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## MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION



### ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

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serves the ends of justice and the general welfare of the public.

—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, 2013. Since the creation of MLSC and the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program in 1982, we have made grants of almost \$200 million to help provide civil legal assistance for low-income Marylanders in over two million legal matters.

This year MLSC completed thirty-one years of funding legal assistance and serving the ends of justice. We continued to support thirty-four 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. With the help of our coalitions, we achieved major successes in the 2013 Maryland General Assembly. Faced with the loss of increases in court filing fee surcharges that were enacted in 2010 and scheduled to end this year, we achieved a five-year extension, which prevented a catastrophic funding loss. Additionally, we gained a \$1 million annual increase in our allocation from the Abandoned Property Fund. Despite IOLTA rates remaining at historic lows, our legislative achievements helped to avoid cuts in grant funding for the coming year, improving the safety net for legal services for low-income Marylanders.

Fiscal Year 2013 saw an increase in client services despite an average reduction in grant funding of five percent, with grantees stretching resources to meet the continuing increase in demand for legal services. Over 168,000 people in all twenty-four Maryland jurisdictions, the highest number in the Corporation's history, received legal services from MLSC grantees. These services benefited approximately 252,000 individuals and families in our state.

As MLSC enters the next fiscal year, we are fortunate and grateful to have the support and dedication of our partners in the Judiciary, Maryland State Bar Association, Maryland Access to Justice Commission, legal services providers, and many others, working tirelessly to ensure a strong legal services delivery system. Through our ongoing collaborative efforts, we remain committed to ensuring meaningful access to justice for all.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn F. Ivey".

**Glenn F. Ivey**  
Chair



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Erlichman".

**Susan M. Erlichman**  
Executive Director

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# Highlights of 2013

## MLSC 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. The **MLSC Fund Appropriation** is set in the State's budget each year, and is based on projected revenues. However, this appropriation does not guarantee that the MLSC Fund will receive that amount.

- ▶ **FY 2013 IOLTA income was \$2.1 million** in Maryland, a 15% decrease from the prior year, due to a further decline in IOLTA interest rates.
- ▶ **FY 2013 filing fee surcharge revenue was \$13.1 million**, up slightly from \$12.8 in FY 2012.
- ▶ **FY 2013 MLSC Fund revenue was \$15.7 million**. Although the MLSC Fund appropriation was set at \$16.6 million, the Fund fell short by over \$827,000.
- ▶ **FY 2013 MLSC operating grant obligations of \$15 million** reflected a 5% cut in operating grants because of the Fund shortfall, while Judicare continued with level funding through our partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

## Victory in the Maryland Legislature

helped avert a funding crisis. Facing a 40% loss in revenue, MLSC and its coalition of advocates were successful in getting the Maryland General Assembly to extend court filing fee surcharges until 2018. Furthermore, many access to justice leaders, including the Maryland State Bar Association, Maryland Access to Justice Commission and legal services providers, secured an increase in the State Abandoned Property Fund allocation. Representing the first increase since this distribution was enacted in the 1980s, the allocation increased from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 annually.

## FY 2013 Grant Awards of \$16.6 Million

were approved by the MLSC Board. Operating grants of \$15,012,471 were awarded to 34 legal services providers, including a litigation fund for expenses of pro bono and reduced-fee attorneys and one challenge grant.

Awards in the amount of \$1,572,285 were made to seven grantees for the Judicare Family Law Project through a partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

## Delivery Statistics



Services to clients in FY 2013 increased 5% from the prior year, with MLSC grantees opening nearly 168,000 new cases, a record high, and benefiting almost 252,000 individuals and families.



Family cases, about one-third of all cases, involved domestic violence, child custody, child support and other matters and benefited nearly 80,000 people.



Foreclosures, evictions and other housing cases, also almost one-third of cases, benefited approximately 94,000 individuals and families.



Debt collection, bankruptcy and other consumer cases, which are one-fifth of all cases, directly benefited 23,000 individuals and families.



The private bar handled almost 8,000 cases through MLSC-funded organizations. Pro bono attorneys gave nearly 69,000 hours, representing almost \$19 million in donated legal services.



Helping to leverage pro bono, the Judicare Project referred about 1,000 Judicare cases to nearly 500 reduced-fee attorneys that provided 22,000 hours of service, including at least 2,000 pro bono hours, which benefited 2,700 individuals and families.



