



MLSC
MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012

IOLTA
INTEREST ON LAWYER TRUST ACCOUNTS

MLSC

Celebrating Thirty Years

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.

- PREAMBLE, MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION ACT, 1982

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Since the creation of MLSC and the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program in 1982, MLSC has made grants of more than \$182 million to help provide civil legal assistance to nearly 2 million low-income Marylanders. This year MLSC celebrated 30 years of funding legal assistance and serving the ends of justice with 34 nonprofit organizations throughout the state providing critically needed legal assistance.

The ongoing effects of the Great Recession and all-time low IOLTA income continue to disproportionately impact low-income people. In 2010, we were successful in passing legislation to increase court filing fee surcharges. However, these increases, which have helped maintain the legal services safety net, are scheduled to expire or “sunset” in the coming year. To avoid a catastrophic loss of income for Maryland’s legal services delivery system, MLSC and its many partners are determined to work with the Maryland General Assembly to ensure that this does not occur.

This serves as my last report as Chair, with my term ending on June 30, 2012 and newly elected Board Chair Glenn F. Ivey, former state’s attorney for Prince George’s County, taking the helm. As we move forward and continue our efforts to strengthen the legal services safety net, I am confident that MLSC and Maryland’s access to justice community will benefit from Glenn’s outstanding leadership in the work before us.

During my nine years as Chair, MLSC and the legal services community confronted the most difficult of economic times by successfully advocating for increased resources to meet the growing needs of Maryland’s families, veterans, seniors, disabled, victims of domestic violence and others seeking help for serious legal problems. I thank all of those with whom I have had the privilege to work to help advance access to justice in our state.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Boozer".

F. Vernon Boozer
Chair, July 2003 - June 2012

I am delighted and humbled as I begin my first term as Chair of Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC), following nine years of extraordinary leadership by outgoing Chair F. Vernon Boozer.

As MLSC completes its 30th year as Maryland’s primary funder of civil legal services, it has much to celebrate. In 1984, MLSC awarded \$300,000 to four legal services providers. This year, 34 legal services programs received grants from MLSC totaling \$15.5 million. As a result, more than 159,000 individuals and families received legal assistance with serious legal problems – homes were saved from foreclosure, evictions were averted, food stamps, unemployment insurance, and veterans’ benefits were obtained, and other critical legal needs were addressed.

Despite these successes, we face real and immediate challenges as we seek to maintain essential services. These challenges will be met with renewed energy and steadfast determination to increase resources to meet the increasing need. MLSC is fortunate and grateful for the support and dedication of a wonderful coalition in Maryland that works tirelessly to ensure a strong legal services delivery system.

As I begin my stewardship of MLSC, I look forward to working with our many partners including the Judiciary, Maryland General Assembly, Maryland State Bar Association, Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and legal services programs to maintain and strengthen the legal services safety net for those in need.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenn F. Ivey".

Glenn F. Ivey
Chair, July 2012 - present

Highlights of 2012

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 2012, although the appropriation was set at \$16.6 million, the Fund fell short by over \$768,000 due to continuing low IOLTA interest rates and lower than anticipated filing fee revenue. Actual revenue available from the Fund for FY12 grant-making totaled \$15.8 million.

IOLTA income in Maryland stayed relatively flat from the prior year, generating \$2.5 million for the MLSC Fund. The filing fee surcharge revenue was down slightly from \$12.9 to \$12.8 million. MLSC used emergency reserves to cover the funding shortfall for operating grants and received increased Judicare funding from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to meet grant obligations of \$17.6 million. For the FY 2013 funding cycle, during which IOLTA revenue is expected to decline even further and filing fee surcharges will at best remain unchanged, MLSC had to reduce grants by 6% and spend from emergency reserves to avert deeper cuts. These measures were taken 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 Challenges Ahead

