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 LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA

2009 Annual Report



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OUR MISSION

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity.



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IN MEMORIAM: A TRIBUTE TO WILLIE C. DAWSON

WILLIE C. DAWSON began his legal career with the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina in Winston-Salem and served as a managing attorney in that office from 1976 to 1981. Willie accepted the challenge of establishing one of the first legal services programs in rural Eastern North Carolina in 1981. He exhibited great personal courage and made many sacrifices to become the Executive Director of Pamlico Sound Legal Services, Inc. (now the New Bern and Greenville Offices of Legal Aid of North Carolina). Pamlico Sound Legal Services provided legal representation to the poor in a 10-county service area.

Willie was at the forefront of developing an integrated perspective to address poverty in the communities served by Pamlico Sound Legal Services. In addition to representing individual clients, Willie and his team also worked tirelessly to assist community organizations dedicated to improving local economies and helping clients escape the cycle of poverty. Willie was a co-founder of the Community Reinvestment Act movement in North Carolina in the mid-1980s. He established a memorandum of understanding between Legal Services of North Carolina and three major banks in the state to create the Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina (CRANC). CRANC advocated for fairer lending practices to the poor that have led to agreements totaling more than \$40 billion in mortgages, small business loans, and community development investments for low-wealth communities.

Willie established the North Carolina Legal Services Community Economic Development Task Force to educate and encourage legal services attorneys to represent organiza-

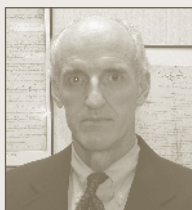
tions seeking to improve their communities. He was instrumental in organizing the Eastern North Carolina Disaster Relief Conference in September 1999 in response to the horrific flood damage caused by Hurricane Floyd. The Conference helped bring relief to the victims of the hurricane, which devastated an already struggling part of our state.

Willie was truly a giant of the statewide legal services community. He had an unfailing dedication and commitment to the ideals of equal justice.

Willie faithfully served as an initial member of the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of North Carolina, providing wisdom and leadership that helped guide the organization in its infancy. He was a respected colleague and friend who made significant contributions to the delivery of legal services to the vulnerable and the underrepresented in rural Eastern North Carolina and throughout the state.

Willie was truly a giant of the statewide legal services community. He had an unfailing dedication and commitment to the ideals of equal justice. His generous spirit and compassion inspired not only his staff, but countless legal services attorneys and others, to follow in his footsteps. He was also a loving husband and proud father. While battling his own health problems for many years, he continued to defend the rights of the poor aggressively, to work to improve the communities in which they live, and to provide friendship, sage guidance, and great inspiration to his staff and other legal aid advocates throughout the state.

Our Legal Aid staff greatly admired Willie for his wisdom, tireless advocacy, and genuine compassion for others. We express our deepest sympathies to his family and friends at his untimely passing on March 9, 2010.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The advocates and staff of Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC) really stepped up in 2009. The continued economic downturn thrust many more households into poverty, and the demand for our services increased accordingly. As the need for our services rose dramatically, our funding suffered a precipitous decline. LANC lost over \$800,000 in revenue and was forced to cut centralized intake staff, freeze salaries, and slash benefits to avoid cutting services. Our staff members accepted all this without complaint, and bent themselves to the task of serving many more clients—with fewer resources—than in the previous year.

The economic downturn has fallen hardest on those already on the margins. Unemployment exceeds 10% and is not improving. Of course, with no steady job, household finances become precarious.

Foreclosures are expected to exceed 70,000 in 2011; over 160,000 North Carolinians are already late on their mortgages. Many of those facing foreclosure are the victims of predatory, subprime mortgages. Many more are families new to poverty who could avoid foreclosure and save their home with proper legal advice. The financial industry is rife with faulty affidavits and process, mortgage scams, debt-buyer scams, and simple heartlessness. On any given day, LANC has over 900 open foreclosure cases in negotiation or litigation. To date, we have saved homes with a tax-assessed value of over \$50 million.

An adequate supply of decent, safe, affordable rental housing remains an elusive goal. Preventing homelessness by representing households in rent abatement and eviction proceedings constitutes 20% of our work. We see apartment complexes with dangerous mold and mildew problems. We represent

families whose children are in the ICU, because cockroach “dust” infestation has caused or exacerbated asthma problems. The latest trend: public housing policies that require applicants to be employed. Such a policy for public housing would be bad in any season, but in this economy it is ludicrous. And, 125 years after the General Assembly passed summary ejection legislation, we still have clients who have been locked out or had their lights and heat cut by unscrupulous landlords.

Over 40,000 cases of domestic violence will be filed in North Carolina in the coming year. The economy has not diminished the incidence of domestic violence or the need for victims to have competent legal representation if they are to escape their abuse. LANC can only represent about 1 in 5 of these victims.

