

MLSC

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

ANNUAL REPORT



JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

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INTEREST ON LAWYER TRUST ACCOUNTS



“working tirelessly to ensure a strong legal services delivery system”



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, 2014. Since the creation of MLSC and the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program in 1982, we have made grants totaling over \$200 million to help provide civil legal assistance to low-income Marylanders in more than two million legal matters.

This year MLSC completed thirty-two years of funding legal assistance and serving the ends of justice. We supported 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 other issues affecting basic human needs. Although IOLTA revenues remained low, legislative successes in 2013 - the extension of the court filing fee surcharges and the increase in the allocation from the Abandoned Property Fund - helped us maintain level funding to grantees.

In Fiscal Year 2014 over 160,000 people in all twenty-four Maryland jurisdictions received legal services from MLSC grantees, benefiting over 240,000 individuals and families. Approximately 1,100 clients were helped with contested family law cases by 450 private attorneys providing services at significantly reduced fees through the Judicare Family Law Project. In all, 2,900 Marylanders benefited from Judicare, which also leveraged pro bono services, resulting in over one million dollars in free attorney services.

As MLSC enters the next fiscal year, we are fortunate and grateful for the support and dedication of our partners in the Judiciary, Maryland General Assembly, Maryland State Bar Association, legal services provider community, and the many others, working tirelessly to ensure a strong legal services delivery system. Through our ongoing collaborative efforts, we continue to work to improve the safety net for legal services for low-income Marylanders and remain committed to ensuring meaningful access to justice for all.



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

Highlights of 2014

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) \$1,500,000 from the Abandoned Property Fund. The MLSC Fund Appropriation is set in the State's budget each year, which is based on projected revenues. The appropriation sets an upper limit on the amount that can be spent but does not guarantee that the Fund will receive that amount.

FY 2014 IOLTA income was \$2.2 Million

up slightly from \$2.1 from the prior year, as IOLTA interest rates remained stagnant at historic lows.

FY2014 filing fee surcharge revenue was \$13.2 Million

up slightly from \$13.1 in FY 2013.

FY 2014 MLSC Fund revenue was \$16.9 Million

The MLSC Fund revenue exceeded the \$16.1 million appropriation by over \$810,000, due primarily to the increase by the 2013 Maryland General Assembly in the annual distribution from the Abandoned Property Fund from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. Funds exceeding the appropriation limit have been budgeted for next year's grant awards and the appropriation has been increased to access Fund revenue for grant expenditures.

FY 2014 Grant Awards of \$17 Million

were approved by the MLSC Board. Funding consisted of \$14,758,557 in unconditional operating grants to 35 legal services providers, including one new grantee; \$1,900,000 for the Judicare Family Law Project to seven grantees; and \$329,000 in challenge grants to five organizations.

Delivery Statistics

- Services to clients in FY 2014 decreased 4% from the prior year, with MLSC grantees opening over 160,000 new cases and benefiting over 243,000 individuals and families.
- Family cases, about 35% of all cases, involved domestic violence, child custody, child support and other matters and benefited over 75,000 people.
- Foreclosures, evictions and other housing cases, representing 28% of cases, benefited approximately 84,000 individuals and families.
- Debt collection, bankruptcy and other consumer cases, which made up 11% of all cases, benefited 22,000 individuals and families.
- The private bar handled over 7,800 cases through MLSC-funded organizations. Pro bono attorneys gave over 71,000 hours, valued at \$19 million in donated legal services.
- The Judicare Family Law Project referred 1,100 Judicare cases to attorneys throughout the state accepting cases at significantly reduced rates through MLSC funding. The attorneys reported 21,000 hours of service, including over 4,400 pro bono hours, valued at \$1.1 million, which benefited 2,900 individuals and families.

