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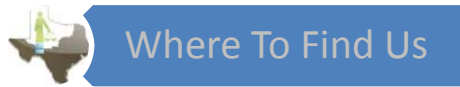
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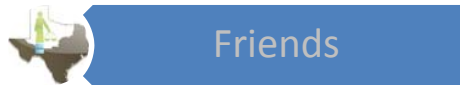
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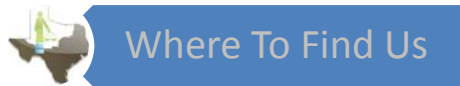
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Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2008

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and Equivalents	\$732,077	Accounts Payable	\$641,424
Cash in Escrow - Client Deposits	7,543	Accrued Expenses	204,776
Accounts Receivable	898	Client Trust Deposits	7,543
Due from Agencies	385,204	Refundable Advances	44,966
Prepaid Expenses	103,704	Note Payable Current Portion	96,518
Total Current Assets	1,229,426	Total Current Liabilities	995,227
		Note Payable - long term	2,811,832
PROPERTY		Total Long Term Liabilities	2,811,832
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	847,782		
Accumulated Depreciation	(646,512)	Total Liabilities	3,807,059
Net	201,270		
		NET ASSETS	
Buildings, Improvements and Land	6,378,397	UNRESTRICTED	
Accumulated Depreciation	(877,851)	General	43,003
Net	5,500,546	General-property	484,780
		Total Unrestricted	527,783
Law Library	22,534		
Accumulated Depreciation	(8,899)	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	
Net	13,635	Other Grants - general	750
Total Property	5,715,451	Legal Services Corporation - grants	104,296
		Legal Services Corporation - property	1,981,301
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,944,877	Other Grants - Property	523,688
		Total Net Assets	<u>2,610,035</u>
			3,137,818
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
			6,944,877

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 Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008



Revenues and Other Support	Temporarily Restricted				Total All Funds
	Unrestricted	LSC	Non-LSC	Total	
Grants and Contracts		7,331,805	6,619,726	13,951,531	13,951,531
Donations	248,367		30,112	30,112	278,479
Donated Services		5,180,767		5,180,767	5,180,767
Interest Income		45,240		45,240	45,240
Loss on Disposal of Equipment		(34)		(34)	(34)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	19,101,012	(12,443,163)	(6,657,850)	(19,101,012)	
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	19,349,379	114,615	(8,012)	106,604	19,455,983
Expenses					
Program Services	17,379,588				17,379,588
Management and General	1,897,791				1,897,791
Fundraising	202,479				202,479
Total Expenses	19,479,858				19,479,858
Changes in Net Assets	(130,479)	114,615	(8,012)	106,604	(23,875)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	658,262	1,970,981	532,450	2,503,431	3,161,693
Net Assets, End of Year	527,783	2,085,596	524,438	2,610,035	3,137,818

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Who Are Equal Justice Volunteers and What Do They Do



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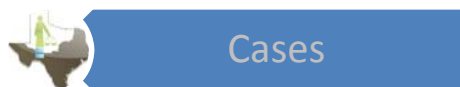
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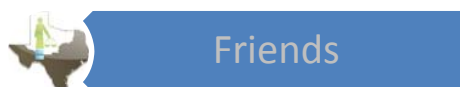
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Judges volunteer in our evening legal clinic programs by proving-up pro se and agreed divorce cases, serve on CLE seminar planning teams, are presenters at substantive law training events, and serve on local pro bono advisory boards.

- Private Attorneys staff our legal clinics, accept pro bono civil law cases, act as mentors, are presenters at CLE training events, serve on speaker's panels, provide assistance to pro se litigants, act as mediators, co-counselors, and serve on our pro bono advisory boards.
- Paralegals, Legal Assistants, and Legal Secretaries conduct intake eligibility screening at our community legal clinics, draft pleadings under the volunteer attorney's supervision, conduct legal research and perform administrative functions.
- Court Clerks file Original Petitions and Waiver of Citations, conform and certify Final Divorce Decrees at our monthly Agreed Divorce Legal Clinic and prove-up hearings.
- Court Reporters donate court-reporting services for depositions on pro bono cases, render services at night court and law firm prove-up hearings.
- Librarians assist with keeping our law libraries updated, dispose of outdated materials, and organize legal documents for easy access by our volunteer lawyers.
- Law and Paralegal Students, Community Advocates and other professionals provide support services to attorneys that handle pro bono cases, perform intake screening at legal clinics, conduct legal research, and perform case management administrative tasks.

