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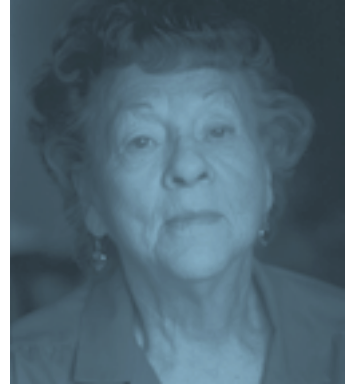


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MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

IOLTA
INTEREST
ON LAWYER
TRUST ACCOUNTS



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There is a need to provide equal access to the system of justice for individuals who seek redress of grievances. There is a need to continue and expand legal assistance to those who would otherwise be unable to afford adequate legal counsel.

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– Preamble, Maryland Legal Services Corporation Act, 1982



Dear friends and colleagues,

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Since the creation of MLSC and the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program in 1982, we have made grants of more than \$164 million to help provide civil legal assistance to low-income Marylanders in nearly 2 million legal matters.

During fiscal year 2011, MLSC continued its support of thirty-five nonprofit organizations throughout the state that provide critically needed legal assistance in matters such as foreclosure, eviction, elder care, domestic violence, child custody, employment, food stamps, veterans benefits, and myriad issues impacting housing, health care, and other basic human needs. The ongoing impact of the economic downturn resulted in an unprecedented number of Marylanders seeking legal assistance from MLSC grantees. With IOLTA income remaining at historic lows, the action of the Maryland General Assembly in 2010 to increase court filing fee surcharges proved critically important to the state's legal services safety net, and prevented dramatic reductions in funding to legal services providers in FY 2011. Indeed, with the revenue generated from court filing fees coupled with spending from emergency reserves, MLSC was able to restore most of the funding cuts from the prior year, returning funding to pre-Great Recession levels. Nevertheless, given the dramatic increase in newly-eligible clients, grantees report having to turn away record numbers of clients seeking services.

As we move forward in what continues to be particularly difficult times for far too many Marylanders, we will redouble our efforts to increase resources to help meet the crushing demand for legal assistance through our continued work with the Judiciary, Maryland State Bar Association, Maryland Access to Justice Commission, legal services providers, and many other stakeholders. We are fortunate and grateful for the wonderful coalition Maryland enjoys in its support and dedication to ensuring a strong legal services delivery system. Through our ongoing collaborative efforts, we remain committed to our pursuit of ensuring meaningful access to justice for all.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. Vernon Boozer".

F. Vernon Boozer
Chair



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Erlichman".

Susan M. Erlichman
Executive Director

Highlights of 2011

MLSC REVENUE

Revenue for grants is generated from the MLSC Fund, which is composed of three special funding sources: (1) Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) held by Maryland licensed lawyers; (2) a surcharge on certain Circuit and District Court filing fees; and (3) \$500,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund. Each year the Fund has a set amount appropriated in the State's budget, which is based on projected revenues. However, this appropriation does not guarantee that the Fund will receive that amount. In FY 2011, although the appropriation was set at \$16.6 million, the Fund fell short by over \$600,000 due to continuing low IOLTA interest rates.

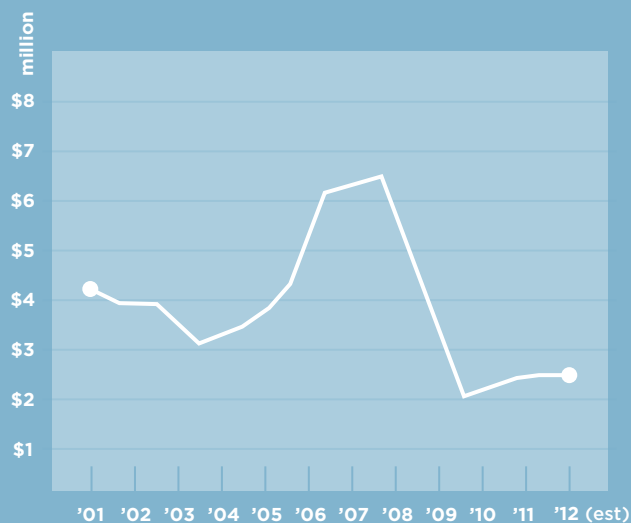
As a result of increased account balances, IOLTA income in Maryland increased by 10%, generating \$2.5 million for the MLSC Fund. In total, the MLSC Fund generated approximately \$15.9 million for the fiscal year. Because of the funding shortfall, MLSC used emergency reserves to meet grant obligations of \$16.6 million. For the upcoming funding cycle, during which IOLTA revenue is expected to remain at historic lows, filing fee surcharges will continue to provide the majority of the funding, and MLSC will again