Jenny Cachaya



Teen Fleeing Violence in Honduras Finds Safety in Maryland

As a young Honduran girl, **Aura** was abused physically and sexually by a drug trafficker in Guatemala. She escaped and returned to her family, but when she discovered she was pregnant, her family had her smuggled across the border. Aura, like so many other children and teens currently fleeing violence in their home countries, entered the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor. She was detained at the border in Texas until the baby was born, and then released to her sister in Maryland with a referral from a Texas immigration legal service program to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington Immigration Legal Services. Jenny Cachaya, who along with a pro bono attorney helped Aura pursue her asylum case, said, "She went through a long interview with an asylum officer, reliving many painful memories." Just before her 18th birthday, Aura was granted asylum and was able to remain in the U.S. with her son, and has applied for permanent residence. Living safely in Montgomery County, Aura said, "We have so many opportunities now."

Notable Achievements

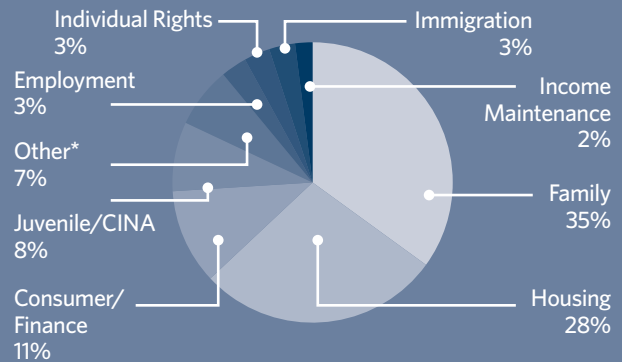


A Special Recognition Award was presented by the Maryland Access to Justice Commission to MLSC for its continuing critical role in generating support for civil legal services and expanding resources and services on behalf of low-income Marylanders. Also, Board member Judge Pamela J. White was honored by the Commission as the Robert M. Bell Judge of the Year.



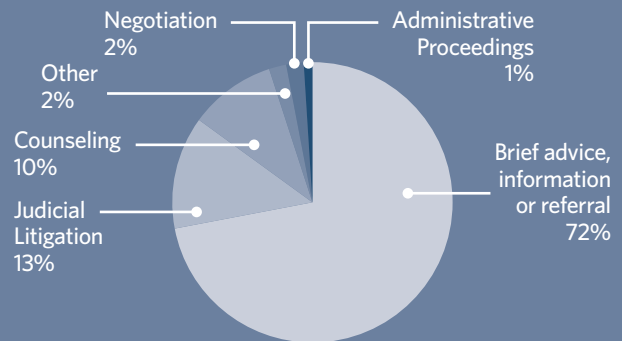
A Foundation Leadership Grant to MLSC from the National Association of IOLTA Programs will be used to educate Maryland's philanthropic community about the value of supporting civil legal aid in meeting basic human needs of vulnerable populations and integrating civil legal aid throughout multiple areas of the work of other foundations. MLSC will be working closely on this project with the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, with a membership of 145 private and community foundations, donor-advised funds and corporate grantmakers.

