

MLSC

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

IOLTA

INTEREST ON LAWYER TRUST ACCOUNTS

FUNDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE

SAFETY
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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, 2015. Since the creation of MLSC and the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program in 1982, we have made grants exceeding \$200 million to provide civil legal assistance to low-income Marylanders in more than two million legal matters.

Fiscal year 2015 marks the thirty-third year of MLSC's funding legal services to serve the ends of justice in our state. This year, we supported thirty-six nonprofit organizations throughout Maryland for the provision of critically needed legal assistance in compelling matters, including evictions, foreclosures, domestic violence, child custody, veterans benefits, employment discrimination, and other issues impacting the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities.

MLSC grantees reported serving close to 156,000 Marylanders in FY 15, benefiting more than 230,000 people in matters involving basic human needs such as shelter, safety and sustenance. Despite decreasing IOLTA revenue due to the continued near-zero interest rates, and lower than projected court filing fee surcharge revenue, MLSC has been able to maintain level operating grants to the providers, preserving stability in the legal aid delivery system. Additionally, MLSC benefited from lawsuit settlements by the U. S. Department of Justice with Bank of America and Citicorp, receiving \$1.4 million to be used for foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment legal services in the coming year.

Given the prospect of a rise in the Federal Funds target interest rate for the first time in close to a decade, MLSC will be working very actively to restore our IOLTA resources, as well as continue to explore ways to develop new funding mechanisms. We look to the continued support and assistance of our partners in the bar, courts, state government, financial institutions, law schools, and legal services programs in this mission.

We appreciate your dedication and support as we continue to work together to provide justice to all in Maryland.



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 2015

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 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 2015 IOLTA income was \$1.9 million**, down from \$2.2 from the prior year, due to banks further reducing interest rates.
- **FY 2015 filing fee surcharge revenue was \$12.7 million**, down from \$13.2 from the prior year, due to fewer court filings.
- **FY 2015 MLSC Fund total revenue was \$16.9 million**, short of the \$17.5 million appropriation by \$624,512, due to less IOLTA and filing fee surcharge revenue.

MLSC Grant Obligations of \$16.2 Million

for FY 2015 included operating grants to 36 organizations, including one new grantee, five challenge grants, 20 one-time grants and a litigation fund for expenses of pro bono and reduced-fee attorneys. Funding also included MLSC's portion of the Judicare Family Law Project through a partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts to serve low-income persons through reduced-fee services by private attorneys in contested family law cases.

Delivery Statistics

Services to clients in FY 2015 decreased 3% from the prior year, with MLSC grantees opening 156,000 new cases and benefiting 230,000 individuals and families.

Family law services, about 36% of all cases, involved domestic violence, child custody, child support and other matters and benefited 76,000 people.

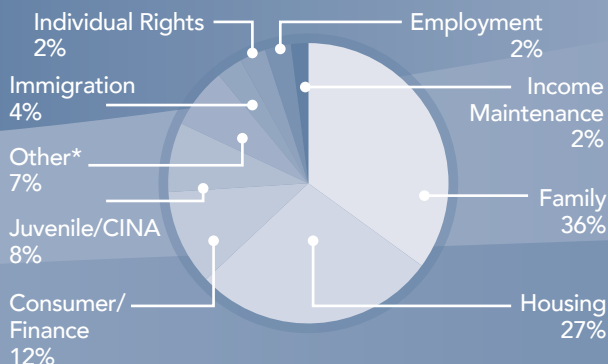
Help with foreclosures, evictions and other housing cases, which were 27% of cases, benefited 77,000 individuals and families.

Help with debt collection, bankruptcy and other consumer cases, which made up 12% of all cases, directly benefited 23,000 individuals and families.

The private bar handled 8,000 cases through MLSC-funded organizations. Pro bono attorneys gave 75,000 hours, valued at \$20 million in donated legal services.