spend from emergency reserves to continue grants at FY 2011 levels to maintain as much stability as possible for the legal services delivery system at a time when the need for services continues to increase dramatically.

FUNDING AND LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

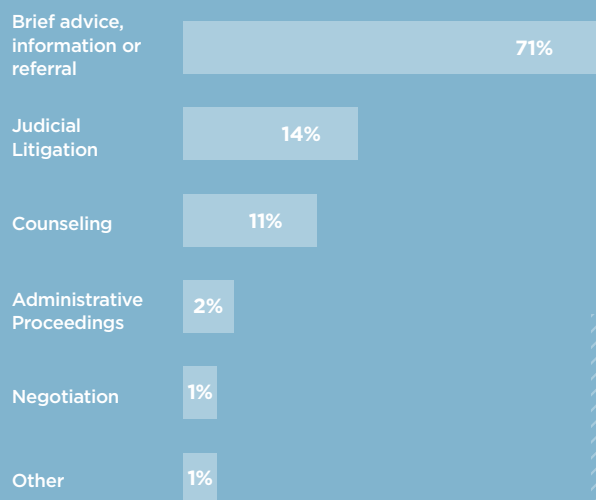
MLSC returned to the Maryland General Assembly in 2011 after securing a victory for legal services funding in 2010 with the passage of an increase in the court filing fee surcharges. During the 2011 session, MLSC worked closely with other Access to Justice leaders in successfully advocating for the retention of its longstanding \$500,000 Abandoned Property Fund appropriation, which had been slated for elimination in 2012. With continuing low interest rates all but certain for the foreseeable future, any loss in other sources of revenue would be particularly devastating to MLSC's ability to maintain the state's system of delivering civil legal services to its most vulnerable citizens. The Corporation will continue to work with its many partners to advocate in the state legislature for the continuation of the 2010 filing fee increase which contains a sunset provision for 2013.

IOLTA REVENUE IN MARYLAND 2001-2012



Due to the continued depressed interest rate environment, IOLTA income remains at historic lows.

TYPES OF SERVICE



GRANT AWARDS AND SERVICE DELIVERY

FY 2011 Awards

In May 2010, the MLSC Board approved grant awards totaling \$16.6 million for fiscal year 2011. Operating grants of \$15.5 million were awarded to 34 legal services providers as well as one challenge grant. Additionally, \$1.1 million in awards were made to eight grantees for the Judicare Family Law Project through a partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

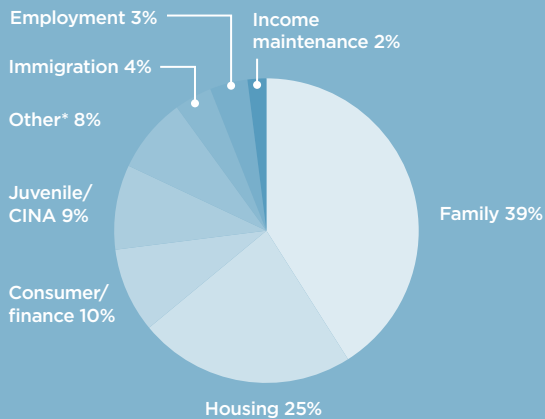
Delivery Statistics

Services to clients in FY 2011 increased 9% from the prior year, with MLSC grantees opening more than 140,000 new cases. Over 257,000 individuals and families directly benefited from this legal assistance.