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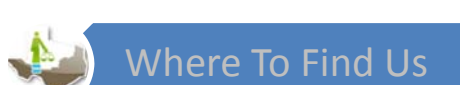


- 7,588 (36%) attorneys were enrolled in LANWT's EJVP;
- Of the attorneys enrolled 1,630 (21%) actively participated by accepting case referrals, staffing our clinics, presenters at community education workshops, trainers at CLE seminars designed for attorney recruitment, served on our local pro bono advisory boards and performed other pro bono services in support of LANWT's Equal Justice Volunteer Attorney Program.
- Legal Aid's Equal Justice Volunteers Program **implemented more than 1,100 monthly and quarterly** general, specialized, advice, pro se and assisted pro se legal clinics. Of the **78 program-wide clinic locations**, there were **11 new legal clinics established in 2008**.
- Currently, there are **47 local majority and specialty Bar Associations** that co-sponsor our legal clinics, substantive law CLE seminars, provide time on their meeting agenda for recruitment appeals, utilize bar publications to announce pro bono events, and assist with volunteer attorney recruitment efforts. By involving key stakeholders on the local levels, creates a continuous forum for input and feedback to promote program growth. Our Bar partners provide an opportunity to recruit new and seasoned attorneys willing to share their expertise and resources for the public good.
- In 2008, the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) Campaign raised \$556,000.00 and of this amount, **\$200,675** was given to LANWT to benefit the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP). In addition to this revenue, the DBA pays the salaries for full time staff placed at DVAP which includes the Managing Attorney, a Recruiter, five Paralegals, and a Data Entry Clerk.
- In August 2006, TCBA Past President Mark G. Daniel challenged the members of the Bar to each contribute 10 hours pro bono per year. Texas Wesleyan School of Law joined with the TCBA by using its law students to provide technical assistance to attorneys on their pro bono cases. As of October 1, 2008 seventy-five (75) members of the Bar have registered to participate in the Pro Bono Challenge. This project seeks to decrease the number of cases that are denied due to lack of resources while providing attorneys the opportunity to help close the justice gap. As of October 1, 2008, sixty-one (61) pro bono cases have been accepted. This partnership will continue in 2009 and will be supported by the current TCBA President.
- As of October 1, 2008, **10** of our 14 EJV Programs **conducted 96** community legal education outreach workshops that had over **1,390 attendees**. The community workshops were used as a vehicle to distribute materials regarding legal services provided by LANWT and its EJV Program. Additionally, we networked with public service providers to participate in Community Information Fairs which will enable us to reach a broad range of potential clients who might not be aware of civil legal services offered by Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas. Our legal education workshops and outreach activities provided a continuing forum to inform low income people of their legal rights in substantive law matters and build a support network of key community organizations willing to share resources to help eligible clients access the justice system.
- DVAP's Lend-A-Lawyer Program - Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP loans one of its associates to Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas - Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (a joint project with the Dallas Bar Association) for 3 months each year. The associate handles pro bono cases as a full-time staff attorney under the supervision of the pro bono staff. During the 3-month loan, Weil-Gotshal continues to pay the associate as if they were working at the firm handling client business. This year marks the fourth successful year of this project. Since the program's inception, **126 pro bono cases have been accepted under this partnership**. The firm values its associate's pro bono participation at approximately \$50,000 per year. **Jones Day joined the Lend A Lawyer Program October 2008 and placed an associate at DVAP during the 4th quarter.**

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TO INCREASE SERVICES



In an effort to address some chronic legal issues affecting the low-income communities we serve, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas successfully won grant awards targeted at specific subpopulations in 2008.