## Moving from Nursing Home into Community

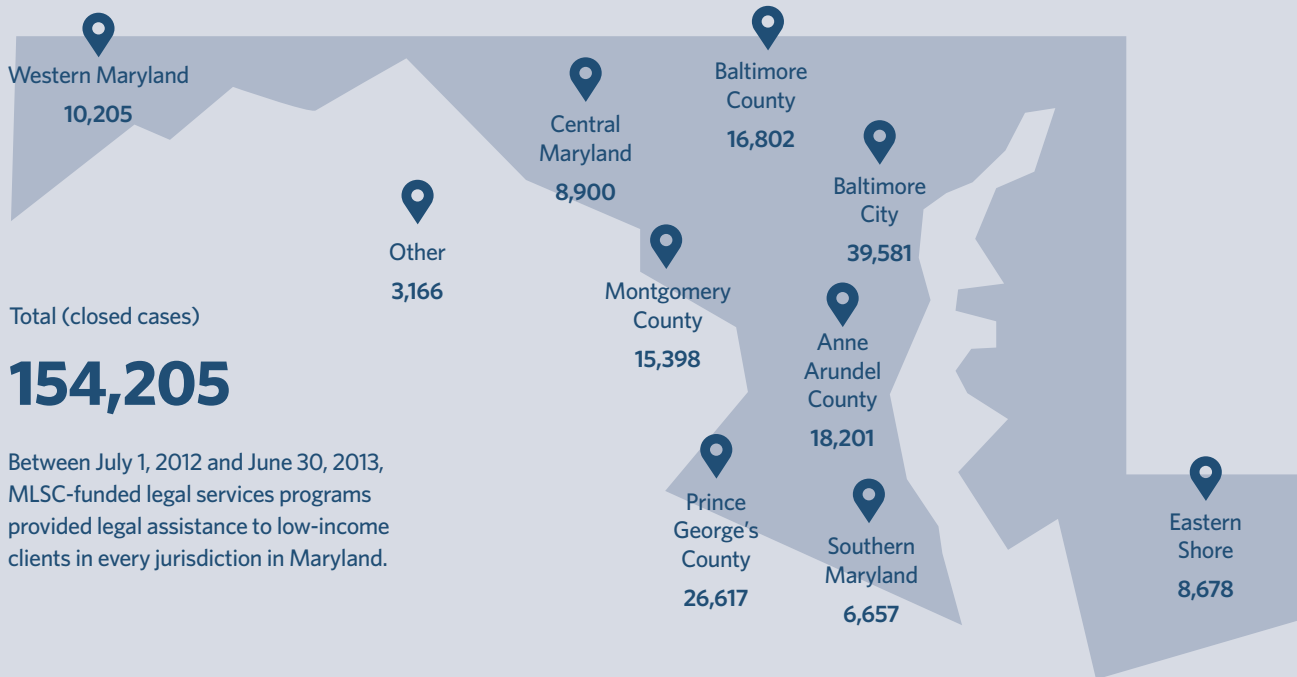
"Shirley" was thrilled to move into her new house in Baltimore County after nearly three years in a nursing facility with help from the Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC). Shirley had a special voucher for non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning from nursing homes to the community, but ran into obstacles finding the right place and location to meet her needs. MDLC's Sunshine Folk, a group of advocates with disabilities who were formerly institutionalized, and MDLC's housing lawyers helped Shirley get an extension of her voucher and a professional housing transition team, ensuring that her rights to reasonable accommodations were protected.

## Unemployment Benefits Preserved with Help of Legal Advocate

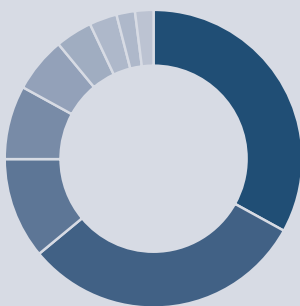
Paris Cannon from Caroline County came to Maryland Legal Aid's Upper Shore office to get her unemployment benefits reinstated. She said, "I hope someone can help me because I can't do it on my own." Paris had been at her job for 3 years and was up for a promotion but was terminated after her employer alleged that she had confronted and threatened a co-worker. She and the co-worker did not get along, and the poor relationship escalated. Legal Aid's paralegal represented Paris at a contested telephone hearing before a hearing examiner. The hearing examiner reversed the denial of benefits when the employer could not prove gross misconduct. Legal Aid also helped her when the employer appealed, and the decision was affirmed by the Board of Appeals.



### Cases Closed Statewide



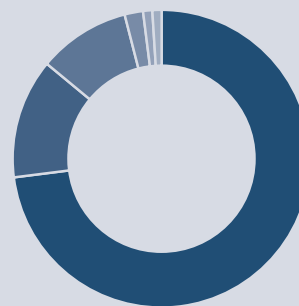
### Types of Closed Cases



Family	33%
Housing	31%
Consumer/finance	11%
Juvenile/CINA	8%
Other*	6%
Immigration	4%
Employment	3%
Income maintenance	2%
Individual Rights	2%

\* Education, Health, Wills and Trusts and Miscellaneous issues.