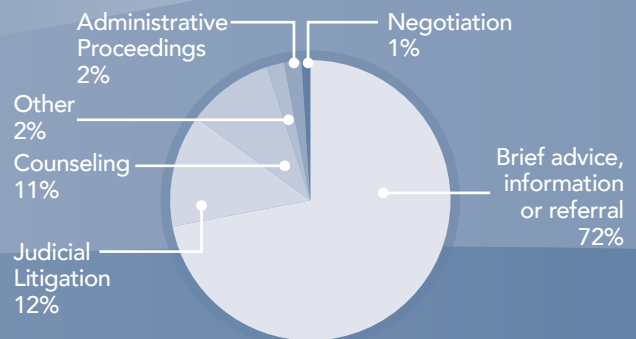
The Judicare Project referred 1,200 Judicare cases to 400 reduced-fee attorneys that spent 24,000 hours of service, including 6,500 pro bono hours, valued at \$1.6 million, which benefited 2,800 individuals and families.

TYPES OF CLOSED CASES



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

TYPES OF SERVICE



Notable Achievements

With a Foundation Leadership Grant from the National Association of IOLTA Programs, MLSC collaborated with the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers to provide workshops and materials to educate the philanthropic community about the value of investing in civil legal aid to achieve their missions of alleviating poverty, securing income and family stability, ensuring health care, ending violence and building stronger communities. Topics, along with two-page funder briefs, included "Civil Legal Aid: Investing in Justice," "Supporting Justice for LGBTQ Marylanders," "Promoting Economic Security for Low-Wage Workers" and "Helping Vulnerable Immigrants Find Safety."

Foreclosure Prevention legal services for Maryland homeowners and tenants will be sustained thanks to one million dollars in grants from MLSC to nine nonprofit organizations. The funding was made possible from a portion of multi-billion dollar lawsuit settlements by the U.S. Department of Justice with Bank of America and Citicorp that were directed to funders of civil legal services throughout the country. The timing of these funds was critical with Maryland's foreclosure rate among the worst in the nation and the expiration of funding in 2015 from a three-year national mortgage settlement.

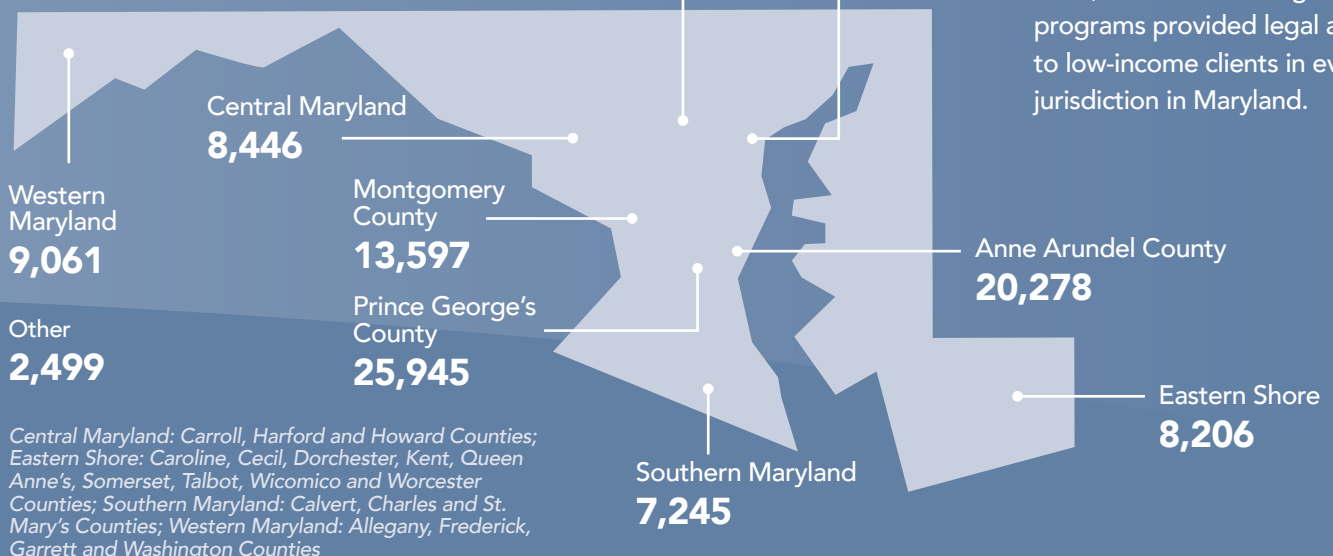


Volunteer attorney Dick Tettelbaum assists Lois Space at MSPB's new elder law clinic in executing legal documents to help her two adult children administer her medical wishes and eventually her estate.