Advocacy to Address the Homeless: In 2008, Legal Aid was able to secure funding for attorney positions in Amarillo and Dallas to help homeless people put the threads of their lives back together by helping with everything from access to benefits to removal of legal obstacles preventing their access to housing and employment. The homeless residents of the 3 counties served by these grants now have a voice to help them solve these problems. Funding was secured from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Amarillo, Tarrant County, and Dallas County HUD Community Continuum of Care process.

Taxpayer Advocacy Clinic Program: Our IRS Low Income Taxpayer Clinic now includes much of the rural area of West Texas. Two attorneys work out of the Dallas Office to provide outreach, case services, and to help support pro bono attorneys who help low-income clients in rural areas.

Victims Intervention: Legal Aid now has full-time attorney positions from the U.S. Department of Justice, Governor's Criminal Justice Division, Texas Attorney General's Office, and the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. These staff attorneys are spread over all of Legal Aid's 14 branch offices. These attorneys provide varying degrees of legal aid from protective orders and temporary restraining orders for some to divorce, custody, and child support for others. The one certainty is that approximately 1,560 client households are now able to receive at least limited legal aid because of the support of these grantors. In all, residents of all of Legal Aid's 114-county service area have been positively affected.

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One way for Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas to increase services to clients is to increase the number of attorneys available to help those in need. The government and private grantors listed below have all joined us to increase services by funding salaries, benefits, and other support so we can increase the number of Legal Aid attorneys helping our clients. On average, each attorney can help 100 to 150 client families each year to address their legal problems before they spiral out of control in the depths of despair.

Grantor

- City of Dallas - Emergency Shelter Grants
- Dallas District Attorney's Office
- Dallas Bar Association – Community Service Fund
- Family Place
- Governor's Criminal Justice Division - U. S. Department of Justice
 - Victims of Crime Act
 - Violence Against Women Act – STOP
- IRS - Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Legal Services Corporation
- M. K. Brown Foundation
- State Bar of Texas – Litigation Section
- Texas Access to Justice Foundation
- Texas Attorney General
 - Other Victim Assistance Grants
 - Access & Visitation - Statewide Parent Hotline
 - Access & Visitation – Dallas
- Texas Bar Foundation
- U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
 - Dallas Homeless Supportive Housing Grant
 - Fort Worth Homeless Supportive Housing Grant
 - Amarillo Homeless Supportive Housing Grant
- United Way of Abilene
- United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
- United Way of Kaufman County

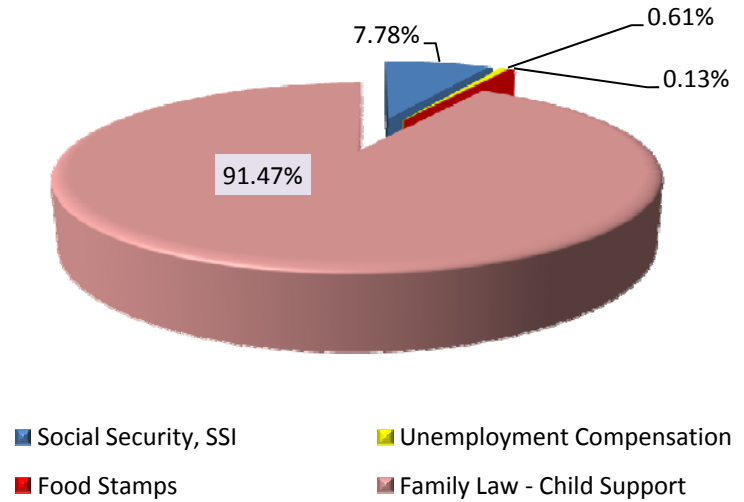
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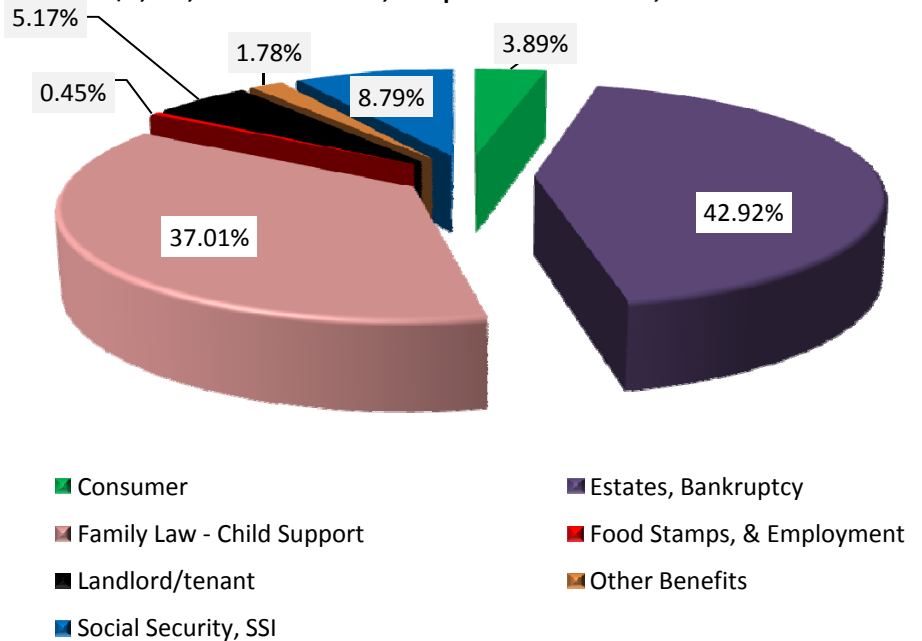
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2008 - \$433,018 Total Monthly Income Awarded to Clients