Types of Closed Cases

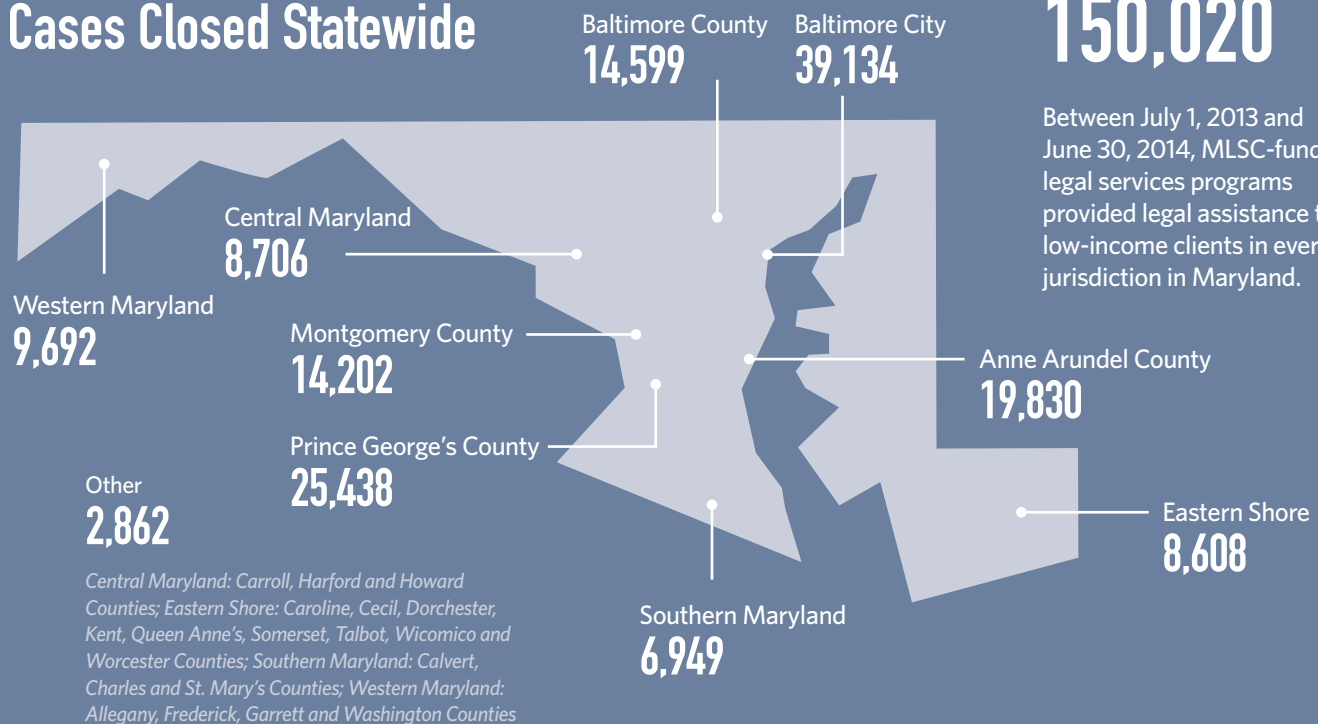


*Education, Health, Wills and Trusts and Miscellaneous issues.

Types of Service



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 Grand Historic Venue on December 8, 2014.

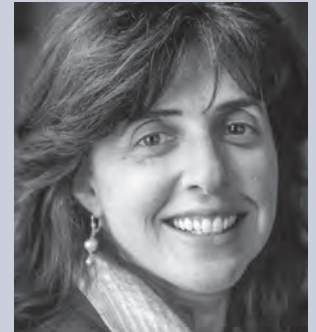


Front (L-R): Neal T. Conway, Community Legal Services of Prince George's County; Barbara A. Coleman, Maryland Legal Aid; Judge Ben C. Clyburn; Teri A. Heger, MLSC former Board member. Back (L-R): Glenn F. Ivey, MLSC Board Chair; Alyssa R. Fieo, Maryland Disability Law Center; Dan Goldstein, Brown, Goldstein & Levy; Sharon E. Goldsmith, Pro Bono Resource Center; Andy Freeman, Brown, Goldstein & Levy; Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera.



The **Arthur W. Machen, Jr. Award** was presented to **Hon. Ben C. Clyburn**, retired Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland. Judge Clyburn has provided significant leadership on behalf of low-income Marylanders, including helping to create the District Court Self-Help Center in Glen Burnie to provide access to the courts.

The **Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Alyssa R. Fieo**, director of legal advocacy at Maryland Disability Law Center, and to **Sharon E. Goldsmith**, executive director of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland. For over 20 years, Ms. Fieo's professional career has been distinguished by her dedication to students with disabilities. Ms. Goldsmith has dedicated the majority of her 30-year legal career to promoting equal access to justice by developing and facilitating organized pro bono services.



The **William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award** was presented to **Barbara A. Coleman**, senior paralegal of Maryland Legal Aid, and **Neal T. Conway**, executive director of Community Legal Services of Prince George's County. A veteran of 37 years at Legal Aid, Ms. Coleman represents the poor and elderly in Howard County in hearings for public benefits and housing terminations. Mr. Conway began his second career 20 years ago as an intake paralegal and soon became executive director and expanded the organization's budget, staff and services throughout the diverse community.

