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Legal Aid Open Houses Set For October 23rd Around The State

by Michael Kesten

Make plans now to attend a Legal Aid Open House near you. Ceremonies are scheduled at 16 legal aid offices and courthouses around the state on Wednesday October 23.

The schedule below shows the hours and location for each Open House. Check times – you're encouraged to attend ceremonies at more than one location.

- Albany Legal Aid Office, 433 SW 4th Avenue 4:45-6:30pm
Speaker: Danny Santos, Counsel to Governor John Kitzhaber
- Bend Legal Aid Office, 817 NW Hill Street 4:00-6:00pm
Speakers: Neil R. Bryant, former State Senator; Hon. Thomas A. Balmer, Oregon Supreme Court
- Coos Bay Oregon Law Center, 295 South 10th Street 4:00-6:00pm
Speaker: Ira Zarov, Chief Executive Officer, Professional Liability Fund
- Eugene Lane County Legal Services, 376 East 11th Avenue 4:00-6:00pm
Speaker: Hon. David V. Brewer, Oregon Court of Appeals
- Grants Pass Oregon Law Center, 207 SW G Street Suite C 4:00-6:00pm
Speaker: State Representative Alan Bates, D-Ashland
- Hillsboro Legal Aid Office, 230 NE 2nd Avenue Suite A 11:30am-1:30pm
Speaker: Hon. David Schuman, Oregon Court of Appeals
- McMinnville Legal Aid Office, 720 East 3rd 4:00-6:00pm
Speaker: Hon. Owen Panner, US District Court Judge
- Medford Center for NonProfit Legal Services, *Jackson Co. Courthouse, 11:30am-1:30pm
Speakers: State Senator Lenn Hannon, R-Ashland; Hon. Ross Davis, Jackson County Circuit Court
- Newport Legal Aid Office, 304 SW Coast Highway 11:30am-1:30pm
Speaker: Hon. Garr M. King, US District Court
- Ontario Oregon Law Center, 2449 SW 4th Avenue Suite 208 11:30am-1:30pm
Speaker: Charlie Williamson, President-Elect, Oregon State Bar
- Oregon City Legal Aid Office, 421 High Street Suite 110 11:30am-1:30pm
Speakers: US Rep. Darlene Hooley, Oregon 5th District; Hon. Robert Wollheim, Oregon Court of Appeals
- Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate 6:00-8:00pm
Speaker: Hon. R. William Riggs, Oregon Supreme Court
- Portland Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse 16th Fl., 1000 SW 3rd Avenue 3:00-5:00pm
Speakers: Henry H. Hewitt, Chair, Campaign for Equal Justice; Mauricio Vivero, Vice President, Legal Services Corporation; Hon. Wallace P. Carson, Jr., Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court
- Roseburg Legal Aid Office, 700 SE Kane 4:00-6:00pm
Speaker: Hon. Thomas M. Coffin, US District Court

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SETH JACKSON-MACK

by Jane Wilcox

Late this past summer, 5-year-old Seth Jackson-Mack graduated from Head Start. This fall he is attending kindergarten Seth has had a seizure disorder since he was ten months old and his whole family works hard to give him a taste of ordinary childhood. His mother, Sonja Mack, chose a school with smaller class sizes for Seth and she is optimistic that he will get extra help with his speech. With Seth going to school this fall, his mother can think about working part-time again and taking some classes at night, knowing that Supplemental Security Income will help her with the care Seth needs to be safe for a few hours. It has taken Seth and his family a long journey to arrive at this point.

The first time Seth Jackson-Mack experienced a seizure, his mother and his grandmother, Shauna Jackson, had never seen anything like it. Seth, then 10 months old, was eating peaches. He went limp, dropped back gently onto the floor and lay still. Sonja Mack tried to wake him; she was afraid he was choking. He didn't respond. Seeing him turn blue, his mother and grandmother thought he would die. Paramedics revived him and took him to the hospital.