Judicare Family Law Project

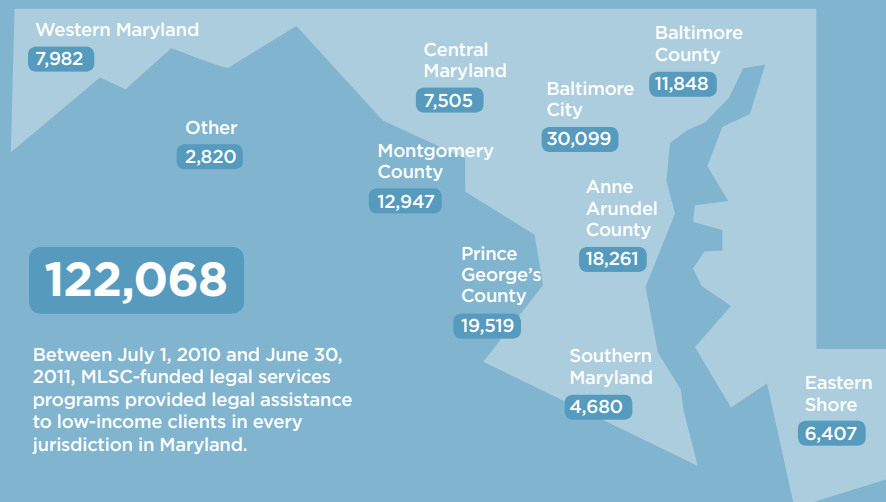
MLSC and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) jointly fund the Judicare Family Law project to serve low-income persons in all Maryland jurisdictions through reduced-fee services by private attorneys in contested family law cases. Judicare grantees screen and place cases in cooperation with local bar associations, family courts and pro bono committees. At the end of FY 2011, approximately 900 cases were referred to reduced-fee attorneys, directly benefitting over 1,800 low-income Marylanders. AOC completed an evaluation of the pilot project from FY 2008 through FY 2009, showing the success of Judicare in providing cost efficient legal representation in complex family law cases while lessening the burden of self-represented litigants on the courts.

TYPES OF CASES CLOSED



* Education, Health, Individual Rights, Wills and Trusts and Miscellaneous issues.

CASES CLOSED STATEWIDE



Annual Awards

Each year, the Corporation solicits nominations and presents awards to persons and organizations that have contributed significantly to the provision of legal services to the poor. MLSC held the Annual Awards Reception at the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel on December 5, 2011.



Front Row (L-R): M. Natalie McSherry, Janet Stidman Eveleth, Michelle L. Swift.
Back Row (L-R): Mitchell Y. Mirviss, Debra Gardner, Michael Craven & Steve Anderson on behalf of the Maryland People's Law Library.

The Arthur W. Machen, Jr. Award was presented to **M. Natalie McSherry**, Partner, Kramon & Graham, P.A., and **Mitchell Y. Mirviss**, Partner, Venable LLP. Ms. McSherry, in private practice over 30 years, has been an active volunteer providing pro bono services and serving on the boards of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and other legal services programs. Mr. Mirviss has been active as lead counsel in the lengthy class action suit to reform the Baltimore City foster care system for over 20 years and also demonstrates his dedication through his continuous pro bono representation of children with severe disabilities.

The Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Debra Gardner**, legal director of the Public Justice Center, who has dedicated over 25 years to legal services and has provided leadership in the Right to Counsel/Civil Gideon efforts locally and nationally.

The William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award was presented to **Michelle L. Swift**, pro bono program manager at the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS), for her dedication to her clients and MVLS' attorney volunteers for 13 years.

The Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award was given to the **Maryland People's Law Library**, which has been maintained by the Maryland State Law Library since 2007. The People's Law Library is an award-winning website that provides legal and self-help information on Maryland and federal law affecting low- and moderate-income Marylanders and their families.

MLSC presented an **Award of Special Recognition** to **Janet Stidman Eveleth**, recently retired director of communications of the Maryland State Bar Association, for her journalistic excellence in her coverage of legal services issues during her 24-year tenure.

2011 MLSC Contributors

The Corporation is pleased to acknowledge the generous contributions of the individuals and organizations that support the work of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

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Mary Schlereth saved her home from foreclosure with the help of Allegany Law Foundation in Cumberland.

