



LASC

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus



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ANNUAL REPORT



“

Alone we can do so
little; together we can
do so much.”

– Helen Keller

Our Mission:

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

Cover Photo: Jason Lockett plays basketball with his daughters. LASC helped him with reentry services.

Inside cover photo: Artists Lucie Shearer, Marcus Billingsley and Thom Glick painted this mural, "Pursuing Good Together," on the side of a business on West Broad Street in Columbus.

In 2021, we met the challenge of the ongoing pandemic and continued to help low-income families living in Central Ohio. We increased our advocacy to protect tenants, enhanced our community partnerships, and expanded our work in immigration, unemployment compensation, and removing barriers to employment for individuals with criminal records.

LASC represented thousands of tenants in housing cases, preventing them from becoming homeless, and continued to prioritize housing conditions work to ensure the safety of low-income families. Thanks to the generosity of our funders, we were able to add staff to our Tenant Advocacy Project Team that serves clients daily at eviction court and to the Housing Team, which addresses unsafe housing issues. These efforts were coupled with strong relationships with community partners to ensure that those impacted by COVID-19 illness or job loss received rental assistance. And our work with housing was not limited to tenants, but included a project with the Franklin County Auditor, Columbus City Attorney and Franklin County Environmental Court to protect homeownership for low-income residents and seniors.

Our partnership with Our Lady of Guadalupe Center enabled us to add immigration services that we did not previously offer. This collaboration includes an onsite office that allows us to better serve the legal needs of the Hispanic community in Central Ohio. It would not have been possible without our donors, and we hope that it will become a permanent part of our program.

We also focused on expanded assistance for individuals in need of record sealing, including two exciting new pilot programs. The first is Opportunity Port, a partnership with the City of Columbus and others, which allows applicants to create accounts through an online portal and meet remotely with attorneys to have their sealing application filed. In the second, LASC is joining with the Center for Employment Opportunities to help justice-involved individuals obtain employment with J.P. Morgan Chase and other employers.

While we have highlighted some of the new programs and partnerships in 2021, LASC staff continued to provide the entire range of holistic services that are so important to our community – representation for domestic violence survivors, helping individuals with disabilities access home health care services, protection for those at risk of foreclosure, help with tax disputes and much, much more.

We would not be able to provide these much-needed legal services without the hard work of LASC staff and the support of each of you. We are grateful for all our partners and look forward to working together to fulfill our mission of helping people rise out of poverty and ensuring equal access to justice.

Sincerely,

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23,565

PERSONS HELPED IN 2021



CASES INVOLVING
HOUSEHOLDS WITH
CHILDREN



CLIENTS WITH
DISABILITIES



CLIENTS WHO
ARE SENIORS



[My lawyer] took the time to explain every step upfront and listened to what my wishes and needs were. She helped me understand the whole process and took the time for emotional breaks for me. She was very caring and compassionate.”

– LASC client

Housing Team Stopped Evictions During Pandemic

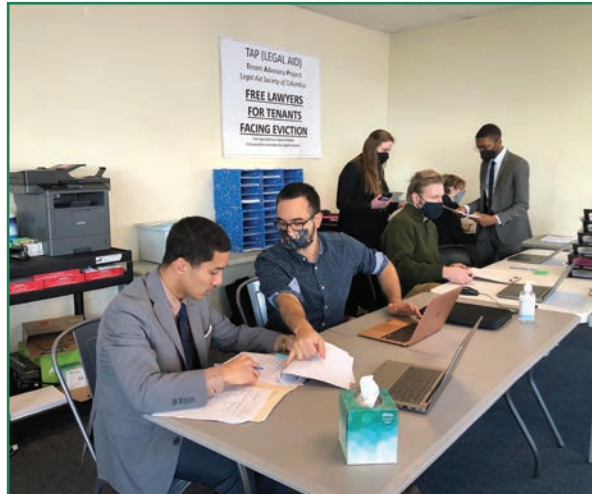
When it became clear that neither a global pandemic nor an eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would stop evictions in Franklin County, LASC added staff, educated partners and the public about safety nets, and worked closely with agencies offering rental assistance. Members of the Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP) continued to offer onsite assistance at eviction court every day.