### Types of Service



Brief advice, information or referral	73%
Judicial Litigation	13%
Counseling	10%
Other	2%
Negotiation	1%
Administrative Proceedings	1%

# 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 Lord Baltimore Hotel on December 9, 2013.

## 2013 AWARD WINNERS



Manuel R. Geraldo

The **Arthur W. Machen, Jr. Award** was presented to **Manuel R. Geraldo**. Mr. Geraldo, of Prince George's County, has a long history of pro bono and public service volunteerism to ensure access to justice.



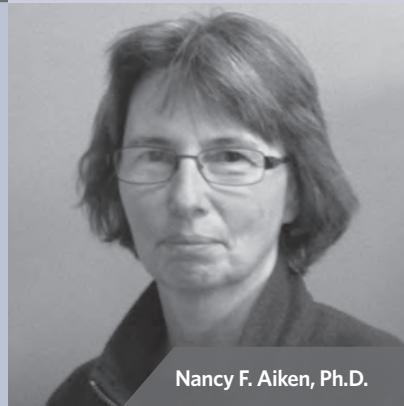
Carolyn S. Malinowski



Barbara A. Samuels

The **Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Carolyn S. Malinowski**, managing attorney at Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, and to **Barbara A. Samuels**, managing attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland. Ms. Malinowski, practicing for over 20 years, provides day-to-day advocacy in adult guardianship court helping mostly frail, elderly clients. Ms. Samuels, the lead counsel in a public housing desegregation case that was recently resolved after 20 years, has spent her 30-year career in public interest law.

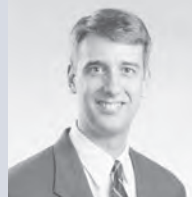
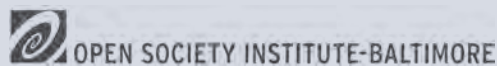
The **William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award** was presented to **Nancy F. Aiken, Ph.D.**, executive director of CHANA (Counseling, Help Line, and Aid Network for Abused Women) and **Angelique Green-Manning**, managing legal advocate of the House of Ruth Maryland, who have both dedicated many years to advocating for victims of domestic violence. Dr. Aiken oversees the Jewish community's response to domestic violence, including a network for pro bono legal services. Ms. Green-Manning provides the front-line response to victims in crisis and helps put clients at ease.



Nancy F. Aiken, Ph.D.



Angelique Green-Manning



Delegate Guy J. Guzzone

The **Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award** was given to the **Open Society Institute-Baltimore** in recognition of its positive impact throughout the community for 15 years and its commitment to access to justice through the support of MLSC and many of its grantees.

An **Award of Special Recognition** was presented to **Delegate Guy J. Guzzone**, member of the House Appropriations Committee and chair of the Subcommittee on Public Safety and Administration, for his leadership in the passage of legislation to increase the Abandoned Property Fund allocation for the MLSC Fund, improving the safety net for legal services to low-income Marylanders.



Laura M. Esquivel

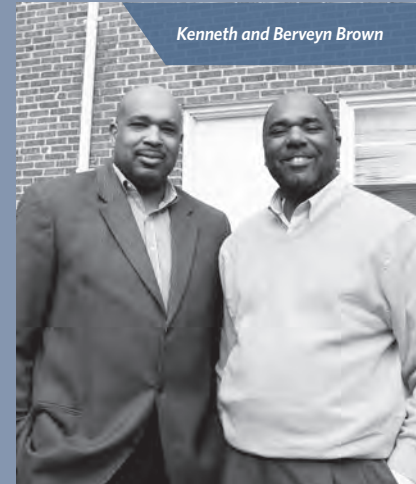
MLSC honored **Laura M. Esquivel** for her service as a member of the Board of Directors from 2010 to 2013.



# IOLTA Honor Roll

The financial institutions of Maryland's IOLTA Honor Roll, a joint initiative of the Maryland State Bar Association and MLSC, continue to pay above-market rates of at least 1% on IOLTA deposits while interest rates remain at historic lows. Honor Roll member banks foster the IOLTA program in its mission to help support critically needed legal aid to low-income Marylanders. MLSC salutes these banks and encourages our supporters to patronize Honor Roll banks.

American Bank	HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	Sandy Spring Bank
Baltimore County Savings Bank	MainStreet Bank	Severn Savings Bank
Congressional Bank	Midstate Community Bank	Standard Bank
First Shore Federal	Premier Bank, Inc.	



Kenneth and Berveyn Brown

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## Tenant in Foreclosed House is Now Homeowner

Three years ago, Kenneth Brown's mother learned that her landlord was in foreclosure and that Fannie Mae wanted to evict her from her long-time Baltimore home. But through the Brown family's persistence, Public Justice Center's (PJC) legal advocacy, and the support of community organizing partners, Kenneth and his brother Berveyn were able to buy the home this year. Together, PJC and the Browns challenged multiple eviction attempts in court and demanded needed repairs. PJC community organizing partners also secured a meeting with Fannie Mae executives. The Browns avoided eviction and ultimately bought the house from Fannie Mae this year. After a hard fight, the house was theirs.