Allegany County Homeowner Avoids Foreclosure

IOLTA Honor Roll

We wish to acknowledge with special appreciation financial institutions of Maryland's IOLTA Honor Roll, a joint initiative of the Maryland State Bar Association and MLSC, for paying premium rates on IOLTA deposits and fostering the IOLTA program in its mission to ensure that low-income Marylanders have access to critically needed legal aid. Attorneys are encouraged to consider these "IOLTA friendly" institutions for their banking needs.

- American Bank
- Baltimore County Savings Bank
- BankAnnapolis
- Carrollton Bank
- Congressional Bank
- First Shore Federal
- Hamilton Federal Bank
- HSEC Bank USA, N.A.
- MainStreet Bank

- Midstate Federal Savings & Loan
- Premier Bank
- Sandy Spring Bank
- Severn Savings Bank
- Standard Bank
- TD Bank
- Vigilant Federal Savings Bank
- Virginia Commerce Bank

Allegany County resident Mary Schlereth came to Allegany Law Foundation after she and her husband were referred by Senator Ben Cardin to a foreclosure solutions workshop sponsored by Senator George Edwards and Allegany Law. Ms. Schlereth, who relies on disability insurance, and her husband, who lost his part-time job that supplemented their income and medical coverage, were two months behind in their mortgage payment. After the workshop, Allegany Law provided a volunteer attorney who gave the couple free legal advice and helped them save their home by successfully modifying an affordable, sustainable mortgage payment with their bank.

Grantees

The Maryland Legal Services Corporation annually awards grants to nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal services to eligible persons. MLSC funding supplements other federal, state and private sources for civil legal assistance. In June 2011, MLSC approved for the coming year \$15,732,352 in unconditional operating grant awards to 34 organizations, a \$250,000 “challenge grant” to one organization, a \$10,000 litigation fund award and a “one-time-only” grant award of \$24,700. In addition, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts, MLSC provided funding in the amount of \$1,553,074 for the continuation of the Judicare project, which pays reduced fees to private attorneys for contested family law representation. More information about the grant process, application deadline and descriptions of current grantees is available at www.mlsc.org.

Allegany Law Foundation, Inc.

\$58,000 Operating, \$124,445 Judicare.

Marcia Conrad, Executive Director.

The Foundation serves low-income clients in Allegany County through the efforts of a small in-house staff and a panel of attorneys handling cases on a pro bono or reduced-fee basis.

Alternative Directions, Inc.

\$288,330 Operating. Michelle Kelly, Executive Director.

Alternative Directions provides free legal assistance, primarily with family and domestic legal issues, to persons in prison or recently released from incarceration, and provides monthly workshops to prisoners on legal rights and responsibilities.

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

\$38,000 Operating. Zenobia Lai, Executive Director.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center addresses the legal needs of low-income, limited English proficient Asian Americans and uses MLSC funds to represent low-wage workers and victims of domestic violence in Maryland.

Baltimore Bar Foundation Legal Services to the Elderly Program

\$50,000 Operating. Katherine Sanzone, Executive Director.

The Baltimore Bar Foundation’s Legal Services to the Elderly Program provides free legal representation and advice to Baltimore City residents 60 years and older.

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI)

\$117,000 Operating. Elijah Etheridge, Executive Director.

MLSC’s grant supports BNI’s operation of its statewide landlord/tenant counseling hotline.

CASA of Maryland, Inc.

\$130,000 Operating. Gustavo Torres, Executive Director.

CASA receives MLSC funding to assist Latin Americans and other day laborers in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties and Baltimore City with employment-related legal issues.

Catholic Charities Baltimore

\$119,570 Operating. Valerie Twanmoh, Director.

Catholic Charities Baltimore Immigration Legal Services Project provides client screening, counseling and legal representation for low-income persons with immigration problems in the Baltimore metropolitan area in a wide array of immigration matters.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

\$139,700 Operating. Ed Orzechowski, Executive Director.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington Immigration Legal Services uses MLSC funds to provide legal assistance and representation to low-income persons with immigration problems residing primarily in Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties.

Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused (CASA, Inc.)

\$35,000 Operating. Vicki A. Sadehvandi, Executive Director.

MLSC funding supports the CASA Legal Services Program, which provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Washington County.

Community Law Center, Inc.

\$95,000 Operating. Kristine Dunkerton, Executive Director.