Four years later, they are veterans – Seth included. After that first episode, seizures came more and more often. Within a month they became so frequent that Seth, with his mother and his grandmother alternating watches, stayed in intensive care for three months. Tests showed nothing. Seth stopped eating. Several weeks went by and he lost eight pounds. In the hospital, he was having seizures every 22 to 25 minutes. He stopped making eye contact. Jackson says, "Ever since

he was born he would always reach up and touch our hair, you know, to make sure you're there. Well, he hadn't done that for a couple of months." After a doctor witnessed an intense seizure, he decided to give Seth a strong anti-seizure medication. It brought him back; he smiled at his grandmother and reached out for

These days, because of the help from Leslie Kay and legal aid, Sonja Mack can look forward to a more ordinary life with her son.

her hair. Still, he was often back in the hospital, as many as seven times a month, for observation after longer seizures.

Mack and Jackson learned to administer oxygen to bring Seth back to consciousness faster. They experimented with ways of helping him take the foul-tasting medication. Because heat seemed to be a factor in his seizures, Mack froze jugs of water to put in Seth's small swimming pool on hot days. She followed Seth around with a cold water spritzer so he could run and play with the other kids. Seth's grandmother says, "For the first two and a half years Sonja was the watch person. She knows that child inside out."

For Sonja Mack, Seth's health became a full-time job. As a single mother, she could never be out of contact long enough to become independent. Seth and his

mother spent a lot of time in the family apartment with her brother and sister and her mother. When Seth began Head Start, Mack had to stay at school with him or be ready to run from home to the school if he had a seizure. Head Start rules prevented the school from administering oxygen, so a family member had to be

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Seth Jackson-Mack and Sonja Mack

House of Delegates Supports Adequate Funding

Legal aid received a symbolic boost on Saturday, October 5, when the OSB House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly to support adequate funding for legal services for low-income Oregonians. Meeting in Eugene for their annual meeting, the delegates approved BOG Resolution No. 7, which states in part, "Be it resolved, that the Oregon State Bar actively participate in efforts to improve the availability of a full range of legal services to all Oregonians, through the development and maintenance of adequate support and funding for civil legal services for low-income Oregonians." The resolution restates that providing equal access to justice and high quality legal representation to all Oregonians is central to the mission of the Oregon State Bar. It seeks to achieve contributions from 100% of bar leaders and at least half of the attorneys in the state.

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2002 Annual Fund Kicks Off – Lawyers Must Step Forward

by Neisha Saxena

“We need to lead by example to show that we as a profession will use our own personal resources – that we recognize the need that exists and we take it seriously.”

State Rep. Lane Shetterly, R-Dallas, set the tone for the 2002 Annual Fund drive in a stirring pep talk to the Marion Polk Campaign for Equal Justice lunch in Salem on September 13.

Shetterly, Co-Chair of the House Revenue Committee, delivered the good news and bad news from the Legislature. He reminded his audience of the success of the 2001 Legislature in passing the *pro hac vice* legislation. The bill, House Bill 2938, levies a fee on attorneys not admitted to practice in Oregon and who appear as counsel before an Oregon court. The money raised is dedicated to legal services and is expected to raise \$70,000 to

\$100,000. While the fee represents only a small portion of the \$4 million legal services advocates are seeking in new state funding, Shetterly pointed out that nearly every Senator and Representative showed their support for legal aid by voting for the bill. He tempered that statement of progress with the reality of the budget quagmire legislators currently find themselves in. However, he said it's important to keep pressing by introducing a legal aid support bill in 2003. “We have to be ready when the budget situation

turns around. We have to keep reminding legislators of the great need that exists. Things will change with the budget, and when they do, we want to be ready.”

In the meantime, the longtime member of the House Judiciary Committee stated, “This year's Campaign for Equal Justice is more important than ever.” To convince legislators that the need for legal services is serious, he

said, lawyers must be the first to demonstrate their commitment, and they can do that by supporting this year's Annual Fund.