Nearly 2 million people in North Carolina now fall below the federal poverty guidelines. The one constant for our clients, indeed, is struggle.

Where do we, and you, come in? Our societal and professional responsibility to those in poverty is to ensure that their legal matters receive due process and are decided according to the law. LANC closes 25,000 cases each year and serves another 30,000 households through our clinics and educational outreach. But at least another 50,000 deserving clients are denied services, because we do not have the resources to assist them.

We know that we will not end poverty. But, with your help, we will achieve justice for one more client, one more household, one more victim. Your financial support and your volunteer efforts go a long way towards making a significant difference in a family's economic opportunity, a young person's educational aspirations, and a victim's ability to escape with her children from abuse. It is truly a magnificent accomplishment to find a life-altering solution for one family's critical legal needs. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "GRH-J".

George R. Hausen, Jr.
Executive Director of Legal Aid of North Carolina

HOW LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA INVESTS IN JUSTICE

A BROAD SAMPLING OF SOME OF WHAT WE DO



All North Carolinians deserve justice... regardless of income. But thousands cannot afford to pay an attorney. Legal Aid attorneys help people with civil (non-criminal) legal matters when they have no other place to turn. These attorneys are a critical part of the safety net of the community. But, there is only one Legal Aid attorney for every 15,500 low-income people. In contrast, there is one private attorney for every 442 North Carolinians. Nationally, 80% of the civil legal aid needs of the poor go unmet.

Services LANC offers to North Carolina's neediest citizens include:

Family Law/Domestic Violence

- Help victims with protective orders, custody, and other civil matters.
- Assist custodial parents in custody cases where domestic violence is present.
- Assist battered immigrants in U- and T-Visa applications.

Housing/Homelessness

- Stop illegal evictions from public and subsidized housing.
- Help people with disabilities obtain and preserve housing.
- Advocate for correction of substandard housing in communities.
- Prevent homelessness through our statewide Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Project.
- Prevent termination or denial of housing subsidies.
- Enforce rights to decent, affordable housing.
- Overcome housing discrimination.
- Obtain return of overdue security deposits.
- Assist homeowners experiencing foreclosure "rescue" scams.

Consumer Rights

- Prevent mortgage foreclosure scams.
- Assist with the correction of credit ratings.
- Reduce or address debt collection activity.
- Address wage garnishment issues.
- Enforce warranties and sales contracts.



With 24 offices and five statewide projects, we provide life-altering solutions to critical legal issues for households throughout North Carolina.

- Observe or preserve credit.
- Work against fraudulent sales practices.
- Avoid or delay utility services termination.

Children/Education

- Represent abused and neglected children.
- Advocate for the expressed interests of children.
- Secure needed education, mental health, and other social services for children across North Carolina.
- Help children get the special education services to which they are entitled.
- Avoid illegal or unfair school suspensions and expulsions.
- Help physically or mentally disabled children get medical assistance.

Social Security/Other Benefits

- Get assistance for people with disabilities, in order to increase self-sufficiency and avoid institutionalization whenever possible.
- Obtain, restore, preserve, or increase public assistance.
- Overcome denial of emergency assistance, food stamps, Social Security, disability, and veterans benefits.

Health

- Help children, the elderly, and the disabled get medical assistance.
- Help seniors get Medicaid, Medicare, and other assistance so they can live in their communities.
- Help people get discharges from nursing homes or mental treatment facilities and then obtain appropriate community services.
- Enforce terms of health or disability insurance.

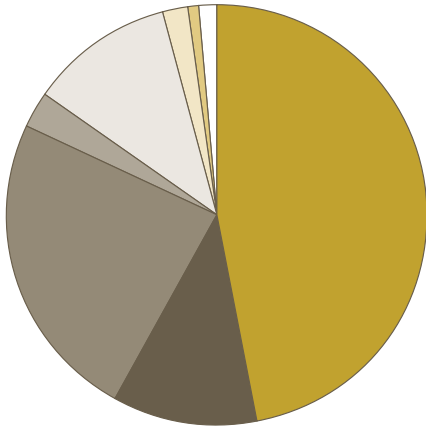
Employment

- Obtain overdue wages and back pay.
- Overcome job discrimination.
- Obtain illegally denied employment benefits.
- Resolve on-the-job issues such as safety or grievance procedures.
- Expunge criminal records in order to enable our clients to become more self-sufficient.

Farmworkers

- Educate and represent farmworkers regarding their employment rights, including wage collection, suitable housing, and workplace safety.
- Educate service providers, government, and the public about farmworkers' rights and needs—such as access to social services and job training.
- Document wage non-payment, occupational safety violations, and poor migrant camp conditions.