MID-SHORE OLDER ADULTS TARGETED FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recognizing that seniors represent a growing proportion of Eastern Shore residents, Mid-Shore Pro Bono (MSPB) started a monthly legal clinic to help draft legal instruments (wills, powers of attorney) as well as provide advice about abuse and neglect, adult guardianships, homeowner and consumer concerns, Social Security and pensions, nursing homes and assisted living programs. Executive Director Sandy Brown explained, "With too many con artists out there preying on seniors' insecurities, they can be reluctant to deal with necessary legal issues before it is too late."

CASES CLOSED STATEWIDE



Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, MLSC-funded legal services programs provided legal assistance to low-income clients in every jurisdiction in Maryland.

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 low-income Marylanders. MLSC held its Annual Awards Reception at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on December 7, 2015.



Front L-R: Kathy Chambers, wife of former board member Franklin D. Chambers, Jr., Ph.D.; Crystal Mack, Women's Law Center; Pamela Cardullo Ortiz, Administrative Office of the Courts. Back L-R: Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera; Lawrence D. Coppel, Gordon Feinblatt LLC; Maureen A. Sweeney, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law; Joe Grabowski, Gore Brothers; Glenn F. Ivey, MLSC Board Chair.

AWARD WINNERS

The Arthur W. Machen, Jr. Award was presented to **Lawrence D. Coppel**, a member of Gordon Feinblatt LLC, and chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice Group, who has demonstrated a deep commitment to pro bono legal services and to opening the courts to Maryland's indigent litigants through self-help bankruptcy and debtor assistance clinics for clients and professional development for volunteer lawyers.

The Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Pamela Cardullo Ortiz**, director of the Access to Justice Department of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and to **Maureen A. Sweeney**, a member of the clinical faculty of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Ms. Ortiz has spent her 22-year legal career in public interest law, working tirelessly and creatively to move Maryland toward providing more complete access to civil legal services to low-income people. Ms. Sweeney started her 26-year legal career serving farmworkers and immigrants in nonprofit organizations and has focused her law school research and clinic work on deportation defense for asylum seekers, individuals with convictions, and victims of crime and on increasing access to legal representation for noncitizens.

The William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award was presented to **D. Crystal Mack**, a legal advocate at the Women's Law Center for 11 years, who has provided zealous advocacy for victims of domestic violence in Carroll County and serves as a point person for anyone coming to the Courts seeking protection from abuse.

The Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award was given to **Gore Brothers** for its commitment to access to justice by providing discounted deposition and videotaping services and other support to many legal services providers.

MLSC honored **Franklin D. Chambers, Jr., Ph.D.** for his service as a member of the Board of Directors from 2011 to 2015.

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The IOLTA Honor Roll, a joint initiative of the Maryland State Bar Association and MLSC, consists of banks that 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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MARYLAND LEGAL AID HELPS CLIENT NAVIGATE SMALL CLAIMS COURT

When Vivian Swann came to the new District Court Self-Help Center in Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County, she had already filed a small claim against a termite company. After paying the company to rid her new home of termites, she later found extensive damage. Although Ms. Swann agreed to dismiss the suit when the company promised to pay her a reduced amount, the company failed to follow through. With the help of Maryland Legal Aid attorney Susan Gebhart, Ms. Swann left the Self-Help Center with the necessary court documents to file a motion to enforce the agreement. The company quickly sent her the payment due.