\$6,325,623 Back Awards, Lump-Sum Settlements, and Costs Avoided



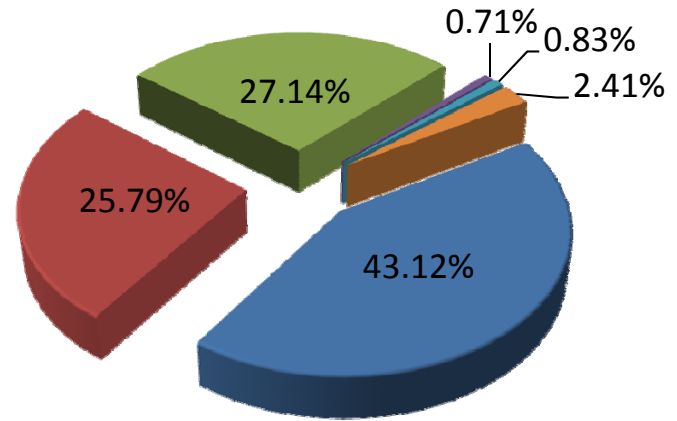
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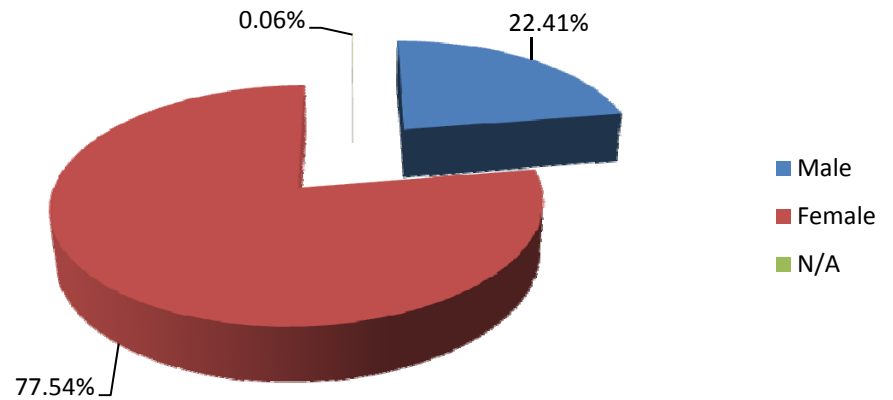
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2008 Client Ethnic Profile