REVENUE

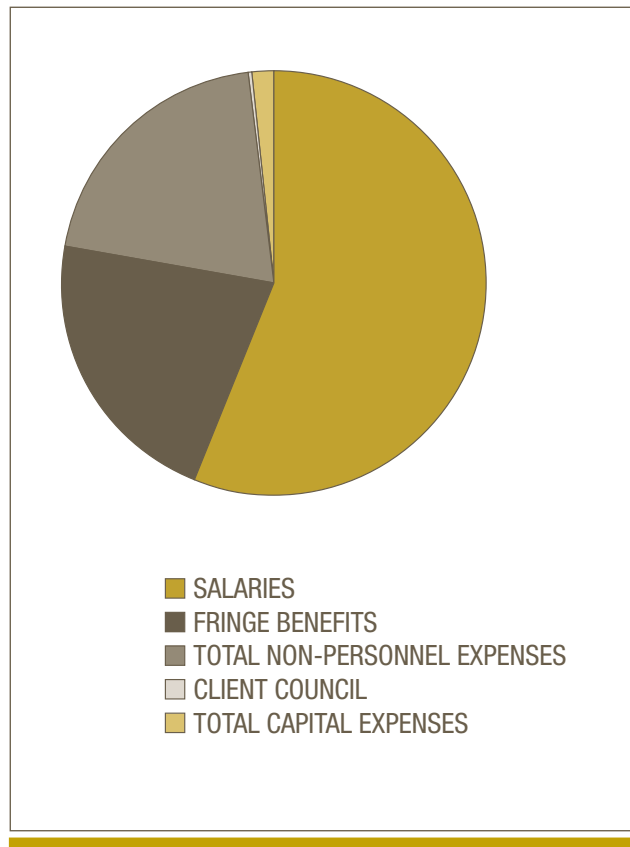


- LSC
- IOLTA
- STATE
- UNITED WAY
- OTHER GRANTS
- DONATIONS
- INTEREST INCOME/OTHER
- RENTAL INCOME

LSC	\$9,688,687
IOLTA	2,230,000
STATE	4,936,453
UNITED WAY	584,885
OTHER GRANTS	2,251,428
DONATIONS	403,101
INTEREST INCOME/OTHER	164,878
RENTAL INCOME	263,269
TOTAL REVENUE	\$20,522,701

REVENUE & EXPENSES

EXPENSES

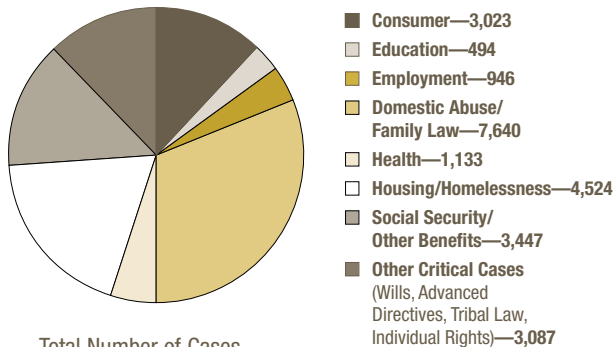


Personnel Expenses	
Salaries	\$11,489,190
Fringe Benefits	4,428,027
Total Personnel Expenses	\$15,917,217
Non-Personnel Expenses	
Space	1,406,287
Equipment Rental & Maintenance; IT Expenses	195,885
Supplies, Printing, & Postage	397,531
Telephone & Internet Costs	399,786
Travel	148,638
Training	107,718
Library Expenses	146,527
Insurance	131,440
Dues & Fees	124,476
Audit Expenses	57,487
Litigation Expenses	70,742
Contract Services	413,879
Grant Pass Through Funds	342,581
Other	152,421
Total Non-Personnel Expenses	4,095,398
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$20,012,615
NET OPERATIONS	\$510,086
CLIENT COUNCIL	\$86,740
CAPITAL EXPENSES	
Building Improvements	49,500
Leasehold Improvements	119,844
Office Equipment	110,411
Computers	5,060
Software/Licenses	13,196
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$298,011
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REAL PEOPLE, REAL JUSTICE

CLIENT STATISTICS

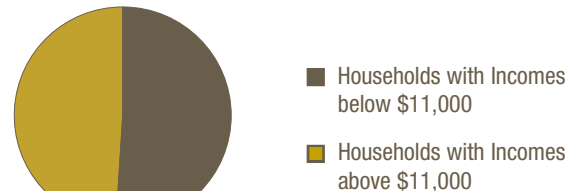
Legal Aid of North Carolina Case Types—2009



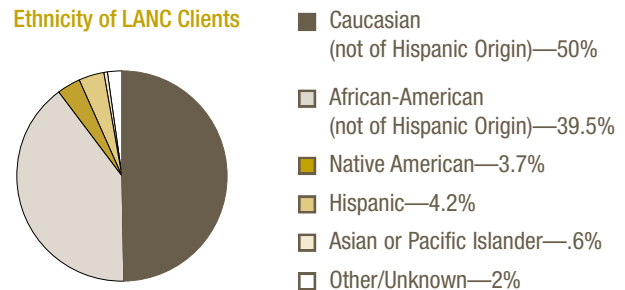
Total Number of Cases Closed in 2009: 24,294

With a staff of 150 attorneys and 50 paralegals, Legal Aid of North Carolina closed over 24,000 cases in 2009. The three areas of law with the greatest number of cases handled were: domestic abuse/family law, housing/homelessness, and social security/other benefits.