The **Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award** was given to **Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP**, for its demonstrable commitment to low-income Marylanders and equal access to justice since its founding more than 30 years ago.



MLSC honored **Teri A. Heger** for her service as a member of the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2014.

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The IOLTA Honor Roll banks, a joint initiative of the Maryland State Bar Association and MLSC, pay premium rates on IOLTA accounts, which help support critically needed legal aid to low-income Marylanders. MLSC salutes these banks and encourages its supporters to patronize Honor Roll banks.

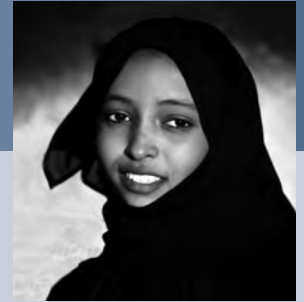
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Woman Finds Courage to Confront Her Abuser in Court

Sima, a 22-year-old Sudanese woman with two small children in Somerset County, came to the Life Crisis Center because she was being physically abused by her much older husband. With no family in this country, Sima was being vilified by many in the local Sudanese community for “defying” her husband’s will and involving the court in her family’s situation. When her husband tried to pressure her to drop the protective order, her attorney helped allay her concerns. She found the courage to go to court, accompanied by her attorney and legal advocate. Sima bravely confronted her abuser on the witness stand and was granted a protective order, legal custody of the children and household expenses to keep her and her children in their home.

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 2014, MLSC approved for the coming year \$15,258,368 in unconditional operating grant awards to 36 organizations, including one new grantee, and representing a 2% increase for most grantees. MLSC also awarded 20 one-time grants of \$361,319 for technology, capital improvements and other one-time needs. Two organizations were awarded \$264,000 in challenge grants. In addition, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts, MLSC provided funding in the amount of \$1,900,000 for the continuation of the Judicare Family Law 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. *\$56,202 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. *\$265,480 operating, \$14,000 challenge,* *\$9,509 one-time* *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 *\$36,965 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 *\$63,500 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) *\$113,373 operating, \$7,738 one-time* *Robert Strupp, Executive Director*

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

CASA of Maryland, Inc. *\$125,970 operating* *Gustavo Torres, Executive Director*

CASA receives MLSC funding to support legal services to low-wage workers and the low-income Latino immigrant community, particularly in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and Baltimore City with employment-related legal issues.

Catholic Charities Baltimore *\$115,862 operating, \$4,000 one-time* *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 *\$135,369 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.) *\$33,915 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. *\$92,055 operating, \$26,690 one-time* *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 *\$259,692 operating, \$4,010 one-time* *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.

FreeState Legal Project *\$40,800 operating, \$7,950 one-time* *David Pittenger, Interim 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 *\$52,907 operating, \$160,000 Judicare,* *\$3,000 one-time* *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. *\$65,408 operating, \$4,856 one-time* *Inga James, Executive 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. *\$230,138 operating, \$12,525 one-time* *Antonia K. Fasanelli, Executive Director*

The 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.

HopeWorks of Howard County

\$44,186 operating

Jennifer Pollitt-Hill, Executive Director

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

House of Ruth Maryland

\$369,723 operating, \$10,000 one-time

Sandi Timmins, Executive Director

The 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.

\$10,457,049 operating, \$250,000 challenge, \$121,771 one-time

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.

Life Crisis Center, Inc.

\$32,038 operating

Michele Hughes, Executive Director

The Life Crisis Center, a comprehensive domestic violence and rape/sexual assault program for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, serving Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties, uses MLSC funding for legal assistance, advocacy and representation to victims of domestic violence.

Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education

\$54,264 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.

\$113,929 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

\$798,454 operating

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

Julia K. Hall and Jo McLean, 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

\$353,685 operating, \$888,889 Judicare, \$40,000 one-time

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

\$113,664 operating, \$5,000 one-time

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.

\$77,520 operating, \$253,115 Judicare, \$20,000 one-time

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

\$205,428 operating

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.