This year's goal is \$750,000, an increase of \$25,000 over last year. The Salem lunch was among a series of events in September that marked the beginning of this year's Annual Fund Campaign. Every attorney in the state should have received a Campaign for Equal Justice brochure and donation envelope by now. Of the disadvantaged and poor in need of legal services in our state, only 1 in 5 is being served. Your dollars help fill the gap. To learn more about this year's effort or to volunteer to help, contact any of the 2002 Annual Fund co-chairs. They are Ed Harnden, Portland; Larry Rew, Pendleton; and Doug Schmor, Medford. You can also call the Campaign for Equal Justice office, 503-295-8442. ■



Rep. Lane Shetterly

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National News

LSC To Request Significant Funding Increase

On August 24, the Legal Service Corporation's (LSC) Board approved a \$415 million budget request for fiscal year 2004, and authorized its Chair and President to begin discussions with Congress and the Bush Administration about the need for a funding increase.

LSC is the national entity that allocates federal funds to 179 locally run legal aid operations across the country. For Oregon, the current federal appropriation makes up less than a third of the \$11.5 million legal aid budget.

Dobbins Update: Amicus Brief Filed in Challenge to Restrictions

In late June, 100 nonprofits and foundations joined forces in a friend of the court brief filed in US District Court in support of four legal service programs in New York City, a private charity and a pro bono attorney that are challenging advocacy restrictions on private dollars of legal service programs. The case, *Dobbins v. Legal Services Corporation*, was filed in December 2001, and seeks an injunction barring enforcement of rules that bar legal services programs from using private funds for lobbying, representing undocumented people, participating in agency rule-making, claiming court ordered attorneys' fee awards, and filing class actions on behalf of low income clients and communities. The “program integrity” regulation forces legal services programs to create physically separate organizations for advocacy with their private dollars, or deny low-income clients access to this type of advocacy.

The restrictions were imposed by Congress in 1996, after the Legal Services Corporation had been threatened with elimination. They are renewed annually through the appropriations process. During this same time the nonprofit community successfully stopped Rep. Ernest Istook's (R-OK) efforts to impose similar advocacy restrictions on all nonprofits that receive federal funding. But, as John Edie, General

Counsel to the Council on Foundations said in a Foundation News and Commentary article, “At first glance, this case appears to affect only funding that helps provide legal services to the poor. But, in fact, the implications are much wider. The ultimate disposition of the Dobbins case could make clear to Congress that, in the absence of a compelling reason, it cannot place limits on private donations to organizations that also receive some federal funding, particularly when the private donations are funding speech.”

The amicus brief argues that the legal services restrictions unconstitutionally infringe on the freedom of charitable donors and nonprofits by limiting their ability to spend private funds and target their resources as they see fit. It explains how the “third sector's ability to innovate and to enhance democracy hinges on its ability to act in partnership with government, while remaining free of unnecessary, onerous restrictions.”

State News

Justice Award Goes To Legal Aid Team

Tiffani Alvera and those who helped her in a landmark domestic abuse/housing case were in the spotlight at the annual Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (OTLA) awards luncheon in late August. A 2002 OTLA Public Justice Award was presented in recognition of Alvera and her legal team.

Those receiving the award, in addition to Alvera, are Shannon Symonds, Clatsop County Women's Resource Center; Diane Henderson, paralegal, Hillsboro Regional Office of Legal Aid; Ellen Johnson, attorney, Hillsboro Regional Office of Legal Aid; Ron Silver, Assistant US Attorney, Portland; and Micky Ryan, attorney, Oregon Law Center.

OTLA presents the Public Justice Award each year to an individual or group who uses creative litigation and innovative work for the best interests of the community.