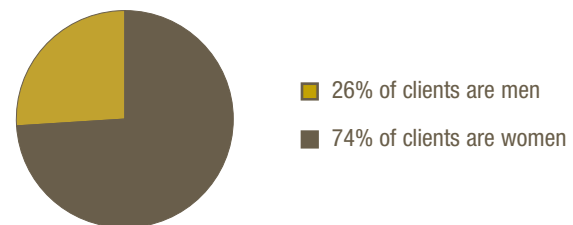
Household Incomes of LANC Clients in 2009



Ethnicity of LANC Clients



Gender of LANC Clients



Data Source: Legal Files Database, Legal Aid of North Carolina



Nearly 740,000 North Carolina households—including working families, the elderly, and the disabled—lack affordable, safe housing. Legal Aid representation can mean the difference between having shelter and being out on the street.

More than 1.3 million people under age 65 are uninsured in North Carolina, including some 240,000 children. Availability of legal services often makes the difference in access to vital health care.

\$100 allows an attorney to file a Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO), preventing families from experiencing continued domestic violence.

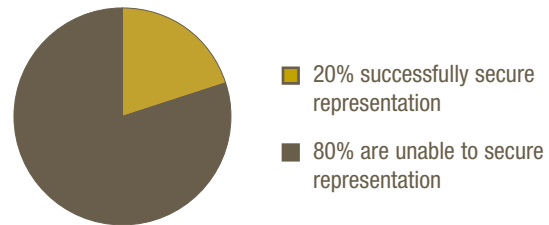
\$500 funds foreclosure prevention efforts, ensuring families can stay in their homes—and thereby stabilizing North Carolina communities.

Data Source: Legal Aid of North Carolina

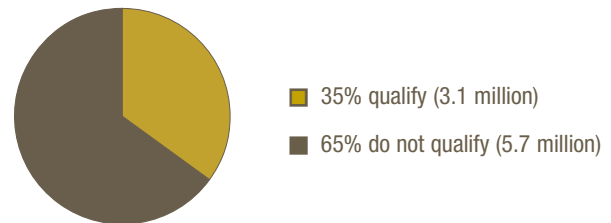
Ratio of Attorneys to Clients in North Carolina

1 private attorney	:	442 people
1 legal aid attorney	:	15,500 low-income people

Ability of Low-Income North Carolinians to Secure Representation in Civil Legal Matters



North Carolinians Qualifying for Assistance from Legal Aid Agencies



Data Source: North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission



Protecting the Rights of the Elderly

Rose, an 84-year-old widow, was approached by two con artists while living in assisted housing. They promised to find and pay for a house for her through a reverse mortgage. The pair misrepresented the value of a house they knew was headed towards foreclosure and took Rose to a housing counselor. They had her sign a one-paragraph contract stating that they were obtaining the reverse mortgage for her, and she was giving them a Chrysler 300 valued at \$16,500 as a non-refundable down payment on the home.

The director for the Office of Aging brought Rose to Legal Aid, because she was living in the house without stove or refrigerator and had no money for food. The LANC attorney obtained a legitimate reverse mortgage for Rose and negotiated for a lower price on the home. This allowed her to buy the home in full, without monthly payments. The con artists refused to return the car, and LANC sued in Superior Court, obtaining the return of the car and monetary compensation for the loss of use of the car for one year.



Preventing Foreclosure

James and his wife came to our office with a foreclosure notice on their home. His wife was disabled. James had recently been injured on the job, ending his 20+ years of service with his employer; he was settling a workers' compensation claim through private counsel. We defended the foreclosure at the clerk of court, lost, and appealed to superior court. Simultaneously, we initiated a request for a loan modification with the servicer/lender. While this request was pending, the client's wife passed away. At this point James had no ongoing income. Shortly thereafter, once James' application for social security disability benefits was approved, we revamped his loan modification application to reflect his new household budget. Ultimately, James was approved for a trial loan modification, and the lender voluntarily dismissed the foreclosure action. James completed his trial loan modification and was eventually approved for a permanent loan modification. James remains in his home and has begun his payments under the permanent modification.

