Our Mission

LASC provides civil legal aid and advocacy to combat unfairness and injustice and to help people rise out of poverty.

Cover photos:
Education Client Phuorever Reed (top left)
Reed’s mother, Shanntina Wilson, (at left) confers with LASC attorney Karin Nordstrom. (top right)
Wage Garnishment Client Cindy Kimbler (bottom left)
While 2020 was a tough year, we have never been prouder of our staff and the work they do on behalf of central Ohio low-income families and individuals. When the pandemic hit, LASC continued serving our clients without interruption despite the shift to more remote work. We were able to get materials online quickly, share with community partners, and stay current regarding the many changes to programs and laws regarding COVID-19.

Despite COVID-19 safety risks, our Tenant Advocacy Project staff and volunteers continued to appear in person throughout the year providing representation to many of the 100 families and individuals scheduled for eviction hearings daily. That representation yielded incredible results: 50% kept their existing housing, and 99% avoided a judgment entry. We saved an average of $463 per household, and added an average time of 12.5 days for those who had to move to find housing and avoid homelessness.

We shifted staff to address the 597% increase in unemployment compensation issues. We worked on individual cases, but also systemically addressed barriers to access including for those who have Limited English Proficiency.

LASC remained proactive in its advocacy as well as providing legal support for local low-income businesses; using nuisance abatements to increase the stock of affordable quality housing; and litigating systemic issues such as the improper use of affidavits in evictions and the failure to provide appointed counsel in adoption cases.

While much of 2020 was uncertain, our representation and advocacy remained strong in large part because of your support — and for that – we are incredibly grateful.

Sincerely,

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LASC Board Chair

Kathleen C. McGarvey
Executive Director

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22,593 people helped in 2020

- 10,011 Children
- 10,786 Adults
- 1,796 Seniors

9,681 total cases

17% increase in the number of clients with no income between 2019 and 2020.

15% decrease in the number of clients with income over $50,000 between 2019 and 2020.

“My experience with Legal Aid was amazing.”
– LASC client
PANDEMIC EXACERBATES FRANKLIN COUNTY HOUSING CRISIS

LASC Housing Team Stops Evictions with On-site Help

In a city where rising housing costs leave many people on the verge of missing a rent payment in normal times, the COVID-19 pandemic severely worsened Columbus’ eviction crisis. Thousands of tenants suddenly lost jobs, and without savings, were forced to make unimaginable choices about whether to buy groceries, pay utility bills or pay rent. While Franklin County Municipal Court paused eviction hearings from mid-March through May 31, it continued to accept eviction filings. When the court re-opened for hearings at the Columbus Convention Center on June 1, officials faced a backlog of more than 1,000 cases, each representing a tenant who would now face the loss of their housing during a global health crisis. The building, which had initially been outfitted as a field hospital to help COVID-19 patients, was repurposed to hold socially distanced hearings to determine whether landlords could evict their tenants. Since its re-opening, eviction court has processed about 100 cases every single day.

With its court-based legal clinic, the Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP), LASC was well-positioned to address this crisis and prevent hundreds of families from being thrown out of their homes. TAP moved its operations to the Convention Center, allowing LASC attorneys and volunteers to represent clients in their eviction cases the same day they signed up for services. Recognizing the importance of this work, the city of Columbus funded five new temporary attorneys to work at the clinic. LASC attorneys were quick to utilize new legal developments, including the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) eviction moratorium, to prevent families from losing their homes and risking their health by doubling up with family members or moving into a shelter during the pandemic.

Despite the CDC’s “eviction moratorium,” evictions did not stop. In Franklin County, renters – including families, people with health conditions and senior citizens – received court orders to leave their homes. Tenants must proactively invoke the moratorium in order to benefit from it—and many are unaware of its protections. Some tenants who apply the moratorium still lose their case, meaning they will be put out of their home as soon as the moratorium expires.

“The moratorium has been implemented poorly,” said Marcus Roth, communications and development director at the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio. “People have to know about it. They have to apply for it. The damage evictions have on families and children can be really long term.”