Despite the moratorium, which was intended to prevent a pandemic-related housing crisis, more than 15,000 evictions were filed in Franklin County Municipal Court in 2021, as the court continued to hold hearings and issue judgments. Qualifying tenants could ask the court to stay their set-out – the removal of their belongings from the rental property – during the moratorium period, allowing them to remain housed temporarily. The Housing Team represented hundreds of tenants in moratorium-related cases, including successfully defeating several attempts by landlord attorneys to stop the court from enforcing any protections under the moratorium. However, the confusing rules made it difficult for Franklin County tenants to successfully claim protections under the CDC moratorium. In fact, only 28 eviction cases were stayed under these rules in Franklin County during the entire moratorium.

While very few cases were stayed, the moratorium on set-outs did give tenants significant leverage to convince their landlords to accept third-party rental assistance, allowing them to remain in their homes or have several months before they were forced to move. LASC worked closely with organizations like IMPACT Community Action, which also had a daily presence at eviction court, to ensure that eligible tenants were able to access much-needed rental assistance.



Attorney Kaci Philpot (left) confers with a client.



Jyoshu Tsushima, managing attorney of TAP (right), discusses a case with Cassius Russell (left), a graduate law clerk.

"LASC's experience and expertise advocating for marginalized communities has been a significant contributor to the work that we do at IMPACT Community Action," said Shameikia Smith, vice president of housing for IMPACT. "Our partnership and collaboration is innovative and needed, not only during the pandemic, but for the days to come. Our combined work sets a stage for advocacy and engagement as we seek to promote housing stability for Columbus, Ohio. We are honored to partner in providing hope with LASC."

LASC used the moratorium and rental assistance to keep 573 tenants in their homes and to help 605 tenants obtain more time to move. The moratorium ended in early August when the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals found that it was unenforceable.

One of these clients, Molly Burtch, was helped by TAP Attorney Kaci Philpot, who connected her with IMPACT to secure rental assistance and negotiated a move-out for the single mother of two. **"She had my back," Burtch said. "I would call her when I was scared. If it weren't for Kaci, we wouldn't have a place to live."**



Attorneys Kelly Murphy (left) and Thomas Pope (right) greet clients at the TAP table.



Toni Spruell (at right) with two of her daughters.

Mother Moves Family to Shelter Rather Than Stay in Unsafe Apartment

When the ceiling at her apartment collapsed, Toni Spruell decided it was safer for her and her two teenage daughters to stay at a homeless shelter. The apartment manager had ignored Toni's requests to address mold and water damage from various leaks in the unit. Prior to the ceiling collapse, she and the girls were doing dishes in an upstairs bathtub because of issues with the kitchen sink. "It was terrible," Spruell said. "I was overwhelmed with all of the issues. We felt safer sleeping in the car or at the shelter." Although the family no longer stayed at the apartment, Spruell paid the rent because she was trying to build credit to buy a home. She stopped paying rent when Columbus housing officials condemned the apartment.

Once relieved of the rent payments, Spruell, who was pregnant, found a new place for her family to live and once again began saving money to buy a home. She was stunned when she learned that her former landlord filed an eviction against her on the condemned property. Fortunately, LASC was able to get the case dismissed, but the matter caused the family a lot of stress. Spruell said she's grateful that LASC intervened. **"I breathed a sigh of relief that somebody was actually helping me," she said. "I never have had anybody help me like this."**

Supreme Court Invites LASC to Help Create Toolkit for Courts Hearing Evictions

As courts across the state continued to grapple with the effects of COVID-19 and the health and housing crises brought on by the pandemic, the Ohio Supreme Court convened a group of judges, attorneys, and advocates to provide resources to local courts handling eviction cases. Housing Team Managing Attorney Melissa Benson, along with two attorneys from our sister organization, the Ohio Poverty Law Center, worked with the Court to create a toolkit for local courts to reduce evictions and increase access

to rental assistance. This Guide – The Ohio Supreme Court Judicial Guide to Eviction Diversion – promotes several programs created or championed by LASC as models for eviction diversion, including LASC’s Tenant Advocacy Project, which makes legal aid attorneys available at eviction court every day.

“Now, more than ever, courts need to be proactive to divert tenants and landlords away from formal court action and instead seek rental assistance or alternative forms of dispute

resolution,” Chief Justice O’Connor said when the toolkit was released in August. **“Early interventions in eviction cases are the keys to preserving tenancy.”**



Franklin County Evictions During COVID-19

	2019	2020	2021
Evictions Filed	18,219	12,204	15,185
Judgments Granted	8,754	4,599	5,739
Requests for Set-Out	5,815	3,337	4,080
Set-Outs Completed	1,175	758	1,015



LASC offers free help to tenants facing eviction every day through its TAP clinic.