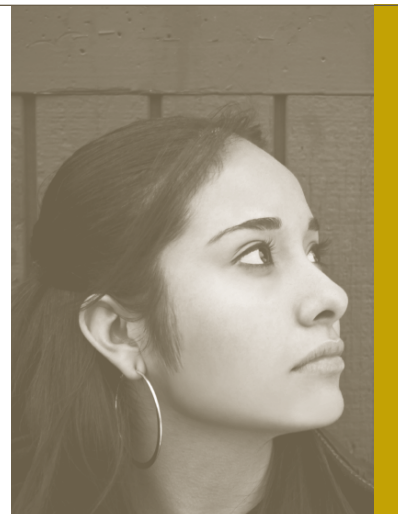
In all cases, we have used pseudonyms to protect the identities of our clients.

Preventing Human Trafficking

The incidence of human trafficking is on the rise in our state. With no income to speak of in Mexico, Ariana met people who promised to transport her to the United States where she could find work. Instead, they sold her to a brothel in a town on the U.S.-Mexican border. After being sexually assaulted and beaten on multiple occasions over a period of several weeks, the brothel owners brought her to the United States, where she was forced to cook and clean for a woman involved in a trafficking ring. Other women in the house were forced to prostitute themselves. The traffickers called Ariana's family members and threatened to harm her in an attempt to extort money. Ariana escaped, made contact with family members, and reported the traffickers to federal investigators.

Several months later, thanks to the investigation initiated after Ariana's testimony, the trafficking operation was raided. Authorities discovered a number of other undocumented people being held against their will. Our client's continued cooperation in the prosecution of the traffickers led to several convictions.

Ariana's complete cooperation in the investigation and prosecution, in spite of the danger to her personal safety and the extreme emotional trauma she experienced, entitled her to a T visa. These visas allow human trafficking victims to live and work in the United States and provide a path to permanent resident status. Thanks to LANC's continued advocacy on behalf of Ariana and her family, she was recently reunited with her young daughter, whom she had left in Mexico. The reunification was particularly poignant, because Ariana's original motivation for coming to the United States was being able to afford her daughter's schooling—an opportunity that Ariana herself had never had.



Assisting Disabled Kids

Jessie is a four-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), a neurological disease that prevents her from walking more than a few yards unassisted. This disability prevents her from participating in many of the activities at school. Jessie has extremely limited upper body strength; she cannot propel a manual wheelchair, and even child-sized, powered wheelchairs are too tall. Jessie's mother called LANC when she was denied Medicaid for a device that would enable Jessie to be independently mobile at school. Our Advocates for Children's Services attorney was able to obtain, through a settlement agreement with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the kind of powered wheelchair that Jessie can use independently at school. This wheelchair has enabled her to play tag with her sister and classmates for the first time.



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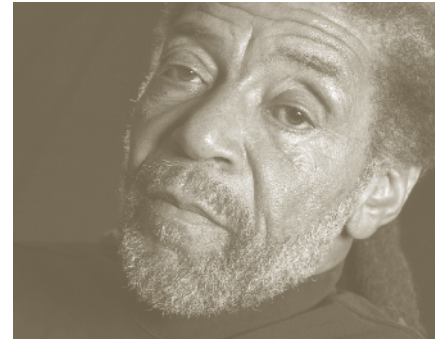
OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

SPOTLIGHT ON LANC'S DURHAM OFFICE

LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA has developed meaningful relationships with both corporations and foundations in order to create sustainable legal projects that benefit individuals and families in North Carolina communities. **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation** and **GlaxoSmithKline** have made a formative impact on the number and breadth of families our offices can serve in Durham.

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) legal staff members, including attorneys, paralegals, and other support staff, do a monthly intake process for Legal Aid clients out of our Durham office. Legal Aid attorneys first provided two half days of training to GSK's legal staff members on all areas of the law in which we practice (consumer, family, disability, housing, and others). GSK staff now assist with intake at our Durham office on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Our offices are inundated with requests for help in each of our substantive areas of practice, and intake is a time-consuming part of the process. This corporate partnership frees up our attorneys to support the cases of our current clients, while GSK staff determines the legal needs of new potential clients. Through this intake clinic, GSK attorneys might offer meaningful, one-time legal advice to our clients; they might also take on longer term pro bono cases. Durham's Legal Aid staff is grateful for the benefits that this corporate partnership provides to our community.