Nonetheless, through community education and outreach efforts and its daily presence advocating for tenants, LASC has remained on the front lines of the effort to keep low-income tenants safely housed during this unprecedented time of risk and uncertainty.

At right: Franklin County Eviction Court at the Columbus Convention Center.
**TAP Helps Single Mother Keep Home**

When Umu Conteh contracted COVID-19, it upended her life. The single mother of two daughters aged 1 and 4 lost her job and income. Conteh, who immigrated to the U.S. from Sierra Leone, supported her girls by working nights as a nursing assistant. Although she cut back on food and other expenses, she fell behind on rent. In September, she opened her door and discovered an eviction notice.

Unsure and afraid, she sought help from TAP. Attorney Patsy Thomas assisted her in getting rental assistance. Her landlord accepted the back rent and withdrew the eviction case. Conteh, who recently renewed her lease with help from Thomas, has found another job and feels confident in her ability to support her family. She's grateful that LASC helped keep her family safe. “I really appreciate you,” she said. “You put joy in my heart.”

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**Social Worker Helps Address Root Cause of Housing Issues**

LASC social worker Chris Kelly, who joined the housing team in late 2019, plays a critical role at eviction court. He refers tenants to agencies that can help with rent, assists those who are evicted in finding new homes, and intercedes in cases where clients may have mental health conditions or other barriers that make it difficult for them to secure stable housing. Many people who come to court need additional help navigating the system, said Robby Southers, managing attorney for the Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center.

“Social work services are essential,” he said. “Many people who we refer to a social worker have fallen behind on rent because there are other things going on. Chris does a fantastic job making sure everyone gets the services they need. Addressing these other issues makes it possible for attorneys to better represent the client.”

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Between September and December, more than 4,000 evictions were filed in Franklin County Municipal Court.

*Fewer than 20 were halted by the CDC moratorium.*

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*Above: Umu Conteh with her daughter*
Appellate Court Rules Landlords Must Give Testimony in Eviction Trials

For more than 30 years, Franklin County landlords were able to evict tenants by simply slipping an affidavit into the court file rather than presenting a live witness at trial. In September, a ruling by the Tenth District Court of Appeals halted the decades-long practice that no other courts in a major Ohio city allowed. Requiring landlords to appear makes the eviction process more equitable for tenants and also increases opportunities for the parties to reach a mutually beneficial settlement. The decision in *T&R Properties v. Wimberly* overrides a long-standing policy in eviction court that allowed landlords or property managers to plead their case via affidavit while tenants were required to be present for the trial.

The ruling follows an appeal filed by LASC in August 2019 on behalf of Traci Wimberly. LASC represented Wimberly, a single mother of two, who was evicted from her Canal Winchester apartment during a court hearing where neither she nor her landlord were present. LASC argued that landlords have to present live witness testimony at trial just like any other plaintiff involved in a court proceeding.

Nine social service agencies, the city of Columbus, and the Columbus Women’s Commission filed amicus briefs in support of Wimberly, arguing that parties should be treated fairly and equally, which includes requiring both parties to call witnesses to prove their case at trial.

In its decision, the Tenth District Court of Appeals found that the rules of court requiring live testimony apply to eviction cases. Eviction judgments can no longer be issued based on affidavit alone.

“I had lost hope,” Wimberly said. “Just the simple experience with Legal Aid alone gave me the motivation I needed to finish the race I started. Thanks for supporting families you don’t know a thing about. What you guys do there makes a difference.”

“When a family loses stable housing, everything is thrown into chaos,” said Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther.

“This decision represents real and tangible change to a system that disproportionately impacts single women, especially women of color. I am grateful to the Columbus Women’s Commission and the Legal Aid Society of Columbus for their diligent work on an issue that has become even more critical in the time of COVID-19.”
COVID-19 RELATED JOB LOSSES OVERWHELM UNEMPLOYMENT SYSTEM, INCREASE LASC BENEFITS WORK

Pregnant Woman Moves Out of Homeless Shelter with LASC Help

Tunisia Powell was referred to LASC by her healthcare provider in July following a prenatal appointment where she shared that she was having an issue collecting unemployment. At the time of her referral, she was nearing her due date and living in a homeless shelter. The mother of five lost her job in April. Although she had applied for unemployment compensation, she had not received any money.