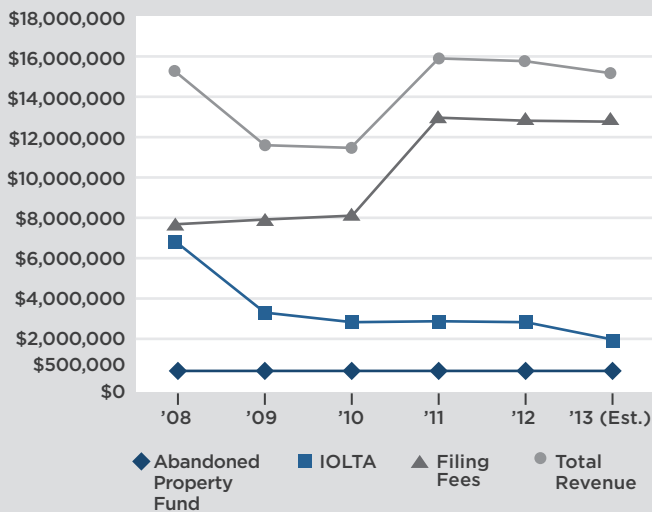
MLSC and its Access to Justice partners averted a funding crisis with the passage of an increase in the court filing fee surcharges in the 2010 Maryland General Assembly. These increases are slated to expire in 2013, which would result in a devastating loss of revenue. With IOLTA revenue continuing to decline and the need for legal services continuing to increase, continuation of current funding is essential to maintain Maryland's legal safety net for 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 and additional revenue to avoid further cuts in funding to legal services providers.

New Board Leadership

MLSC welcomed new board members and bid farewell to several members whose terms expired. Glenn F. Ivey was appointed to the board in the spring by Governor Martin O'Malley and was elected Chair July 1, succeeding outgoing Chair F. Vernon Boozer, who served the Corporation for nine years. Mr. Ivey brings leadership and experience from his services as Prince George's County State's Attorney and private practice. Others joining the board are M. Natalie McSherry and Mark F. Scurti.

First appointed by Governor Robert Ehrlich in 2003 and reappointed by Governor Martin O'Malley in 2009, Mr. Boozer provided extraordinary leadership and secured much needed increased funding over his nine-year tenure. Mr. Boozer and other outgoing board members, Nathaniel E. Jones, Jr., and Hon. Robert B. Kershaw, were recognized at the December Awards Reception for their outstanding service.

Maryland Legal Services Fund Revenue 2008 - 2013



The Maryland Legal Services Fund generated \$15.8 million in FY 12. In FY 13, the Fund total is expected to be \$15.1 million because of further decreases in IOLTA revenue.

Types of Service



Grant Awards and Service Delivery

FY 2012 Awards

The MLSC Board approved grant awards for fiscal year 2012 totaling \$17.6 million. Unconditional operating grants of \$15.7 million were awarded to 34 legal services providers as well as one challenge grant, two one-time grants and a litigation fund. Additionally, \$1.5 million in awards were made to seven grantees for the Judicare Family Law Project through a partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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 2012, over 1,000 cases were referred to over 400 attorneys providing almost 15,000 hours of service, which benefited 2,200 individuals and families. The AOC evaluation of the pilot project, from FY 2008 through FY 2009, showed the Judicare Project to be successful in providing family law litigants legal representation in complex, difficult cases in a cost-efficient, timely manner. The Project maximizes limited resources and leverages pro bono services to improve outcomes in contested family law matters while improving the administration of justice by lessening the burden that self-represented litigants impose on Maryland's courts.

Delivery Statistics

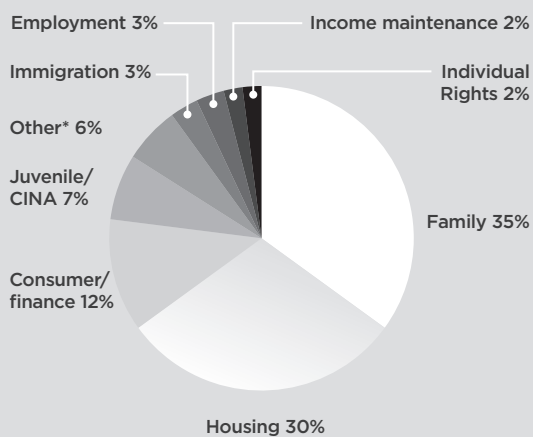
Services to clients in FY 2012 increased 14% from the prior year, with MLSC grantees opening nearly 160,000 new cases. There was a 41% increase in debt collection, bankruptcy and other consumer cases from the last year, directly benefiting over 26,000 individuals and families. Foreclosures, evictions and other housing cases increased 33%, benefiting over 87,000. Grantees handled about the same number of family law cases, involving domestic violence, child custody, child support and other matters, with over 25,000 people affected. Approximately 252,000 individuals and families directly benefited from legal assistance in FY 2012.