Durham is also home to Legal Aid of North Carolina's first Medical-Legal Partnership for Children. This project provides an opportunity for pediatric providers to refer patients for legal assessment in situations where a non-medical obstacle is impairing the overall health of a child. This effort began with an initial gift from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, a Durham-based supporter. The LANC-Durham Office works in partnership with the Duke University Law School's Children's Law Clinic, Duke Primary Care for Children, Duke Hospital's pediatric specialty clinics, and Lincoln Community Health Clinic to assist low-income and at-risk children in and around the Durham area. Through this collaborative effort, attorneys from the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children provide training and outreach to pediatricians, nurses, social workers, and other health care professionals to help them identify children whose health and development may be enhanced through legal representation.



After trained health care providers identify a potential legal issue, the family is referred to the project's legal partners to be screened for eligibility. The legal partners then assess the scope of legal services that can be offered to the family. Qualifying families receive legal services at no charge. Most families served by the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children are referred for help with concerns about: substandard housing conditions; domestic violence; special education services; school suspensions or discipline problems; child custody, visitation, or guardianship issues; appeals related to SSI or other public benefits; or end-of-life issues. The Medical-Legal Partnership for Children could not exist as it does without the support of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation.

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IN 2009, LANC STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS decided to increase our three-year goal to \$1.5 million to be raised from individuals and law firms across the state through our Access to Justice (ATJ) Campaign. This was an ambitious increase given the economic crisis, but the centralization of the campaign process made this goal more manageable. We streamlined the campaign, using the staff and resources in our main office to help the staff in smaller LANC offices organize effective local campaigns. By centralizing, we were able to grow the ATJ Campaign without affecting the capacity of local offices to provide high quality legal services to clients.

In 2010, The North Carolina Bar Association's president, John Wester, decided to convene an Access to Justice Leadership Council made up of local leaders from selected communities across the state. These are communities in which there is clearly a lot of potential to enhance our private bar campaign: Fayetteville, Greenville, Morganton, Pittsboro, Wilmington, and Wilson.

The funds we are raising through ATJ will enable LANC to address more of the critical legal needs of our clients. LANC offers powerful solutions to the most vexing legal problems confronting low-income North Carolinians. LANC's mortgage foreclosure prevention efforts—as well as legal services for senior citizens, children, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and veterans—are more essential now than ever. In 2009, we served nearly 25,000 North Carolinians. There are over 3.2 million persons financially eligible for our services in our state, or nearly 35% of the population.

The Access to Justice Campaign has generated financial support from individuals and law firms, as well as from the North Carolina Bar Association, local bar associations, and leading North Carolina corporations. All 24 LANC offices benefit financially from this statewide model. In addition, the Campaign provides important





benefits beyond the generous contributions received. The Campaign has raised awareness of the vital services LANC provides in communities across the state.

The momentum of our Campaign was also a factor in the NC Bar Association's successful "4All" campaign. Begun in 2007, 4All is a strategic effort to raise awareness, funds, and volunteers for legal services. The "4All" effort led to the establishment of the LANC Endowment Fund, which raised over \$900,000 in its first two years and helps secure a more permanent financial base for the long-range future of LANC. The NC Bar Association Foundation gave LANC an unprecedented \$100,000 donation. In addition, LANC has set up an endowment fund through the North Carolina Community Foundation, through which we can pursue increased corporate donations toward our sustainability.

As part of the 2009–2010 ATJ Campaign, young lawyers in the Triad organized to encourage their peers to actively support Legal Aid of North Carolina. Their efforts during the first "Triad Associates' Drive" increased donor participation statewide by 10% percent.

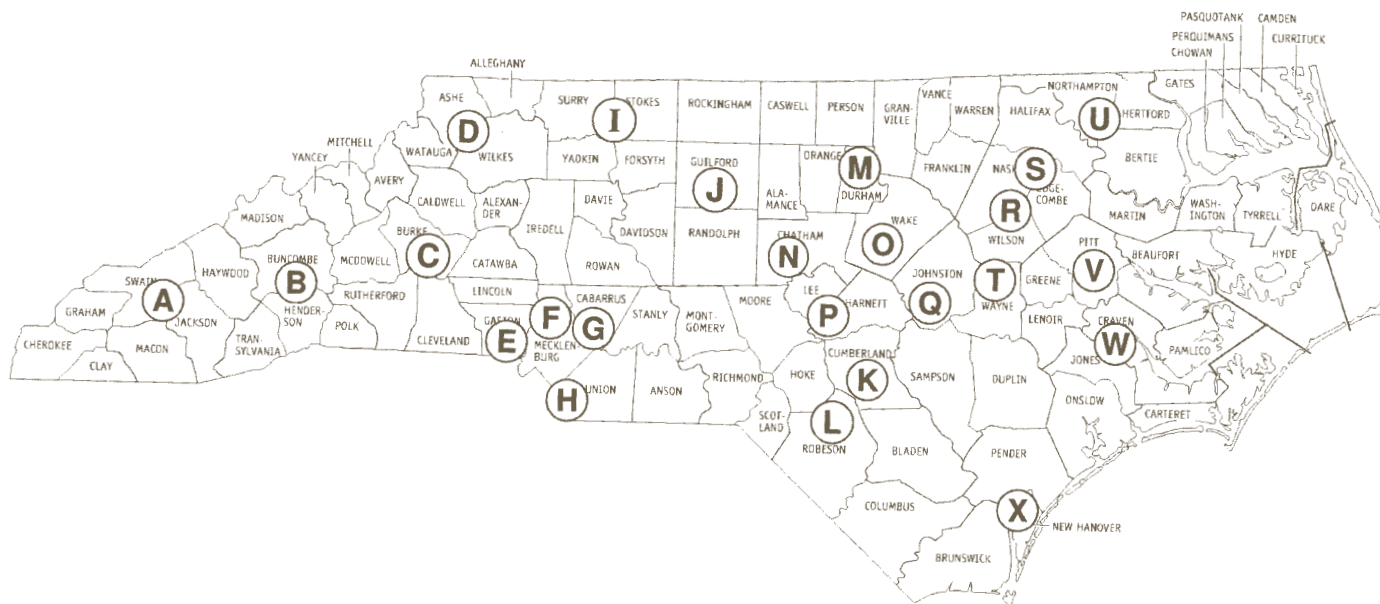
Together with our supporters across the state, LANC raised over \$350,000 in 2009–2010 via the Access to Justice Campaign in order to support the critical legal services our offices provide across North Carolina.