LASC Attorney Kristy Michel reviewed the case and determined that Powell was one of more than 270,000 people whose application was erroneously flagged as a potential fraud case in July 2020. The misidentification barred eligible applicants like Powell from receiving benefits they were entitled to from the federal unemployment compensation program. To resolve the issue, Powell needed to submit a variety of documents to prove her identity and employment history.

Michel paired up with paralegal Ashlie Sefchick and volunteer law clerk Sam DeWitt to gather the required paperwork and forward it to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. A little over a week later, LASC received an update that Powell’s case was resolved. Within a few days she began receiving a weekly benefit of $189, as well as back-pay, totaling more than $13,000.

Our effort resulted in:

• Payouts of $450,169 in back benefits
• The distribution of $1,369,179.60 in weekly benefits
• ODJFS writing off $11,444 in overpaid benefits due to ODJFS error

Unemployment cases increased 600%.
COVID-19 Causes Record Unemployment Numbers

When COVID-19 related restrictions on business operations and social gatherings began in March, LASC saw an immediate increase in requests for assistance with unemployment compensation cases. Attorneys experienced in unemployment law quickly put together resources to train other staff attorneys and volunteers to handle the cases.

Requests for help continued as the pandemic stretched into summer and fall and Ohio’s unemployment rate hit record numbers. Laid-off workers sought help navigating the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) unemployment system, which was not up to the task of processing the surge of applications. Online applicants routinely had difficulty resetting their PIN in order to access the system, which delayed payments. Those without internet access struggled to reach ODJFS representatives by phone. Callers routinely reported getting disconnected after waiting on hold for hours.

Clients also needed help accessing new programs created to address hardships caused by the pandemic. In addition to traditional unemployment compensation benefits, federal COVID-19 relief bills created Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for individuals who were directly impacted by COVID-19 and who would otherwise not be eligible for benefits – self-employed individuals, contract workers, or those with insufficient work histories.

By year’s end, 12 LASC attorneys were handling unemployment cases in some capacity and a total of 33 volunteers participated in the unemployment pro bono program. Together they handled nearly 600 unemployment cases, helping clients obtain more than $450,000 in backdated benefits and more than $1.3 million in weekly benefits.

LASC Connects Barber to Needed Benefits After Pandemic Shutters Shop

Anthony Kelso, owner of Kelso’s Barber Shop, was forced to shut down his business because of pandemic restrictions against personal services. He filed for unemployment, but after three months of trying to contact ODJFS, he never received any money. Worried he would be evicted, he put his belongings in storage and moved in with family.

Finally, he reached out to LASC. The public benefits team alerted ODJFS to Kelso’s situation and worked with them to resolve the issue. After months of waiting, he received nearly $20,000 in back benefits.

“If it weren’t for your legal team stepping up and helping, I don’t know how long I would have waited,” said Kelso, who recently started a business selling t-shirts. “I don’t know how much longer I could have held on. I’m just glad you guys were there to help.”
LEGAL AID EXPANDS OUTREACH DURING PANDEMIC

COVID-19 Response Includes Virtual Clinics, Videos, Social Media Campaigns

When Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued the state’s first stay-at-home order in March, LASC immediately looked for innovative ways to connect with low-income Ohioans and help them access the critical services to keep a roof overhead and food on the table. We knew our individual clients as well as our many partner agencies would turn to us for help understanding the impact of the pandemic, accessing much-needed benefits and navigating new programs intended to help. LASC quickly identified an alternative to in-person clinics, launched a COVID-19 page on our website and developed numerous informational social media and video campaigns.