Community Law Center (CLC) provides legal counsel and representation to nonprofit organizations that represent issues of low-income people and are unable to afford private counsel. MLSC’s grant supports CLC’s pro bono project.

Community Legal Services of Prince George’s County

\$268,000 Operating, \$284,700 Judicare.

Neal Conway, Executive Director.

Community Legal Services provides civil legal assistance to low-income persons of Prince George’s County through a panel of pro bono and reduced-fee attorneys.

Domestic Violence Center of Howard County

\$45,600 Operating. Inga James, Interim Executive Director.

The Domestic Violence Center of Howard County receives funding from MLSC to support its legal services project, which serves low-income domestic violence victims.

Harford County Bar Foundation

\$54,600 Operating, \$124,445 Judicare.

Cynthia A. Lewis, Executive Director.

The Harford County Bar Foundation operates a pro bono and reduced-fee legal services program, providing intake and referral services to low-income persons with civil legal problems.

Heartly House, Inc.

\$67,500 Operating. Robin Rose, Interim Director.

Heartly House is a private nonprofit agency serving victims of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault in Frederick County. MLSC funds are used to provide legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence.

Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc.

\$237,500 Operating, \$24,700 one-time.

Antonia K. Fasanelli, Executive Director.

Homeless Persons Representation Project provides staff and pro bono assistance in a range of housing and other legal matters to clients at risk for homelessness as well as to those in homeless shelters in Maryland.

House of Ruth Maryland

\$381,550 Operating. Sandi Timmins, Executive Director.
House of Ruth's Domestic Violence Legal Clinic provides legal assistance to low-income victims of domestic violence from offices in Baltimore City and Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The clinic also provides technical assistance and training to spouse abuse centers and interested community organizations statewide.

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.

\$10,799,586 Operating, \$250,000 challenge.
Wilhelm H. Joseph, Jr., Executive Director.
Established in 1911, the Legal Aid Bureau is Maryland's primary provider of civil legal services to low-income persons. The MLSC grant is used to fund attorneys and paralegals providing general civil legal assistance to low-income persons throughout Maryland.

Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education

\$56,000 Operating. Selene Almazan and Carol Quirk, Co-Directors.
The Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education provides representation to disabled children throughout Maryland seeking to be educated in the least restrictive environment.

Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc.

\$117,524 Operating. Russell Butler, Executive Director.
The Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center is a statewide victims' rights organization that receives MLSC funding to disseminate information on victims' rights to all Marylanders and provide specialized legal services to indigent crime victims.

Maryland Disability Law Center

\$745,742 Operating. Virginia Knowlton, Executive Director.
The Maryland Disability Law Center provides free representation for disabled children and adults statewide with legal problems related to their disabilities.

Maryland Public Interest Law Project

\$56,000 for 14 internships.
Brook Irving and Michael Bacharach, Co-Presidents.
The Maryland Public Interest Law Project, located at the University of Maryland School of Law, encourages law students to enter public interest law practice and offers law students from the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore paid summer internships at public interest organizations of their choice.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

\$365,000 Operating, \$468,000 Judicare.
Bonnie Sullivan, Executive Director.
The Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service is a statewide program that serves low-income persons with a variety of civil legal problems through a referral program which places clients with volunteer or reduced-fee attorneys.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

\$117,300 Operating. Jeanne Yeager, Executive Director.
The Mid-Shore Council receives MLSC funding for its reduced-fee legal services program for low-income victims of domestic violence in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties.



Six-Year-Old Gets School Services He Needs

"Samuel" is getting the special education services he needs with the help of Maryland Disability Law Center.

"Samuel" is a six-year-old child who was being restrained almost daily while attending his neighborhood elementary school. His mother contacted Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC) for help. MDLC's advocacy helped Samuel get special education services because of his disabilities. Samuel was not able to stay in his neighborhood school, but MDLC helped assure that he would be in a less restrictive program in his new school. Also, MDLC arranged for the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education to train the staff of his neighborhood school in accommodating children with disabilities in the future.

Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc.

\$80,000 Operating, \$168,889 Judicare.
Sandra Brown, Executive Director.
Mid-Shore Pro Bono receives funding to provide pro bono and reduced-fee services for a variety of civil legal matters in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties.