The private bar handled over 8,000 cases through MLSC-funded organizations, representing a 7% increase. Pro bono attorneys gave nearly 70,000 hours, averaging almost \$20 million in donated legal services.

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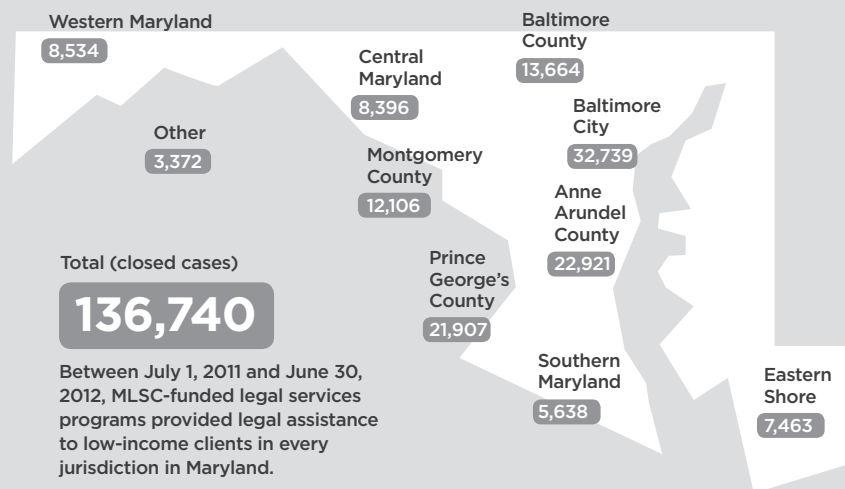
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Types of Cases Closed



* Education, Health, 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, “**Celebrating Thirty Years,**” at the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel on December 3, 2012.



Garten

The Robert M. Bell Medal for Access to Justice was presented to **Herbert S. Garten** of Fedder and Garten, P.A. Mr. Garten is the third recipient of the Medal, an honor bestowed “when warranted,” for his decades of involvement in assuring access to justice. Among Mr. Garten’s contributions are creating the Pro Bono Resource Center when he was president of the Maryland State Bar Association, chairing the MLSC board for nine years, serving on the federal Legal Services Corporation board of directors, and currently chairing the Maryland Access to Justice Commission’s Public Education Committee.



Holland

The Arthur W. Machen, Jr. Award was presented to **Peter A. Holland** of the Holland Law Firm and a clinical instructor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Mr. Holland’s efforts have helped transform the debt collection system in Maryland, including a recent case that dismissed over 10,000 claims against consumers by a debt-buying company.



Blom

The Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Brenda Bratton Blom**, professor and former director of the clinical program at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, and to **Lisae C. Jordan**, executive director of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and founder of the Sexual Assault Legal Institute. Professor Blom, on the law school faculty since 1998, has led various clinical programs and mentored students on social justice issues. Ms. Jordan, a practitioner for 15 years, is a champion for sexual assault survivors and is a nationally known expert in litigation and evidence in child sexual abuse.



Wheeler

The William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award was presented to **John Wheeler**, who has provided exemplary service as an intake specialist and paralegal at the Maryland Disability Law Center for the past 30 years.



The Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award was given to the **Maryland Office of the Attorney General**, which has provided ongoing leadership in access to justice throughout MLSC’s 30-year history, supporting legislation creating IOLTA and MLSC, initiating a pro bono program for its attorneys, and joining the national foreclosure mortgage settlement to secure relief for Maryland families.