In mid-March, LASC and our sister organization, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, became the first legal aid programs in the state to convert all clinics to a virtual model. Volunteer attorneys consulted with clients during scheduled phone calls. They fielded questions from individuals who had lost jobs and were worried about making rent and mortgage payments, and counseled essential workers trying to feed their families and keep their utilities on while enduring a wage garnishment. Other callers had concerns about divorces, wills and custody agreements.

In the midst of widespread confusion about unemployment compensation and tenant rights in May, members of the public benefits and housing teams participated in a call-in television show hosted by an NBC affiliate to answer questions from viewers.

Staff created informational brochures highlighting everything from obtaining emergency food benefits and preventing utility shut-offs to avoiding scams and following custody rules. Renters, laid-off workers, students, parents and other individuals – as well as community groups and the media – utilized this information, which we continuously posted and updated on a COVID-19 information page on the website.

Our COVID-19 work group used these documents to develop social media posts highlighting the most critical information. The team also recorded videos through a branded “Helping from Home” effort to clearly explain the complicated steps to protect a mortgage, invoke the Centers for Disease Control moratorium and resolve other common issues with landlords.

LASC and SEOLS also partnered with other Ohio legal aids in two statewide social media campaigns. In September, the legal aids launched the #LostInTheSystem campaign designed to draw attention to ongoing issues with the state’s unemployment compensation system and inform struggling Ohioans that free help was available. In October, during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Ohio legal aids again joined forces to raise awareness of the dangers of lead poisoning and a concerning decrease in the number of children undergoing lead testing during the pandemic.
Throughout the pandemic, staff from LASC and SEOLS worked side by side on outreach and communication efforts to maximize their limited resources while responding to the needs of a large and diverse audience. The partnership allowed us to quickly share general updates with the entire region while still maintaining a local focus, and when necessary, compile detailed information for individual communities with more specific concerns.

**Brian** lost his job at the start of the pandemic. The 21-year-old applied for unemployment, but the system never recorded the weeks for which he requested benefits. He tried to address the system by visiting an ODJFS location that was closed. He also tried to phone the agency on multiple occasions but was never able to get through to a person who could help. He contacted Legal Aid. We investigated his case and made an argument for ODJFS to honor the claims that he was unable to file, including those which would be considered too late. An employee there was able to correct his application and he began receiving benefits, including the claims that he was unable to file before. *name changed to protect privacy*
LASC expanded its work empowering other organizations committed to serving low-income individuals. Through an Ohio Access to Justice Foundation grant, we provided legal support to nonprofits and small businesses that are addressing community needs and working to stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods.

Attorneys provided legal assistance to EJ’s Warrior Karate Academy in Columbus. In addition to teaching martial arts, the studio, which is located in a low-income neighborhood, helps stabilize families. Students receive lessons on developing self-confidence, building relationships and maintaining healthy lifestyles, said program founder Ellis “EJ” Jennings. To assist families during the pandemic, Jennings provided workspace and Wi-Fi access for children whose parents could not oversee their schooling because of work or whose household was not connected to the Internet. Jennings worked with local schools to provide breakfast and lunch.

Applying martial arts principles to schoolwork had a positive impact on many of the program participants. Several students who previously struggled with academics made the honor roll or received awards for perfect attendance. “It’s created hope for the kids,” Jennings said. “It expands their mind and makes them think about the future. They think, ‘Maybe I can do this.’”
Study Finds Racial Discrimination Rarely Addressed In Military Discharge Upgrades

A study by LASC attorney Karin Nordstrom found that the military boards charged with addressing veterans’ discharge upgrade requests grant claims on the basis of racial discrimination at a lower rate than their overall grant rate. Aware of the systemic and cultural racism that is an evident component of the military’s history, Nordstrom sought to dive into how such unjust practices have impacted Black veterans. Her study, No Justice, No Peace: The Military’s Failure to Repair Racial Trauma of Black Veterans, shines a light on trends that desperately warrant modification and the need for greater accountability throughout the military. It was conducted in partnership with Horace Walker, National Association of Minority Veterans, Chapter Commander and Tziporah Tiller, Ohio State University student.