Montgomery County Bar Foundation

\$212,000 Operating, \$258,150 Judicare.
Julie Peterson, Executive Director.
The Montgomery County Bar Foundation operates pro bono and reduced-fee programs in which attorneys are recruited to take cases in their area of expertise. The Foundation also conducts community outreach to Montgomery County's growing immigrant population.

Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

\$218,000 Operating, \$10,000 litigation expense fund.
Sharon Goldsmith, Executive Director.
The Pro Bono Resource Center is a statewide pro bono support center that coordinates pro bono training and activities, maximizes volunteer attorney services to low-income Maryland residents and provides support for pro bono programs, including the administration of a litigation expense fund for other pro bono and reduced-fee programs throughout Maryland.



Harford County Client Takes On Creditor

Maryland Legal Aid law graduate Susan Lee Bathgate was successful in resolving a credit card company lawsuit against Peggy Redd.

When Peggy Redd came to Maryland Legal Aid in Bel Air, she was shaking with fear that she was going to jail because of a lawsuit by her credit card company. Ms. Redd paid thousands of dollars to a debt settlement company believing that the company would pay off her credit card debt. When her Legal Aid advocate realized Ms. Redd had signed a horrendous contract, she was able to cancel the contract, get a refund for the client and have the lawsuit dismissed.

Public Justice Center

\$239,000 Operating. John Nethercut, Executive Director. The Public Justice Center provides legal representation to the underrepresented, particularly children, the mentally ill, and victims of discrimination through the services of both in-house staff and pro bono attorneys. The Center also operates the Tenant Advocacy Project.

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center

\$185,000 Operating. Gerard J. Joab, Executive Director. St. Ambrose Legal Services Program, a project of St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, provides free legal assistance to low-income homeowners who are in danger of losing their homes.

Sexual Assault Legal Institute

\$52,500 Operating. Jennie Boden, Executive Director. The Sexual Assault Legal Institute is part of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and provides comprehensive legal assistance to victims of sexual assault throughout the state.

Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse Resource Center (SARC)

\$26,500 Operating. Luisa Caiazzo-Nutter, Executive Director. MLSC funding supports the SARC Legal Services Program, which provides legal services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Harford County.

Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy

\$60,750 Operating. Laura Joyce, Executive Director. The Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy provides legal services to low-income clients of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles Counties, primarily in the area of domestic violence.

University of Maryland School of Law — HIV Project

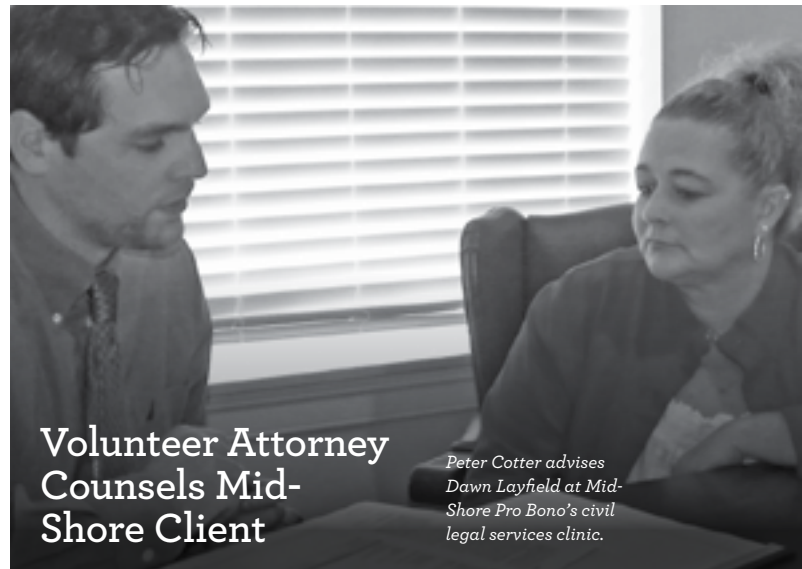
\$50,780 Operating. Michael Pinard, Clinical Director. The MLSC grant to the University of Maryland Clinical Law Office helps fund its HIV Legal Representation Project, in which law students provide legal services to persons with AIDS and HIV infection referred by the University of Maryland Hospital/Medical System in Baltimore.