Judith Baker: New Face at OSB

Meet Judith Baker, the new Director of Legal Services Programs at the state bar. Baker replaces Barbara Herget, who left to

become Director of Operations for the Oregon Advocacy Center. As Director of Legal Services programs, Baker oversees the distribution of all court filing fee dollars, which go toward legal services for low income Oregonians. The filing fees are the second largest source of funding for Oregon legal services programs.



Judith Baker

Oregon pioneered the use of filing fees to fund legal services in the late 1970s. Former Chief Justice Arno Denecke led the lobbying effort to put the practice into law. The legislature created the position of Director of Legal Service Programs when a fee increase was enacted in 1997.

Baker will work with legal services providers, bar groups and government agencies to coordinate efficient delivery of statewide legal services. Previously, Baker managed programs for worksystems, inc., the metro area employment and training program, and the Oregon Human Development Corporation. She has a background as a legal service attorney in North Dakota.

SMITH, WYDEN SUPPORT FOR LEGAL AID IN SPOTLIGHT



Oregon's US Senators, Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden, were featured in the summer cover story for the national magazine “Equal Justice.” The quarterly magazine, a publication of the Legal Services Corporation, covers issues related to equal access to legal services for low-income Americans. The story points out the two senators' unified support for Legal Aid, in contrast to their other political differences.

A Special Summer: Camille Walsh

Second year Harvard Law School student Camille Walsh made a valuable contribution to a major piece of class action litigation against



Camille Walsh

the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Walsh, who attended high school in Rainier, Oregon, applied for and won a summer fellowship clerking at the Oregon Law Center (OLC). The fellowship is a special legal aid program sponsored by Portland attorneys Robert Stoll and Mike Williams.

“I wanted to come back to Oregon and do some service for the people of Oregon,” says Walsh, now in the midst of her law classes in Cambridge, Massachusetts. “This fellowship was the perfect opportunity.”

Walsh worked at OLC for ten weeks, from late May to early August. The housing voucher case was her main focus of work. She researched “sovereign immunity,” issues involved in taking court action against a government agency, and “numerosity,” issues pertaining to the number of claimants required to certify a class.

The ambitious law student sees her career centering on public service once she receives her degree, perhaps working for a public interest organization. “I want to apply the law to things that make a difference,” she says.

Walsh wants to thank her benefactors, Williams and Stoll. “I think it's a great thing they're doing and I was impressed the program would be open to a law student from an out-of-state school.”

BILL CROW IS ON THE TEAM

by Michael Kesten

Bill Crow thinks what he does is no big deal. He's working pro bono on two class action cases. He brings to this service 41 years of litigation experience and the resources of his firm, Miller Nash. He's committed to raising \$350,000 for legal aid as Chair of this year's large firm committee for the Campaign for Equal Justice. His success will guarantee almost a half of this year's CEJ goal.

Yet, when confronted with the spotlight for his volunteerism and service, Crow would rather turn attention to the men and women who serve in legal aid offices around the state.

"I have admiration and respect for these individuals," Crow states. "Any of these attorneys could earn a better living at any of the top firms - and they would be valuable additions to those firms. Instead they've chosen to carry the torch for society. I envy their willingness and ability to set aside their personal benefit for the benefit of others."

While Crow doesn't acknowledge it, his pro bono service and leadership on behalf of legal aid provide a valuable example that buttresses the legal aid professionals he so admires.

After earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Oregon, Crow attended New York University and came away with an MBA in 1954. He went to work as an investment banker but found the work unfulfilling. Following a term in the US

Army, he decided to go to law school. He made history as the first law student clerk ever hired by Miller Nash (then King Miller), accepted a job with the firm following his 1961 graduation and has been with the firm ever since.

As he excelled and gained a reputation as a skilled litigator, Crow gradually became imbued with the tradition of lawyers to provide professional service to people who can't afford it. "Lawyers have always donated time to work for people who simply can't afford the service," says Crow. "That's our obligation as attorneys."