The 2011 Campaign runs from November 2010 to March 2011, culminating on the Annual 4-All Statewide Day of Service on Friday March 4, 2011.

THANK YOU TO OUR CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP!

We had a great year in 2009–2010 under the statewide leadership of Janet Ward Black (Ward Black Law) and Reid C. "Cal" Adams, Jr. (Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC). Our Triad efforts were chaired by Afi S. Johnson-Parris (The Law Office of Afi Johnson-Parris, PLLC) and Gerard H. Davidson, Jr. (Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP). Our Triangle efforts were chaired by John I. Mabe, Jr. (Williams Mullen) and John L. Sarratt (Harris, Winfield, Sarratt & Hodges, LLP). Together with our supporters, LANC plans to raise \$1,500,000 over the next three years to support the critical legal services our offices provide across North Carolina.

LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICES



A Legal Aid of NC—Sylva Office

1286 West Main Street, Sylva, NC 28779
828.586.8931; 800.458.6817

B Legal Aid of NC—Asheville Office

547 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806
828.236.1080; 877.439.3480

C Legal Aid of NC—Morganton Office

211 East Union Street, Morganton, NC 28655
828.437.8280; 1.800.849.5195

D Legal Aid of NC—Boone Office

171 Grand Boulevard, Boone, NC 28607
828.264.5640; 800.849.5666

E Legal Aid of NC—Gastonia Office

1508 S. York Road, Gastonia, NC 28052
704.865.2357; 800.230.5812

F Legal Aid of NC—Charlotte Office

1431 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204
704.971.2621; 800.738.3868

G Legal Aid of NC—Concord Office

785 Davidson Drive, NW, Concord, NC 28025
704.786.4145; 877.439.3480

H Legal Aid of NC—Monroe Office

100 West Jefferson Street, Monroe, NC 28110
704.283.2172; 877.439.3480

I Legal Aid of NC—Winston-Salem Office

Liberty Plaza, 102 West Third Street, Suite 460
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
336.725.9162; 800.660.6663

J Legal Aid of NC—Greensboro Office

122 North Elm Street, Suite 700
Greensboro, NC 27401
336.272.0148; 800.951.2257

K Legal Aid of NC—Fayetteville Office

327 Dick St., Suite 103, Fayetteville, NC 28302
910.483.0400; 800.824.5340



L Legal Aid of NC—Pembroke Office

101 East Second Street, Pembroke, NC 28372
910.521.2831; 800.554.7852

M Legal Aid of NC—Durham Office

The City Center, 201 West Main Street, Suite 400
Durham, NC 27701
919.688.6396; 800.331.7594

N Legal Aid of NC—Pittsboro Office

959 East Street, Ste. A&B, Pittsboro, NC 27312
919.542.0475; 800.672.5834

O Legal Aid of NC—Raleigh Office

224 South Dawson Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
919.828.4647

P Legal Aid of NC—Sanford Office

503 Carthage Street, Suite 305
Sanford, NC 27330
919.774.6241; 800.672.5834

Q Legal Aid of NC—Smithfield Office

300 South Third St., Smithfield, NC 27577
919.934.5027; 800.682.1016

R Legal Aid of NC—Wilson Office

208 East Goldsboro Street, Wilson, NC 27893
252.291.6851; 800.682.7902

S Legal Aid of NC—Rocky Mount Office

148 South Washington Street, Suite 105
Rocky Mount, NC 27802-0388
252.442.0635; 800.682.7902

T Legal Aid of NC—Goldsboro Office

102-A South William Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530
919.731.2800; 800.682.7902