LASC Partnership with Our Lady of Guadalupe Center Provides Legal Help to Immigrant Families

When Krissa Lopez* called LASC with a child custody question, she never expected to find a Spanish-speaking lawyer committed to helping her in so many ways. The first few times LASC attorney Stephanie Corcoran offered to help Lopez, who was undocumented, apply for a U-Visa, the Guatemalan immigrant dismissed the offer. “You have a fear: What will happen to my kids if I open it?” Lopez wondered.



Krissa Lopez's children

Eventually Corcoran convinced her, and they applied for the visa for victims of crime who assist in the investigation. Corcoran also referred her to the LASC Domestic Team for help with asking the court to order her ex-husband to pay child support. “I feel safe coming here and speaking with her,” Lopez said of her meetings with Corcoran at the Catholic Social Services – Our Lady of Guadalupe Center (OLGC). “She explains the process and supports you. She gave me opportunities.”

With a population of 91,000 Hispanic residents, Franklin County is home to the largest Hispanic community in the state. Too often, this community struggles to make ends meet, and more than a quarter of Hispanic residents in Ohio

live below the poverty line. These difficulties – along with complicating factors like language barriers, a history of mistrust of government agencies in their home countries, and fear due to uncertain immigration status – have created a growing need for civil legal aid services for immigrant communities in Central Ohio.

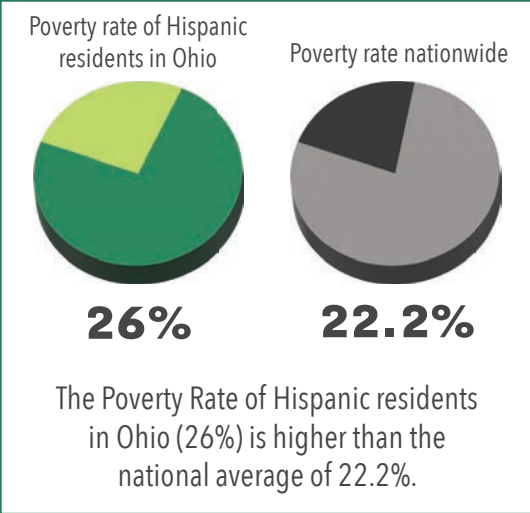
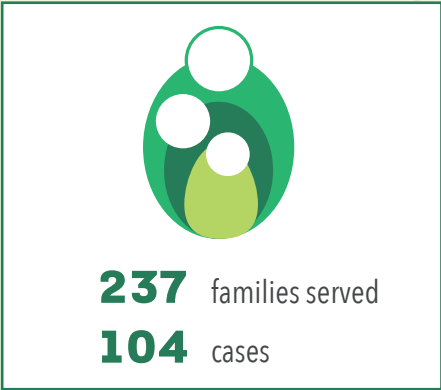
To help meet that increasing need, LASC and OLGC partnered in January with critical grant funding from the Ohio Supreme Court’s Civil Justice Grant, The Columbus Families Together Fund, the Columbus Bar Foundation, and the Foundation of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The two-year pilot program allows Corcoran to work at OLGC and provide legal assistance to clients, including help with green cards, work visas, custody proceedings, domestic violence, and housing. The partnership is the only program in Central Ohio that offers such a wide array of resources for the Hispanic and immigrant community. Corcoran has represented her clients before the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Services (USCIS) as well as the Immigration Court.