## 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 2013, MLSC approved for the coming year \$14,808,557 in unconditional operating grant awards to 35 organizations, including one new grantee, and \$329,000 in challenge/matching grants to five organizations. In addition, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts, MLSC approved funding in the amount of \$1,900,000, a 21% increase, for the continuation of the Judicare project, which pays reduced fees to private attorneys for contested family law representation. Judicare revenue includes \$200,000 for a supplemental fund administered by MLSC. More information about the grant process, application deadline and current grantees is available at [www.mlsc.org](http://www.mlsc.org).



### Immigrant Gains US Citizenship

After visiting Baltimore Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services years ago for help getting her legal permanent residence (green card), “Jeannette” returned to apply for naturalization with the help of volunteer attorney Elizabeth Keyes during one of ILS’s regular naturalization clinics. Jeannette was sworn in as a US citizen in the fall of 2013.

#### **Allegany Law Foundation, Inc.**

*\$55,100 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.**

*\$260,000 operating, \$14,000 challenge  
Michelle Kelly, Executive Director*

Alternative Directions provides free legal assistance, primarily regarding 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.

#### **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 income-eligible nonprofit organizations that represent issues of low-income people. MLSC’s grant supports CLC’s pro bono project.



## **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.

## **FreeState Legal Project**

*\$25,000 operating, \$15,000 challenge*  
*Aaron S. Merki, Executive Director*

FreeState Legal Project provides legal assistance to low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Marylanders in employment discrimination, estate planning, family law matters, name and gender changes and other matters.

## **Harford County Bar Foundation**

*\$51,870 operating, \$160,000 Judicare*  
*Nancy Mahoney, 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*  
*Sharon Jacko, Interim 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.

## **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, \$25,000 one-time challenge*  
*Virginia Knowlton Marcus, 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*  
*Vianca Diaz and Julie Bates, 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, \$533,333 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.

## **Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc.**

*\$76,000 operating, \$253,115 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, \$40,000 pro bono and Judicare litigation 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, \$25,000 one-time challenge*  
*John Nethercut, Executive Director*

The Public Justice Center provides legal services and systemic advocacy to confront the laws, practices, and institutions that cause injustice, poverty, and discrimination, with a current focus on tenants, workers, immigrants, youth in the criminal justice system, homeless children seeking education, families and individuals needing health care, and the furtherance of a right to counsel in civil cases. MLSC funds support direct representation of clients facing these issues.

### **St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center**

*\$35,000 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 in Baltimore communities who are in danger of losing their homes.

### **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 and other Maryland counties.

### **Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.**

*\$163,705 operating, \$98,157 Judicare*  
*L. Tracy Brown, Executive Director*

The Women's Law Center was established in 1971 to meet the special legal needs of women. MLSC funding is used to operate a statewide Family Law Hotline and administer a project in Baltimore County through which private attorneys represent low-income individuals at a reduced fee in contested family law matters.

*Kara Citarella,  
University of Maryland Law Student*



## **Making a Difference through Legal Services Internships**

"The internship at Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service was by far the best thing that has happened since beginning law school two years ago, giving me the first chance to work with people. One client, in constant pain from a back injury and preparing for surgery, came for help with a will and advanced medical directive, just in case something went wrong. She was one of the bravest people I've ever met given all she had been through. The internship has increased my passion for volunteer work and making a difference in the lives of others."

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## Maryland Legal Services Corporation Summarized Financial Information

### Statement of Net Position June 30, 2013

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 282,896
Investments	5,180,014
Receivable, IOLTA Receipts	243,012
Due from State of Maryland	936,363
Prepaid Expenses	8,526
Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	18,553
Other Assets	1,650
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,671,014</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	64,033
Due to State of Maryland	248,540
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>312,573</b>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 18,553
Unrestricted	6,339,888
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 6,358,441</b>

### Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

<b>Program Expenses - Legal Assistance</b>	<b>\$ 17,306,619</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>	
State of Maryland Appropriations - Legal Assistance	15,772,647
Judicare Program	1,250,000
Cy Pres Awards	1,133,372
Investment Income, Net	464,977
Other Revenues	47,308
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>18,668,304</b>
Increase in Net Position	1,361,685
Net Position at Beginning of Year	4,996,756
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 6,358,441</b>

Net position at end of year does not reflect grant commitments made at the close of FY 2013 (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, 2013. The complete financial statements and notes are available upon request from MLSC.

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

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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.



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