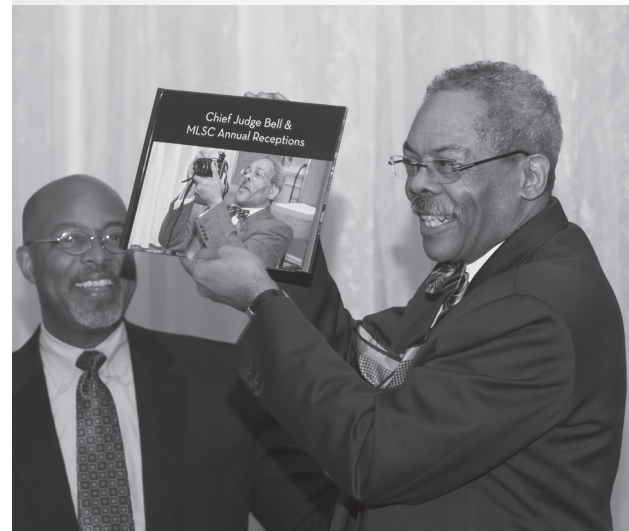
MLSC honored the outstanding service of three outgoing members of the Board of Directors. As chairman since 2003, **F. Vernon Boozer** provided extraordinary leadership and successfully secured much needed increased funding. **Nathaniel E. Jones, Jr.**, and **Hon. Robert B. Kershaw** provided dedicated and valuable service to the board since 2002 and 2003, respectively.



Celebrating Thirty Years



Nathaniel E. Jones, Jr., Chair Glenn F. Ivey, Lisae C. Jordan, Herbert S. Garten, Joy Sakamoto-Wengel for the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Brenda Bratton Blom, Peter A. Holland, Executive Director Susan M. Erlichman, Hon. Robert B. Kershaw



Chair Glenn F. Ivey presents a memory book to Chief Judge Robert M. Bell to honor his 14 years as master of ceremonies of the MLSC Annual Awards Receptions.

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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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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 continuing to pay 1% on IOLTA deposits while interest rates remain at historic lows. Honor Roll member banks foster the IOLTA program in its mission to ensure that low-income Marylanders have access to critically needed legal aid. MLSC encourages its supporters to patronize Honor Roll banks.

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Hamilton Bank
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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 May 2012, MLSC approved for the coming year \$14,762,471 in unconditional operating grant awards to 33 organizations, an overall decrease of 6% from the prior year, and a \$250,000 “challenge grant” to one organization. In addition, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts, MLSC provided funding in the amount of \$1,572,285 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.

Allegheny Law Foundation, Inc.

\$55,100 operating, \$124,445 Judicare
Marcia Conrad, Executive Director

The Foundation serves low-income clients in Allegheny 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.

\$273,914 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

\$36,240 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 Senior Legal Services

\$47,500 operating
Katherine Sanzone, Executive Director

The Baltimore Bar Foundation's Senior Legal Services provides free legal representation and advice to Baltimore City residents 60 years and older.

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI)

\$111,150 operating
Robert Strupp, Executive Director

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

CASA of Maryland, Inc.

\$123,500 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

\$113,590 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

\$132,715 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.)

\$33,250 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.

\$90,250 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.



Grantees closed **2,514**
INCOME MAINTENANCE MATTERS
that benefited over
4,613 Marylanders.

425 benefited by securing or preserving various public assistance payments:

A 62-year-old Baltimore man was able to keep almost \$60,000 in overpayment of veteran benefits after Baltimore Bar Foundation Senior Legal Services requested a waiver based on the client's circumstances.

286 benefited by obtaining unemployment benefits:

A 65-year-old kitchen worker with a heart condition left her job in a Southern Maryland nursing home and, with the help of Maryland Legal Aid, was able to secure unemployment benefits, which helped her keep her home and buy medicine while she looked for a new job.



Grantees closed **16,575**
CONSUMER MATTERS
that benefited
26,074 Marylanders.

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County

\$254,600 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

\$43,320 operating
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill, 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

\$51,870 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.

\$64,125 operating
Roberta Geidner, Chief Executive Officer

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.

\$225,625 operating
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

\$362,474 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.

\$10,247,107 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

\$53,200 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.

845 benefited from obtaining federal bankruptcy protection:

A Harford County couple, both on social security disability, got help filing for bankruptcy from a pro bono attorney through the Harford County Bar Foundation.

420 benefited from halting or reducing debt collections:

A Carroll County woman who contacted the Self-Help Center in the Anne Arundel County District Court did not have to pay a \$14,000 credit card debt when her pro bono attorney referred from the Pro Bono Resource Center convinced the court that the charges were not hers.

Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc.

\$111,695 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

\$708,454 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

\$48,000 for 12 internships
Melissa Schefkind and Cristina Sproul, Co-Presidents

The Maryland Public Interest Law Project, located at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey 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

\$346,750 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

\$111,435 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.



MLSC Grantees closed **40,448**
HOUSING MATTERS
that benefited
87,516 Marylanders.

1,196 benefited from avoiding or delaying foreclosure:

A Somerset County couple saved their home from foreclosure after Maryland Legal Aid filed an emergency motion and showed that the lender was engaged in mortgage fraud.

1,193 benefited from avoiding or delaying eviction:

A Baltimore man with serious health problems is safe and stable in public housing with the help of the Homeless Persons Representation Project after the Housing Authority sent him a termination notice that would have left him homeless.

Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc.

\$76,000 operating, \$170,000 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

\$201,400 operating, \$216,250 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

\$207,100 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.

Public Justice Center

\$227,050 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.

Sexual Assault Legal Institute

\$49,875 operating
Lisae C. Jordan, 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)

\$25,175 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

\$57,712 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 Francis King Carey
School of Law HIV Project**

\$48,240 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

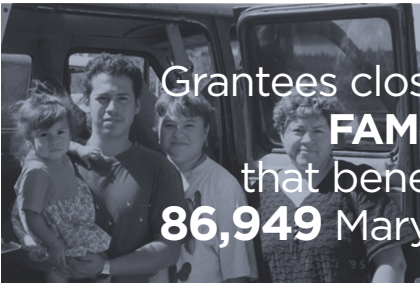
\$50,350 operating
Don Blanchon, Executive Director

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.

\$163,705 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.



Grantees closed **47,402**
FAMILY MATTERS
that benefited
86,949 Marylanders.

2,841 benefited by securing or maintaining child custody and 1,358 benefited from obtaining a divorce:

A Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Judicare attorney helped level the playing field for a Frederick County woman in a contested custody and divorce case where her husband hired a lawyer but she could not afford one.

6,118 benefited with protection from domestic violence:

In Montgomery County, the House of Ruth Maryland helped a woman get protection from her husband's abuse and receive emergency payments to help maintain the family. When the husband did not comply, the House of Ruth got the court to send him to jail for the weekend and have payments taken directly from his wages.

MLSC Board

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* Glenn F. Ivey was appointed to the Board in March 2012 to replace outgoing member Nathaniel E. Jones, Jr., who served on the Board since 2002. Mr. Ivey was elected chair in June 2012 to replace F. Vernon Boozer, who served as chair since 2003. M. Natalie McSherry was appointed in July 2012 to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Boozer. Mark F. Scurti received his appointment in November 2012 to replace Hon. Robert B. Kershaw, a member of the Board since 2003. The Corporation wishes to thank Mr. Boozer, Mr. Jones and Judge Kershaw for their dedicated and outstanding contributions to MLSC.

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MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2012

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 153,488
Investments	4,245,903
IOLTA Receipts Receivable	215,255
Due from State of Maryland	844,213
Prepaid Expenses	11,956
Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	24,210
Other Receivables	26,750
Other Assets	1,640
Total Assets	5,523,375
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	310,784
Due to State of Maryland	215,835
Total Liabilities	526,619
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 24,210
Unrestricted	4,972,546
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,996,756

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

Program Expenses - Legal Assistance	\$18,554,107
General Revenues	
State of Maryland Appropriations -	
Legal Assistance	15,831,713
Judicare Program	1,250,000
Investment Income, Net	149,612
Other	35,107
Total General Revenues	17,266,432
Decrease in Net Assets	(1,287,675)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	6,284,431
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 4,996,756

Net assets at end of year do not reflect grant commitments made at the close of FY 2012 (see page 8).

The report is a summary of the financial statements incorporated in the annual audit report issued by Gross, Mendelsohn, & Associates, P.A. for the year ended June 30, 2012. The complete financial statements and notes are available upon request from MLSC.



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-three nonprofit grantees throughout Maryland to insure that eligible clients in all areas of the state have access to legal assistance.

FUNDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE

SERVING THE ENDS OF JUSTICE

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 Lawyers 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.

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