**Name changed at the client's request.*



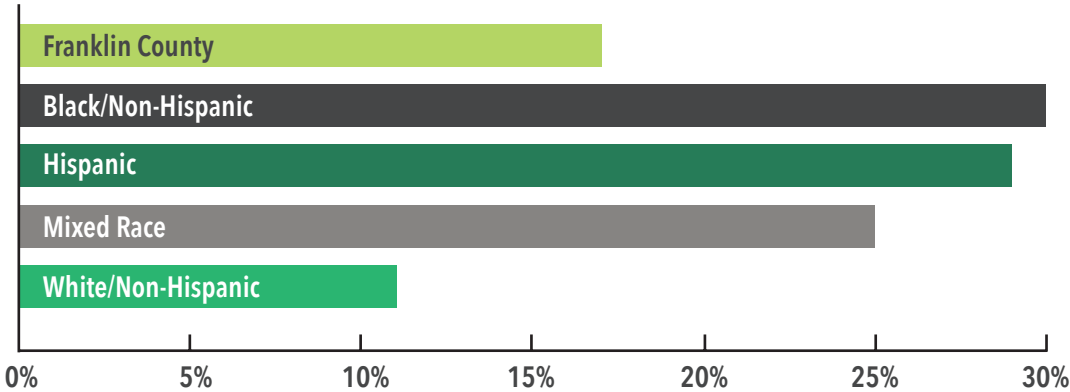
Attorney Stephanie Corcoran (at right) meets with social worker Sara Cruet Barreto at the Guadalupe Center.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS



Estimated Percentage of People Living Below the Poverty Level by Race

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5 year estimates



LASC Expands Services for Justice-Impacted Clients



Columbus City officials joined OSLSA Executive Director Kathleen McGarvey for a press conference announcing Opportunity Port in November.

Moving on from a criminal conviction can be challenging, even after all criminal sanctions are complete. Many Ohioans with a criminal record struggle to find gainful employment or safe and affordable housing for years or even decades after their cases have ended. Thanks to changes in Ohio law and several new partnerships, LASC’s Re-entry, Income Security, and Education (RISE) Team can now do more to help these clients.

LASC clients have a variety of reasons for wanting to clean up their backgrounds. A record can derail searches for suitable employment, safe housing, and even some volunteer opportunities. Even people who can demonstrate rehabilitation by judicial standards still have

difficulty obtaining housing and employment.

“Once you get declined once or twice from a job, you start to doubt that you’re ever going to be able to be accepted back into the community,” said Betsy Davis, who worked with LASC to seal her record last year so she could return to school. “It means a better future. Doors are opening for me.”

In addition to its regular record sealing and expungement services, LASC is piloting two new programs. First, LASC has partnered with the City of Columbus, Equality Ohio, Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center, and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law to make remote record sealing accessible to more Franklin County residents. Called Opportunity Port, the brief service online portal launched in 2021 and allows applicants to create online accounts and meet remotely with volunteer attorneys. If the applicant is eligible, an attorney will prepare the record sealing application and electronically file it with the court.

The Second Chance Program focuses specifically on helping people obtain employment. LASC is joining with the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) to help justice-involved individuals successfully secure jobs with J.P. Morgan Chase and other employers. In addition, LASC offers targeted legal assistance to job seekers to overcome legal barriers to employment. LASC also works closely with community partners to provide wraparound services, including job skill development, to give the applicant the best chance to obtain employment.



Betsy Davis (left) and Attorney Meagan Van Brocklin (right).

Record Sealing Offers Client Hope

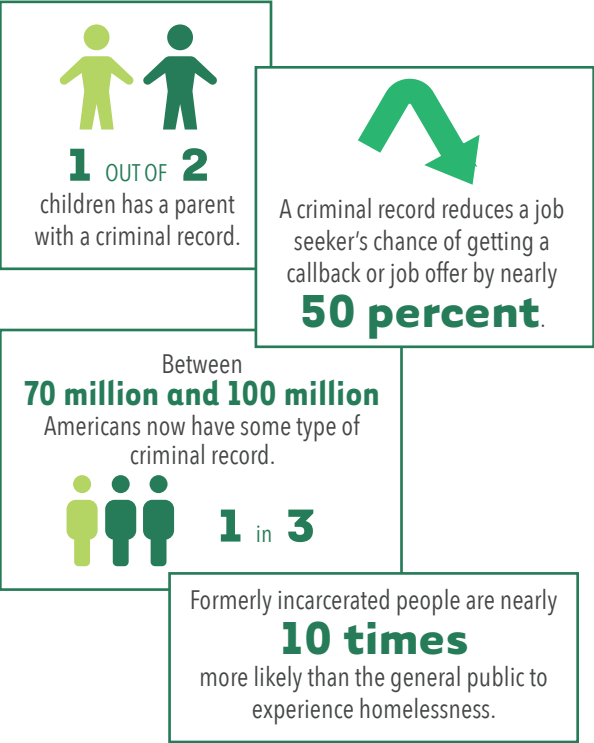
Betsy Davis came to legal aid seeking help getting her record sealed to go back to school. She applied to a program to earn a certificate qualifying her to work in a doctor’s office doing medical records, but the school would not admit her because she had a criminal record.