In the 80s, Crow became active with former Miller Nash attorney Jeff Millner in the firm's Urban League Law Clinic in North Portland. He donated his own time and encouraged younger members of the firm to set aside days or parts of days that they could spend at the clinic.

Crow's spirit of volunteerism includes four years on the Oregon State Bar Board, serving as OSB President for 1991-92. And he is a past member of the Bar's Continuing

Legal Education and Judicial Administration Committees.

When legal aid attorneys recently sought out Crow to join in preparing two class action lawsuits, it was natural for him to answer, "Yes."

Crow is a member of the legal team, with Oregon Law Center attorneys Micky Ryan, Art Schmidt and Mike Neal, on a case to help tenants of former federal Section 8 housing in a dispute with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Congress granted tenants special vouchers to protect tenants when landlords moved away from the Section 8 program. However, HUD has failed to issue those vouchers. The case was filed in US District Court in Portland on August 16.

Crow is a member of the legal team on a national class action against the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). If plaintiffs prevail, the case will help seniors, the disabled and low income families with children living in apartment buildings that were built with the help of federal money to provide low income housing.

When the private owners of these buildings were permitted to convert them to housing for moderate income tenants, Congress provided Section 8 vouchers for the poor to avoid forcing the senior and disabled tenants to move from their long term



Bill Crow

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homes. However, HUD has refused to use the vouchers to cover rent increases as Congress had intended.

The second case is yet to be filed. It will be on behalf of Medicaid-eligible Oregon children with emotional and behavioral disorders. The children should be receiving individualized mental health services from the Oregon Health Plan but the state is not making those services available. Besides Crow, the team for this case includes attorneys from the Oregon Advocacy Center, Juvenile Rights Project and Oregon Law Center.

Preparing big cases is something Crow knows well but fundraising is another story. Crow accepted as a challenge the call to head up the large firm committee for this year's campaign. "I'm not the best fundraiser," he confesses. "I see it as an opportunity to refocus my weaknesses and find some strengths. I will do the best job I can. I hope we can exceed our goal."

And for Bill Crow, success will be no big deal. ■

Nargess Shadbeh: A NEW LEADER FOR OLC FARM WORKER PROGRAM

by Jane Wilcox

In March of this year, Nargess Shadbeh became the new Director of the Oregon Law Center's Farm Worker Program. The new position is a natural transition for Shadbeh. She's devoted her entire career, 17 years to date, to public interest law, beginning the year she earned her law degree at Lewis and Clark Law School in 1985. Over the years, Shadbeh has devoted her time to farm workers and other groups that experience poverty and racial bias.

Although they were classmates at Lewis and Clark Law School, State Senator Kate Brown first worked with Nargess Shadbeh in 1993 when she came to testify before the legislature. "It's clear she had some kind of calling to do this level of service. She's a fairly quiet soul...but she's walking the walk."

In her first year as Director of the Farm Worker Program, Shadbeh is deeply involved in launching a new project that will bring legal education and health care information to the growing population of migrant farm workers who are Indians from the mountainous region of Southern Mexico. They do not speak English and often know only rudimentary Spanish. They are widely discriminated against in Mexico. In the farm worker communities in the US they are often delegated to the most difficult and hazardous jobs for low pay. Start-up funding for the project has come from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, PacifiCorp Foundation and the Ford Foundation. Additional funding is being sought.

"She's a fairly quiet soul... but she's out there walking the walk." Kate Brown, State Senator

Shadbeh has undertaken many projects including service on the board of Salud Medical Center, a migrant health clinic in Woodburn, from 1991-1995. In her discussions with Salud Director Jose Nunez, both agreed that homelessness and substandard housing were significant health issues for local workers. Nunez noted that Salud was treating people for serious health problems and then sending them back out to sleep in a car or under a bridge. They decided to go to work on the shortage of affordable housing forming the non-profit Farm Worker Housing Development Corporation (FHDC) in 1991. In 1995, FHDC opened Nuevo Amanecer, an award-winning housing project that now has 300 people living there who could not otherwise afford housing. As a national model, Nuevo Amanecer, "New Dawn," has become a source of pride for the city of Woodburn.