The study, which looks at discharge upgrade decisions between 2010 and 2020, reveals that upgrades based on racial trauma occur in less than 17 percent of the cases—with most rates far lower. Each branch of the military has two boards that decide discharge upgrade requests. Discharge Review Boards (DRB) handle petitions from Veterans within 15 years of their discharge. Veterans with an older discharge or who were denied by the DRB apply to a Board for Correction of Military Records.

“Unlike most administrative and civil courts that place statutes of limitation on a victim’s ability to seek redress from employee discrimination or harassment, members of the military have an almost unlimited time frame to request a remedy. The military is in a unique position in that it could use its lenient time frame policy to make amends for a long history of racial discrimination in the armed forces,” Nordstrom explained. “Hopefully, this is the start of an ongoing conversation about the role of the corrections boards and their handling of racial trauma claims.”

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Ohio High Court Finds in Favor of LASC: Indigent Parents Must Have Counsel in Adoption Proceedings

The Supreme Court of Ohio ruled in December that indigent parents facing the loss of their parental rights in adoption proceedings in probate court are entitled to appointed counsel just like indigent parents facing the termination of their parental rights in juvenile court.

The case of In re Adoption of Y.E.F., Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-6785 involves Erica Starkey, the mother of twin boys born in 2014. When their father emptied the family’s bank account and fled the area in April 2015 to avoid being arrested for a federal crime, Starkey asked the father’s sister and her husband to care for the children. Although Starkey intended that the arrangement be temporary, the aunt and uncle sought custody of the twins. Even though she was awarded visitation rights, the aunt and uncle denied her requests.

In April 2018, the aunt and uncle filed petitions in Delaware County Probate Court to adopt the twins. Prior to the hearing, Starkey filed a request for appointed counsel and included a letter from LASC raising the question of why indigent parents defending their rights are treated differently depending on whether the action occurs in a probate or juvenile court. The court denied the mother’s request and scheduled an adoption hearing.

During the hearing, Starkey again asserted her desire for an attorney. She told the court: “I didn’t know that this would be a whole cross-examination ... maybe I should get an attorney.” When testimony in the case ran long, the judge continued it to a later date. Before the hearing could be restarted, Starkey, with the help of LASC and its sister organization, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, began a legal challenge claiming that indigent parents facing the loss of their parental rights in probate court should receive the same right to counsel provided to indigent parents in juvenile court.

In December, the Supreme Court of Ohio agreed, saying: “We conclude that R.C. 2152.352 is unconstitutionally underinclusive as applied to indigent parents facing the loss of their parental rights in probate court … we declare that indigent parents are entitled to counsel in adoption proceedings in probate court as a matter of equal protection under the law of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution.”

Starkey, who thought she was doing what was best for her children during a bad time, wept when she learned of the decision. “This is the most joy I have felt in years,” she said. “It’s been a long time since I cried tears of happiness. I hope this will help other mothers and fathers. No parent should have to endure the pain of not seeing their children.”

At left: LASC assisted Navy Veteran Jenkins Smith in his efforts to obtain a discharge upgrade.

At right: Erica Starkey
## Financials

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- Ohio Access to Justice Foundation

**$200,000 - $500,000**
- City of Columbus
- Columbus Foundation

**$100,000 - $199,999**
- ADAMH Board of Franklin County
- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging – Title III
- Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services – Title XX
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital
- Ohioans for Better Birth Outcomes
- United States Department of Justice – Victims of Crime Act, Violence Against Women Act
- United States Internal Revenue Service Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- United Way of Central Ohio
- Franklin County Office on Aging – Senior Options
- GUND Foundation

**$20,000 - $49,999**
- Alvis House
- American Electric Power
- Patricia R. Forman
- Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs
- National Health Law Foundation
- Nationwide Foundation
- Ohio State Bar Foundation
- Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP
- Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP
- Supreme Court of Ohio
- United Way of North Central Ohio

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- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
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- Julia Backoff
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Thank you!”

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