Attorney Meagan Van Brocklin, who joined LASC as the managing attorney for the RISE Team in September, assisted Davis with sealing her record. Van Brocklin represented Davis at the hearing and the sealing was approved.

“It was awesome having Meagan help me,” Davis said. “After she told the judge that I had become a model citizen, the judge commended me for turning my life around. I was flabbergasted.” Once her record was sealed, Betsy enrolled in the program, where she is on the Dean’s List. The 34-year-old, who grew up with very little parental support, said she is excited to put her past behind her and concentrate on the future. “There are no words for what this means to me,” she said. “It’s beyond words. The sun is finally shining for me.”

Record Sealing vs. Record Expungement

While many people use “record sealing” and “record expungement” interchangeably, they are quite different. **Sealing** a record simply hides it from public view. However, some public entities, state licensing boards, or employers in certain industries, such as healthcare and finance, can still view the record. **Expungement** deletes and erases a criminal record so it can never be found again. Expungement is only available in a few circumstances, such as for survivors of human trafficking and crimes committed by juveniles.



Source: CleanSlateCampaign.org



I tried to solve my problem with [Job & Family Services] by myself, but it was impossible. When a lawyer is calling, they take it more seriously.”

– LASC client

Advocates Connect Clients to Crucial Unemployment Benefits

Unemployment compensation cases continued to dominate our income security work in the second year of the pandemic. Issues were wide-ranging, including alleged fraud, overpayments, documentation inquiries, lost appeals, and long waits for payments. While waiting for benefits, our clients faced evictions, utility shut-offs, difficulties finding suitable employment, transportation challenges, childcare disruptions, and more. Case handlers worked closely with other staff members and community partners to keep clients afloat while they waited for unemployment benefits.

The nature of our work expanded from representing unemployed workers at Unemployment Compensation Review Commission hearings to helping clients navigate the complicated unemployment system. Clients grappled with technological barriers – such as no internet access, unfamiliarity with email, and a lack of PDF-viewing software. Others struggled to find and submit the various documents needed to satisfy new identity verification requirements or were unsure what to do when they received multiple notices containing conflicting information about their claims.

When his benefits unexpectedly stopped, Tom Johnson spent about two months trying to resolve his issue over the phone and online to no avail. He called LASC, and Attorney Karin Nordstrom quickly sorted out the issue with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). **“She was just wonderful,” said Johnson, a senior citizen who used credit cards to cover expenses. “It was as painless as these things can be.”**

We also expanded our legislative advocacy efforts on behalf of claimants trying to navigate the unemployment process. LASC joined with other legal aid programs to draft testimony that was presented to a group of law-makers charged with improving Ohio’s unemployment compensation system. Additionally, several team members participated in the statewide Employment Law Taskforce, a group of legal aid representatives who work on unemployment issues. The taskforce met regularly with ODJFS to informally resolve many issues impacting our clients. For example, LASC worked with ODJFS to improve access to the agency’s phone system for individuals with limited English proficiency.

Our efforts resulted in clients receiving payouts for earned benefits totaling:



\$470,363

and the distribution of more than

\$1,135,167

in monthly benefits.

LASC Case Leads to Changes at ODJFS



Attorney Karin Nordstrom confers with client William Hummel.

During the pandemic, William Hummel found a work-from-home job doing customer service for a financial services company. The opportunity suited him because his doctor recommended that he quarantine due to his severe asthma and allergies. In addition to his own medical conditions, Hummel is the primary caregiver for his mother, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

When the company called employees back into the office, Hummel provided them with notes from his doctor and his mother's doctor stating that he should continue to quarantine. When he did not return to the office, his employer fired him.

Hummel applied for unemployment benefits. He did not receive benefits for three months. Family and friends

generously helped him pay his rent, but he still fell far behind on other expenses. Due to ODJFS' delay, he felt forced to file for bankruptcy. Later, when ODJFS erroneously stopped his benefits, he sought help from LASC Attorney Karin Nordstrom. She reached out to ODJFS on his behalf. "There was such a feeling of relief when she said she could help," Hummel said. "It was a comfort."

Nordstrom filed an appeal on his behalf. He waited 38 days for ODJFS to respond but got no answer.