Whitman-Walker Health

\$53,000 Operating. Don Blanchon, Executive Director. The Whitman-Walker Health's Legal Services Program provides pro bono legal assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS. MLSC funding supports services to residents of Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick, Charles and Calvert Counties.

Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.

\$172,320 Operating, \$124,445 Judicare. L. Tracy Brown, Executive Director. The Women's Law Center was established in 1971 to meet the special legal needs of women and uses MLSC grants to operate its statewide Family Law Hotline and administer a Judicare project, through which private attorneys represent low-income individuals at a reduced fee in contested family law matters.



Volunteer Attorney Counsels Mid-Shore Client

Peter Cotter advises Dawn Layfield at Mid-Shore Pro Bono's civil legal services clinic.

Peter Cotter, who received Mid-Shore Pro Bono's 2011 Young Attorney of the Year award, provided legal advice to Dawn Layfield during one of the organization's weekly civil legal services clinics. This service complements the pro bono referral program, which enables Mid-Shore Pro Bono to serve more clients and engage more attorneys.

MLSC Board

F. Vernon Boozer, Esq., Chair – Baltimore County – Principal, Covahey, Boozer, Devan & Dore, P.A.; Former Member, Maryland Legislature – House of Delegates and Senate; A.B., Duke University; J.D., University of Maryland School of Law.

Nancy A. Sachitano, Esq., Treasurer – Montgomery County – Managing Attorney, Sachitano & Associates LLC; B.S., Lamar University; J.D., Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America.

***Franklin D. Chambers, Jr., Ph.D.** – Prince George's County – Vice President of Student Affairs, Coppin State University; B.A., California State University, Northridge; M.Ed. and Ph.D., Howard University.

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Susan M. Erlichman, Esq., Secretary (ex officio) – Executive Director, Maryland Legal Services Corporation; B.A., University of Vermont; J.D., Temple University School of Law.

* Franklin Chambers was appointed to the MLSC Board in May 2011.

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Front Row (L-R): Board Member Nancy A. Sachitano, Board Chair F. Vernon Boozer, Board Member Judge Pamela J. White. Back Row (L-R): Deputy Director Harriet Robinson, Board Members Bernard L. Jennings, Teri A. Heger, Nathaniel E. Jones, Jr., Executive Director Susan M. Erlichman, Board Member Franklin D. Chambers, Jr.

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2011

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 441,221
Investments	5,593,551
IOLTA Receipts Receivable	258,658
Due from State of Maryland	551,841
Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	30,364
Other Assets	16,791
Total Assets	6,892,426
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	317,123
Due to State of Maryland	290,873
Total Liabilities	607,996
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 30,364
Unrestricted	6,254,067
Total Net Assets	\$ 6,284,431

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Program Expenses - Legal Assistance	\$ 17,264,981
General Revenues	
State of Maryland Appropriations - Legal Assistance	15,966,299
Investment Income	1,001,857
Judicare Program	750,000
Other	32,385
Total General Revenues	17,750,541
Decrease in Net Assets	485,560
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	5,798,871
Net Assets - End Of Year*	\$ 6,284,431

The report is a summary of the financial statements incorporated in the annual audit report issued by Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell, P.C. for the year ended June 30, 2011. The complete financial statements and notes are available upon request from MLSC.

**See page 8 for grant commitments made at the close of FY 2011.*



MLSC

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

ABOUT MLSC

The Maryland Legal Services Corporation, established in 1982 by the Maryland General Assembly, is a nonprofit organization governed by a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Corporation distributes funds from the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program and other sources to nonprofit organizations for the provision of civil legal services to Maryland's poor. The Corporation currently provides operating grants to thirty-four nonprofit grantees throughout Maryland to insure that eligible clients in all areas of the state have access to legal assistance.

ABOUT IOLTA

Attorneys routinely receive client funds to be held in trust for future use. In the case of amounts that are small or to be held for a short time, attorneys must place these funds into Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA). The income generated is used by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation for grants to programs which provide civil legal services to low-income Marylanders.

Funding Legal Assistance – Serving the Ends of Justice

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