Marian Francis



Franklin Kensic

Disabled Man Stays in Long-Term Care with Help from Legal Aid

When **Marian Francis**, who is the legal guardian for her brother Franklin Kensic, was notified that he was being denied Medical Assistance benefits for his continued stay in a long-term care facility in Washington County, she called Maryland Legal Aid from her home in Florida. Ms. Francis was grateful for the long-distance help she got from the attorney, writing, "I felt I was face-to-face with you as I explained my brother's life and present situation, which include medical and psychiatric conditions spanning four decades. You asked all the right questions and gathered all the right records. After finding factual discrepancies, you contacted the government agency and the nursing facility, thus streamlining the process to keep my brother's benefits. You are extraordinary!"

Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

\$211,242 operating, \$19,360 one-time, \$22,000 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

\$231,591 operating, \$20,000 one-time
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 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

\$45,000 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 that are in danger of losing their homes.

Sexual Assault Legal Institute

\$50,873 operating, \$6,500 one-time
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)

\$25,679 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

\$58,866 operating, \$6,950 one-time
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

\$49,205 operating, \$25,000 one-time
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

\$51,357 operating
Don Blanchon, Executive Director

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 some other Maryland counties.

Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.

\$166,979 operating, \$98,157 Judicare, \$6,460 one-time

Michelle Siri, 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 project in Baltimore County through which private attorneys represent low-income individuals at a reduced fee.



Family Suffers Tragedy but Saves Home from Foreclosure

The family of Francisco Moran of Prince George's County faced a dire housing situation after the terminal illness of their 11-year-old son had made it difficult for the parents to hold steady jobs. In danger of losing his home to foreclosure, Mr. Moran contacted his county councilmember who referred him to Community Legal Services of Prince George's County (CLS). CLS's legal assistant/certified housing counselor assisted Mr. Moran in preparing a loan modification package. The lender initially denied the loan modification but with the help of CLS approved the modification, forgave a part of the loan and reduced the interest rate and monthly mortgage payment.

MLSC Board



Seated (L-R): Executive Director Susan M. Erlichman, Board Member Teri A. Heger, Chair Glenn F. Ivey, Board Member Bernard L. Jennings. Standing (L-R): Deputy Director Harriet Robinson, Board Members Corey Jay Robey, Judge Mark F. Scurti, Franklin D. Chambers, Ph.D., Christina R. Garcia, M. Natalie McSherry, Judge Pamela J. White.

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Temple University School of Law.

* Corey Jay Robey was appointed to the Board in March and Christina R. Garcia was appointed in December. Teri A. Heger served on the Board from March 2008 until March 2014. The Corporation wishes to thank Ms. Heger for her dedicated service and contributions to MLSC.

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Maryland Legal Services Corporation Summarized Financial Information

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2014

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 340,615
Investments	6,066,900
Receivable, IOLTA Receipts	205,983
Due from State of Maryland	776,844
Other Receivables	23,853
Prepaid Expenses	7,024
Capital Assets -	
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	8,429
Other Assets	19,278
	Total Assets
	7,448,926

Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	59,037
Due to State of Maryland	209,170
	Total Liabilities
	268,207

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 8,429
Unrestricted	7,154,662
	Total Net Position
	\$7,163,091

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Program Expenses - Legal Assistance	\$ 17,655,329
General Revenues	
State of Maryland Appropriations -	
Legal Assistance	16,100,000
Judicare Program	1,439,344
Investment Income, Net	887,220
Other Revenues	33,415
	Total General Revenues
	18,459,979
Increase in Net Position	804,650
Net Position at Beginning of Year	6,358,441
	Net Position at End of Year
	\$ 7,163,091

Note

Net position at end of year does not reflect grant commitments made at the close of FY 2014 (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, 2014. The complete financial statements and notes are available upon request from MLSC.

ABOUT MLSC

The Maryland Legal Services Corporation, (MLSC) 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. MLSC 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. MLSC currently provides operating grants to thirty-six nonprofit grantees throughout Maryland to ensure 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 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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