Nordstrom filed a writ of mandamus in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, asking the judge to order ODJFS to decide his case within the 21 days required by law, and his case became an important part of LASC's larger-scale advocacy efforts. Within days, ODJFS granted Mr. Hummel's appeal and paid him the benefits he was due. On July 26, 2021, the court found that ODJFS had systemically violated its duty to respond to appeals within 21 days, and the judge ordered ODJFS to comply with its statutory responsibility to respond within that timeframe.

Hummel said it was rewarding to play a role in requiring ODJFS to respond to appeals in a more timely manner. **"When you're dealing with a government agency, it can be like a David-and-Goliath scenario. It's hard to get anywhere," he said. "I was excited that Karin got a judge to see our point. I also felt validated. Karin heard my story and believed me. It was a comfort to know this would help others."**

"I wouldn't have been able to do this by myself. My lawyer was wonderful and did a great job."

— LASC client

Judge Orders ODJFS to Speed Up Appeals Process Following LASC Petition

Although Ohio law requires ODJFS to respond to all unemployment compensation benefit appeals within 21 days, during the pandemic clients were often waiting months beyond that deadline. In response, LASC started filing petitions for writs of mandamus asking the court to order ODJFS to respond in a timely fashion, as the law requires.

LASC, with input from our sister organization, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, filed its first writ, *Rutherford v. ODJFS*, in March 2021. LASC filed a second one, *Hummel v. ODJFS*, two months later. In July, Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Chris Brown ruled in our favor. "(ODJFS) concedes that Mr. Hummel's redetermination was delayed due to the sheer volume of applications during the ongoing global pandemic," Judge Brown wrote. "The Court finds that there is no exception in the 21-day language of the Revised Code."

At that time, ODJFS had a backlog of roughly 150,000 pending appeals. Within a few weeks of the order, ODJFS Director Matt Damschroder publicly released a plan for reducing the backlog.

In December, ODJFS announced in a news release that the agency had cleared the backlog of appeals. However, following this statement, LASC filed another writ on behalf of Sadia Abdi, another claimant who was forced to wait more than 21 days for an appeal response. **Despite ODJFS' official position, LASC will continue to pursue judicial action to hold ODJFS to its statutory duty to respond to appeals in a timely manner.**

Work Focuses on Protecting Low-Income Homeowners

With housing prices on the rise in the wake of the pandemic, homeowners were vulnerable to property scams, high-pressure buyers, increased repair costs, and rising tax bills. LASC partnered with the Franklin County Auditor, the Columbus City Attorney, and the Franklin County Environmental Court to protect homeownership for low-income residents and seniors.

To keep the costs of homeownership affordable in a time of escalating values, LASC helped the Auditor's Office create the Homeowner Assistance Program, which made it simpler for homeowners to challenge their tax valuation. By creating and distributing informational doorhangers and other materials, our team also equipped homeowners to recognize predatory property speculators and high-pressure buyers looking to scam them out of their hard-earned home equity.

Similarly, our increased engagement in the Owner-Occupied Initiative with the City Attorney and Environmental Court helped homeowners clear daunting legal barriers so they could repair their homes and come into com-

pliance with building codes, improving the city's housing stock and saving people's homes and their investments in the future of their families.

"The project started organically when we realized that a lot of these folks are disabled, they're elderly, they have recent health issues, or they lost a job," Magistrate Benjamin Hoelzel said in an interview with *The Columbus Dispatch*. "So we started trying to find resources for folks to help them with problems that are directly related to why they're in our court."

At the invitation of the court and the city officials, a staff attorney attends the hearings and provides legal information and sometimes legal advice to homeowners who have been charged with code violations and are having trouble coming into compliance because of other legal barriers. These barriers include: title problems (such as from the death of a parent or grandparent), inability to access sources of income and public benefits, questions about tax-filing requirements for assistance programs and general civil legal information so that homeowners can access help for themselves. Some-



times, homeowners in this program have other legal needs that have been a priority over fixing a code violation. Legal Aid can often provide information or referrals to help them solve those problems, which frees up resources to address their housing conditions and prevent penalties.

In addition, we have provided technical assistance to the Environmental Court and to the City Attorney's Office to help them coordinate grants and home-repair programs created by City Council and to better understand the barriers faced by people in poverty.

