in Clackamas County Court. In law school, Juniper gained informative experience as an extern with Immigrant Defense Oregon, Metropolitan Public Defender, and Human Rights Law Network.

Juniper grew up in a small orchard town in Maryland and went to college in another small town in Eastern Kentucky. They moved to Portland for the queer community and the trees, and found so much more here. Juniper uses they/them pronouns and enjoys spending time outside of work cuddling their cats, foraging for mushrooms, and supporting local trans-led drag shows.

"Since I interned as a college student at a small public defender's office in Kentucky, I knew I wanted to be a lawyer and I knew I wanted my services to be free of cost. It's important to me that my work is accessible, and I'm so proud to serve my amazing clients. As a survivor of sexual assault myself, it is so healing to believe and serve DV and SA survivors."
Oregon Women Lawyers did an amazing job again this year in the Campaign for Equal Justice fund drive, with 41% of OWLs membership donating nearly $228,000! OWLs members created matching challenges in the regions and encouraged each other to support legal aid through the mighty OWLs list serve. The OWLs board voted to support CEJ, with 100% of board members agreeing to make a donation. CEJ deeply appreciates the support of the OWLs members who donated this year, as well as those who reached out to other members. We are proud to have such strong support from Oregon’s women lawyers.
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