Herself an immigrant, Shadbeh made the trip alone from Iran to Portland, Oregon, in 1973 at the age of 12, joining her older sister and brother. She entered Chapman School in Northwest Portland. English didn't come easy. She recalls one particular day when she was struggling to read aloud. Her teacher, a calm and patient man told other students, "Some day soon she will read, and then she will read as well as any of you. It takes time." Later, Shadbeh's parents joined the family in Portland. Today, in her office at the Oregon Law Center, she interrupts to take

a call from her mother who is caring for her sons at home. "I have to take a call from her. She is in charge of my treasures." Shadbeh's husband, David Hatton, a former Legal Aid attorney now in the Attorney General's office, helps Shadbeh balance her heavy commitments and young children.

In 1992, Shadbeh was appointed to take part in the Oregon Judicial Department's Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Bias, chaired by Justice Edwin Peterson. Shadbeh and other Oregon Legal Services staff worked to draw a large and diverse group of people to the first Task Force public hearing in Woodburn. She moderated the meeting in English and Spanish, receiving testimony from a standing-room-only crowd until midnight.

In 1994, when the Task Force concluded, Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLs) honored Nargess Shadbeh with the Mercedes Diaz Award for "outstanding contributions to promoting women and minorities in the legal profession and in the community." In accepting the award, Shadbeh said, "My grandmother told me, 'The measure of a good Moslem woman is not how well you cover yourself or whether you are praying in the mosque five times a day. But it is what you are doing to serve your



Nargess Shadbeh

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- Salem Marion-Polk Legal Aid Services, 1655 State Street 4:00-6:00pm *Speaker: Hardy Myers, Oregon Attorney General*
- Woodburn Community Center, 491 N 3rd Street 4:00-6:00pm *Speaker: State Senator Peter Courtney, D-Salem*
*Note: The Medford Open House has been moved to the Jackson Co. Courthouse.

This biennial event will be a celebration of the work done by pro bono attorneys to assist legal aid programs that provide access to justice to poor and low-income Oregonians. The event also draws attention to the great unmet need for legal services in Oregon – that only two out of ten low-income people seeking legal help are actually being served.

The theme for the 2002 Open Houses is *pro bono* to recognize the generosity of Oregon lawyers and others who give back to the community. Pro Bono awards will be presented at each location to outstanding local volunteers. The legal profession has long held a standard for giving back to the community. This spirit of giving was institutionalized for Oregon lawyers in September 1989 when the OSB Board of Governors adopted the

Pro Bono Aspirational Standard. Open House speakers will emphasize the aspirational standard to encourage all members of the legal community to commit to some kind of pro bono service. The Open Houses are an opportunity for all Oregonians to celebrate the work done by legal aid staff and pro bono attorneys and local community volunteers to provide access to justices for Oregon's poor. See you on October 23. ■

Nargess Shadbeh continued

community.' She said this regarding my mother who never wore a veil and taught math. My mother eventually became a principal at several public schools in Tehran. I have come to realize it was my grandmother's purpose to impart to me an understanding of my mother and the proper role of women in the world. This left a deep impression on me."

Shadbeh is now putting her convictions to work for the poor and disadvantaged who seek help from OLC's Farm Worker Program. ■

ENDOW NOW: SECURING THE FUTURE OF LEGAL AID IN OREGON

by Linda Clingan

In a powerful collaboration, the boards of the Campaign for Equal Justice, Oregon State Bar and Oregon Law Foundation have created the Oregon Access to Justice Endowment Fund. The purpose is to build an additional long-term source of funding for legal aid in Oregon. It gives lawyers a role in ensuring access to justice for the poor will be funded beyond their lifetimes.