2021 Neighborhood Stabilization Partners



- City of Columbus Mayor's Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- The Columbus Small Business Agenda
- The Columbus Metropolitan Library Business Librarian and Life Skills programs
- Small Business Development Center office at Columbus State Community College
- The Columbus Urban League
- Franklin County Auditor
- Columbus City Attorney
- Franklin County Environmental Court



Small Business Development Centers
Columbus State Community College



Meet the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellows

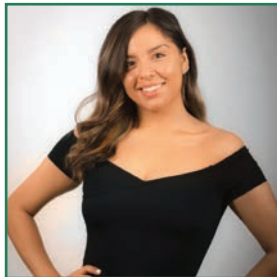
The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellowship, which provides opportunities for law students to work in a legal services organization, is designed to foster diversity in legal aid programs, particularly for students with backgrounds or from communities that have been underrepresented in law school and the legal profession. The Fellowship is part of OSLSA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work, intended to reduce barriers to public interest employment and make the organization better reflect the diversity of the population it serves. It was created to honor Tom Weeks, the longtime director of OSLSA, who retired in 2019.



CANDACE MILNER

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio
Education: Georgetown University
Law school: The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Career goal: Nonprofit Executive Director

"This fellowship with OPLC gave me a chance to work at the intersections of my passions in a community I care about deeply. Everyone deserves access to legal representation and to live in a community where families thrive. My fellowship gave me the opportunity to work on policies that make this a reality."



KARINA MONTOYA

Hometown: North Hollywood, California
Education: University of California, Davis
Law school: University of Dayton School of Law
Career goal: Law Firm Partner

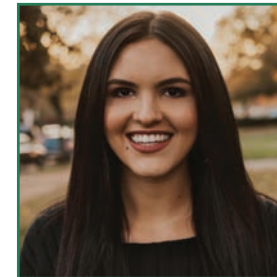
"[Being able to help use civil legal aid to help combat injustice] means the world to me; it makes me feel that all my hard work in law school has been worth it. I want to use my degree to help others. Now I see that there are actually lawyers who do that. As a low-income, first-generation Latina law student, I know the struggles of not having access to legal services. Now I know I can help people in my community."



JOEY OTENG

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Education: University of Vermont, Kent State University
Law school: The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Career goal: University President or Secretary of Education

"To be able to be a familiar face, to get to express empathy in between providing legal aid, and to be affirming of the identities people are bringing with them to court was significant. The majority of the clients we served in eviction court looked like me – disproportionately Black. To have me there to understand them literally and figuratively was huge. So many comments about feeling safe, seen, or that they mattered with me will stay with me long after this experience ends."



KIERA ZACHER

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Education: The Ohio State University
Law school: The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Career goal: Pro Bono Coordinator of a law firm

"I always wanted to work in public interest, and after volunteering at LASC with the Public Benefits Team over the school year I knew that I liked the organization and their commitment to ensuring access to justice. I was drawn to the fellowship in particular because I believe increasing diversity in the legal profession is important, and I appreciated the goals that the fellowship was trying to achieve."

Financials

Donors

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our donor list. If you have any updates, please contact Melissa Linville at mlinville@columbuslegalaid.org.

2021 Revenue

\$8,390,000



Grants	73.1%
Contributions	3.2%
Investment Income	8.9%
PPP Loan Forgiven	13.2%
Other	1.6%
	100.0%

2021 Expenses

\$7,600,000



Legal Program	88.8%
General & Administrative	9.1%
Fundraising	2.1%
	100.0%

\$1 Million - \$2 Million

Legal Services Corporation
Ohio Access to Justice Foundation

\$500,000 - \$1 Million

City of Columbus

\$100,000 - \$499,999

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Siemer Institute
Cardinal Health

\$50,000 - \$99,999

Franklin County Office on Aging – Senior Options
GUND Foundation
Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
National Health Law Foundation
Tax Time (United Way of Central Ohio)

\$20,000 - \$49,999

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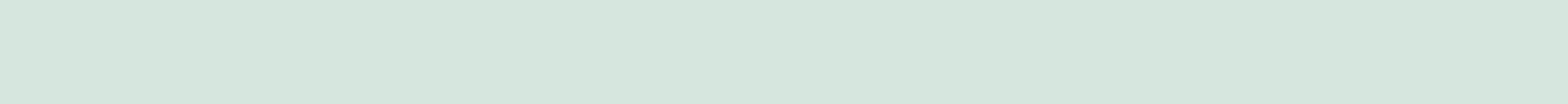
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