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 2015, MLSC approved for the coming year \$15,204,104 in unconditional operating grant awards to 35 organizations. 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 \$1,993,560 for the continuation of the Judicare project, which pays reduced fees to private attorneys for contested family law representation. More information about the grant process, application deadline and descriptions of current grantees is available at www.mlsc.org.

Allegany Law Foundation, Inc.

\$56,202 operating, \$123,200 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
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
Naznin Saifi, 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 (BNI)

\$113,373 operating
Robert Strupp, Executive Director

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

CASA of Maryland

\$125,970 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

\$115,862 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

\$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)

\$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

\$92,055 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

\$259,692 operating, \$295,680 Judicare
Neal Conway, Executive Director

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

FreeState Legal Project

\$40,800 operating
Patrick Paschall, 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, \$158,400 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.

\$65,408 operating
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

\$230,138 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.

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

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

\$10,457,049 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.

Life Crisis Center

\$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 Crime Victims Resource Center

\$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

Hannah Cole-Chu and Kris Neubauer, Co-Presidents

The Maryland Public Interest Law Project encourages law students to enter public interest law practice by offering paid summer internships at public interest organizations for students at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

\$353,685 operating, \$704,000 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

\$113,664 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

\$77,520 operating, \$251,680 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.



Mollie Wander

PRO BONO ATTORNEY GETS BENEFITS FOR HOMELESS VETERAN

Mollie Wander, a pro bono attorney with the Homeless Persons Representation Project, helped a homeless Army veteran in Baltimore get a 100 percent disability rating for trauma he endured during his service, and he is now getting \$2,800 a month in VA benefits. Not only is the veteran no longer homeless, he was awarded at least \$78,000 in back benefits. "He has a daughter and he plans to help pay her college tuition," Ms. Wander said.

Montgomery County Bar Foundation

\$205,428 operating, \$228,800 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

\$211,242 operating, \$22,000 litigation expense fund

Sharon Goldsmith, Executive Director

The Pro Bono Resource Center provides statewide support to maximize volunteer attorney services to low-income Marylanders and administers a litigation expense fund for other pro bono and reduced-fee programs throughout the state.

Public Justice Center

\$231,591 operating

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. 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 who are in danger of losing their homes.

Sexual Assault Legal Institute

\$50,873 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)

\$25,679 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

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

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

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 some other Maryland counties.

Women's Law Center

\$166,979 operating, \$96,800 Judicare

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 reduced-fee family law project in Baltimore County.

MOM LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD IN CUSTODY DISPUTE

Alexia Lozada's custody and visitation case was contentious from the beginning, and opposing counsel had bullied her when she tried to handle the case herself. Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service stepped in to help her level the playing field by providing an attorney through the Judicare Project to represent her in Frederick County. After extensive and intense negotiations by her attorney, Ms. Lozada got sole custody of her children, and the father's visitation privileges were reduced.

Alexia Lozada and her children



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Maryland Legal Services Corporation Summarized Financial Information

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2015

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,263,722
Investments	6,288,984
Receivable, IOLTA Receipts	166,681
Due from State of Maryland	275,488
Prepaid Expenses	17,564
Capital Assets -	
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	3,083
Other Assets	37,749
Total Assets	8,053,271

Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	63,178
Due to State of Maryland	169,606
Other Liabilities	36,034
Total Liabilities	268,818

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 3,083
Unrestricted	7,361,358
Temporarily Restricted	420,012

Total Net Position

\$7,784,453

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Program Expenses - Legal Assistance \$ 18,607,231

General Revenues

State of Maryland Appropriations -	
Legal Assistance	16,875,488
Judicare Program	1,660,656
Contributions	426,718
Investment Income, Net	223,174
Other Revenues	42,557

Total General Revenues

19,228,593

Increase in Net Position 621,362

Net Position at Beginning of Year 7,163,091

Net Position at End of Year

\$ 7,784,453

Note

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, 2015. The complete financial statements and notes are available upon request from MLSC.

*See page 8 for grant commitments made at the close of FY 2015.

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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 low-income Marylanders. MLSC 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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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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