U Legal Aid of NC—Ahoskie Office

610 East Church Street, Ahoskie, NC 27810
252.332.5124; 800.682.0010

V Legal Aid of NC—Greenville Office

301 South Evans Street, Suite 200
Greenville, NC 27858
252.758.0113; 800.682.4592

W Legal Aid of NC—New Bern Office

213 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC 28560
252.637.9502; 800.672.8213

X Legal Aid of NC—Wilmington Office

201 North Front Street, Suite 1002,
Wilmington, NC 28402
910.763.6207; 800.672.9304

LANC STATEWIDE PROJECTS:

Advocates for Children's Services

The City Center, 201 West Main Street, Suite 400
Durham, NC 27701
919.226.0052; ACSinfo@legalaidnc.org

**Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative/
Battered Immigrant Project**

1431 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204
800.738.3868 x 215 (toll-free)
224 S. Dawson Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
919.856.2142; DVInfo@legalaidnc.org

Farmworker Unit

224 S. Dawson Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
919.856.2180; 800.777.5869 (toll-free)

Medical-Legal Partnership for Children

The City Center, 201 West Main Street, Suite 400
Durham, NC 27701
919.688.6396

Mortgage Foreclosure Project

224 S. Dawson Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
866.219.5262 (toll-free)

Senior Law Project

224 S. Dawson Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
877.439.3480 (toll-free)

INVESTING IN JUSTICE: Ways of Giving to Legal Aid of NC

Giving Through the Access to Justice (ATJ) Campaign

Our annual campaign reaches out to the private bar, corporations, and the community on an annual basis between November and March. The campaign raises critical funds to support Legal Aid of North Carolina's efforts to provide legal counsel to poor people when their rights are threatened. ATJ provides a base of discretionary funds that helps LANC augment its immediate operational funding in any given year. As the campaign grows, the funds become a major source of dependable, continuing support. Please donate at www.legalaidnc.org.

Giving Through One of Our Endowment Funds

An endowment fund helps transform agencies from grant-dependant organizations into institutions that will serve the community for many generations to come.

1. The LANC North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) Endowment Fund was created by the NCBA as part of their Foundation's Endowment. It was seeded in July 2007 with a \$100,000 gift from Charles Dixon, an attorney in Hickory, North Carolina. The support of this Endowment will build long-term stability for civil legal aid services in North Carolina. This fund works in tandem with the annual Access to Justice Campaign to provide much needed support to Legal Aid programs statewide. To donate directly to the LANC Endowment Fund, see <https://www.ncbar.org/foundation/endowment/lanFund.aspx>

2. NC Community Foundation's Legal Aid of North Carolina Endowment was created as a result of the vision of our Access to Justice Campaign leaders in 2008. Endowments are permanent funds from which only the income is distributed back to the organization. The fund is invested and will continue to grow through sound stewardship, so that LANC derives a perpetual and ever-increasing amount of income. The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) administers this endowment. More information on NCCF can be found at www.nccommunityfoundation.org.



Giving Through Your Will

A specific dollar amount, specific asset, or percentage of an estate may be specified in your will or trust to be paid to Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Giving Through Charitable Remainder and Lead Trusts

A significant donation can be structured in a remainder trust with lifetime income for one or more beneficiaries and the remainder going to LANC, or with the lifetime income going to LANC and the remainder going to the beneficiaries. Trusts can be designed to meet your individual tax needs and provide savings on income, capital gains, and estate taxes.

Giving Life Insurance

New or current life insurance policies may be transferred or irrevocably assigned to LANC as beneficiary, or you can retain ownership of a policy, pay the premium, and simply name LANC as the beneficiary. Both have substantial tax benefits to you and your estate.

Contact LANC's Director of Development at 919.856.2564 for more information on any of these giving options.

Other Ways to Give & Get Involved:

DONATE THROUGH WWW.LEGALAIDNC.ORG

HOST A LANC FUNDRAISER

JOIN YOUR LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**DESIGNATE LANC AS THE RECIPIENT FOR A
LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION EVENT**

SPONSOR A FELLOWSHIP POSITION AT LANC

**HOST A CORPORATE “LUNCH & LEARN”
WITH LANC ATTORNEYS**

DONATE PRO BONO SERVICES

PARTICIPATE IN “4ALL” ACTIVITIES

**HOST AN ATJ DRIVE AT YOUR LAW FIRM
BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR**

JOIN THE ATJ WORKING COMMITTEE

***For more information, contact Janeen Gingrich,
Director of Development: janeeng@legalaidnc.org.***