Established following a 2001 feasibility study by the Collins Group, the endowment fund has generated more than \$500,000 in current contributions and bequests to date. The study found potential contributions of \$2 million among the 35 attorneys interviewed. Lawyers inclined to contribute to an endowment fund were deeply motivated by the values of fairness and equality under the law. Potential donors are not limited to the legal community, though lawyers will be among the first asked for contributions. Oregon lawyers continue to lead the nation in efforts to build support for legal aid. The endowment is part of a larger effort to double funding for legal aid over the next five years.

"We know this job will not be done in our lifetimes," says Ed Harnden, Chair of the Access to Justice Endowment

Fund Board. "We know we are only meeting a fraction of the need." Harnden and his wife Emily are early contributors to the fund. Seventy percent of current funding for legal aid in Oregon comes from sources developed by lawyers and legal aid programs – filing fees, Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA), the Campaign for Equal Justice, grants and contracts. The federal share provided by the Legal Services Corporation is 30 percent.

Dinners are being hosted throughout the state to raise awareness of the endowment and to provide information about its purpose to potential donors. The Oregon Community Foundation has been selected to manage the endowment's funds.

There are many ways – large and small – you can help the endowment grow

- Double your annual fund contribution – direct the additional amount to the endowment fund.
- Endow your annual contribution. A one-time \$5000 gift will endow a \$250 annual contribution in perpetuity.
- Honor a special person or event in your life.
- Memorialize a relative or friend.
- Endow a permanent legal aid position.
- Endow work in a particular area of interest – such as domestic relations, housing, elder law, or migrant farm worker representation.
- Endow a particular legal aid program.
- Make a bequest in your will.

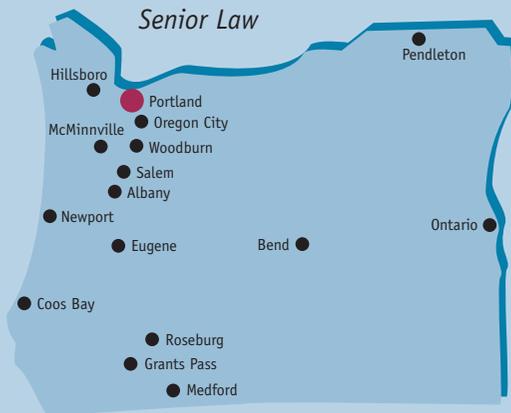
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- Lane County Law & Advocacy Center – Eugene
- Marion-Polk Legal Aid Services – Salem
- Oregon Law Center – Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Ontario, Portland, Woodburn

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on call with a portable oxygen pack.

In August 1999, when Seth was two, the family applied for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to help with Seth's care. The application was denied and in April 2001 the family appealed for reconsideration. Once again, benefits were denied. The family went to the Multnomah County office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon and attorney Leslie Kay agreed to help them prepare an appeal to the denial.

Kay explains that to succeed in an SSI application, it is necessary to develop information from doctors, teachers and treatment providers. In Seth's case, records from Head Start and complete medical records were very important to establish his speech difficulties. It is not easy for most people to get access to that information and, without expert help, gathering records for a hearing can be expensive. Using information from Seth's family, Leslie Kay researched his records and prepared a case. The hearing was held on March 27, 2002 and on April 26, 2002, Seth's family received news that he is eligible for benefits.

In his new kindergarten class, Seth can get oxygen when he needs it, but someone must be ready to pick him up at school and take him home or to the hospital. Mack must still work to head off fevers before they can cause a seizure. But now that Seth's family is receiving SSI, it will be possible for Sonja Mack to get qualified care for Seth so that she can work part-time or go to school and know that he is in good hands. Seth will be able to get speech tutoring and other special help. These days, because of the help from Leslie Kay and legal aid, Sonja Mack can look forward to a more ordinary life with her son. ■



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