■ White ■ Black ■ Hispanic ■ Native American ■ Asian or Pacific Islander ■ Other

2008 Clients by Gender

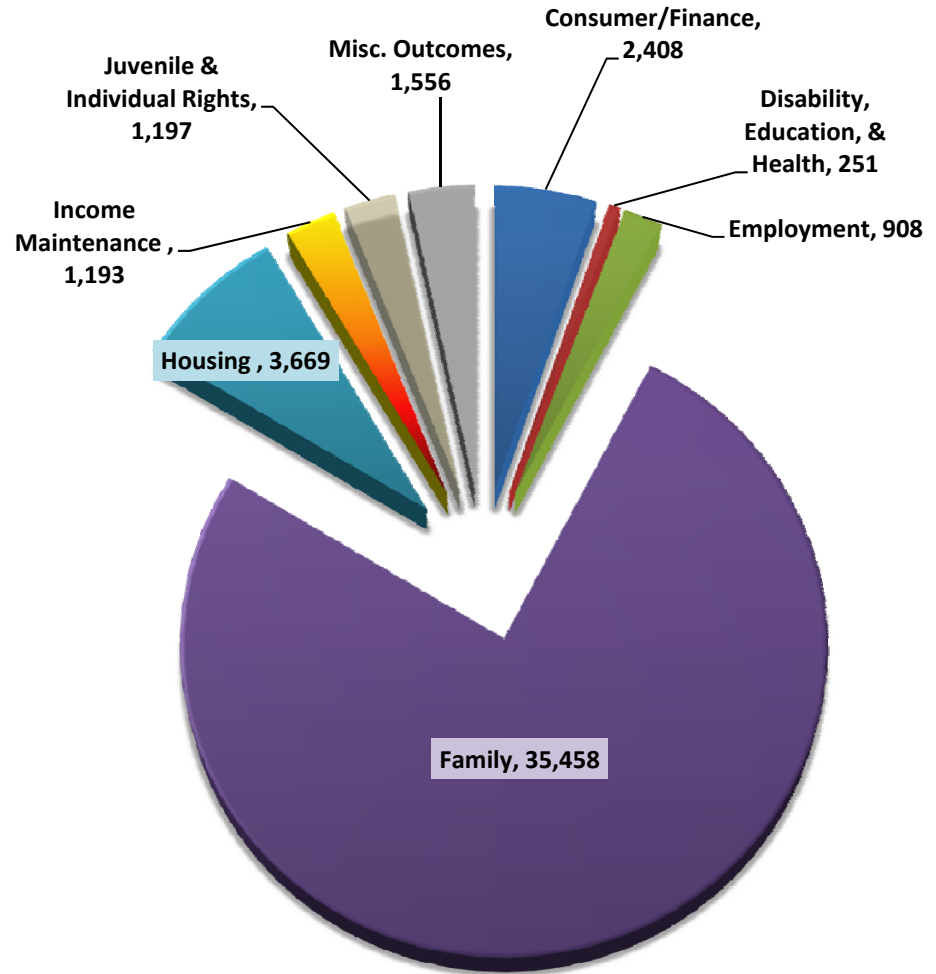


■ Male
■ Female
■ N/A

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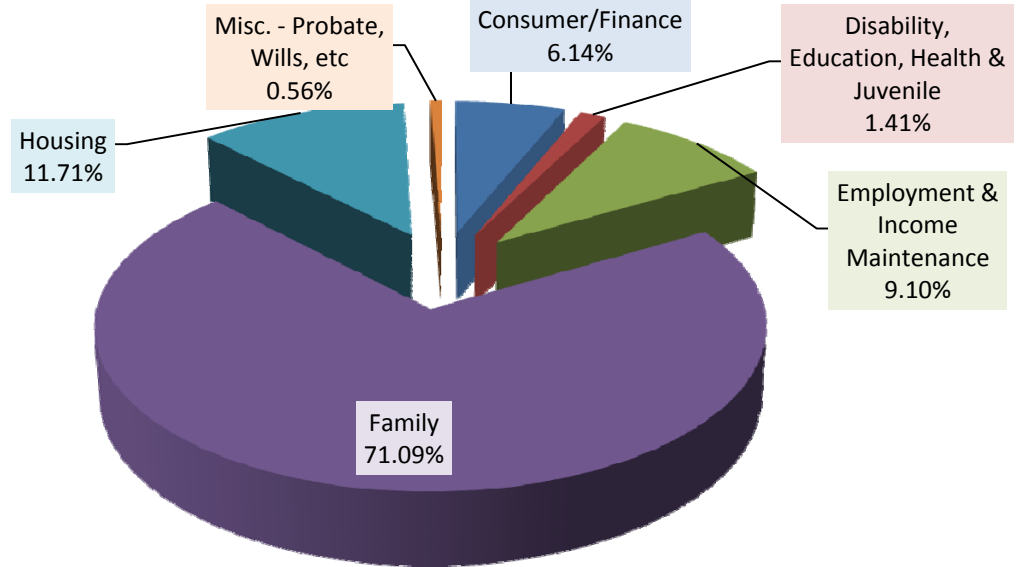
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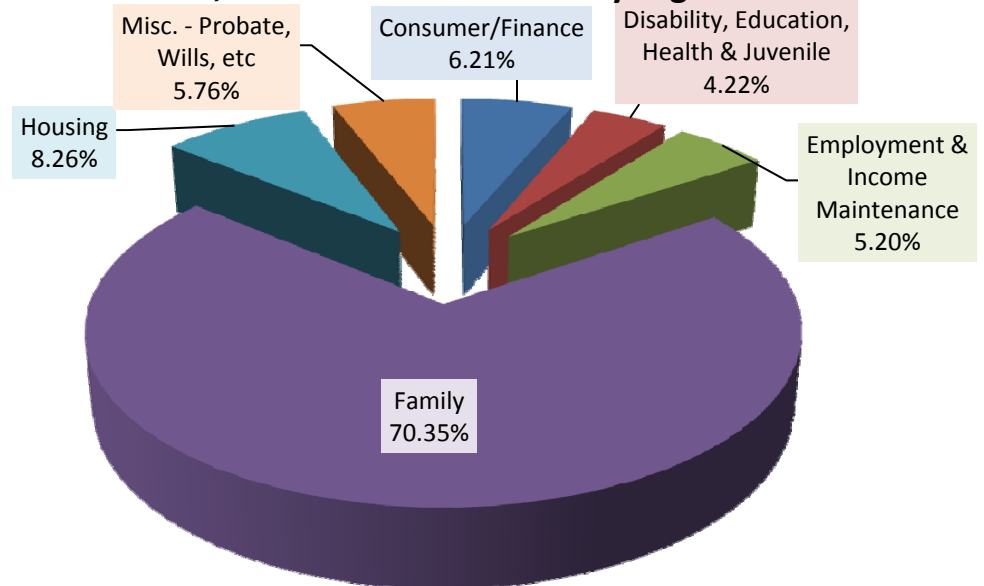
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2008 - 1,418 Contested Cases by Legal Issue



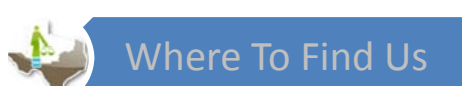
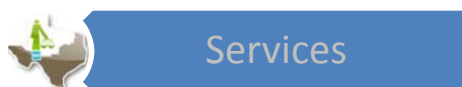
2008 - 18,289 Uncontested Cases by Legal Issue



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Once again, a diverse confederation of public and private entities enabled Legal Aid to sustain and enhance services. Thanks to each of the following agencies, bar associations, individuals, law firms, companies, and foundations for your powerful endorsement of equal access for all:

City of Dallas
Emergency Shelter Grant
Program
City of McKinney
City of Plano
Dallas Bar Assoc. Community
Service Fund
Dallas County District Attorney's
Office
Governor's Criminal Justice
Division
Victim of Crime Act Program
STOP – VAWA Program
Housing Crisis Center
Legal Services Corporation
General Field Grant
M.K. Brown Foundation
State Bar of Texas Labor &
Employment Law Section
State Bar of Texas Litigation
Section
Tarrant County Bar Association
Tarrant County Bar Foundation
Texas Attorney General's Office
Access & Visitation Program

Other Victim Assistance
Grants
Texas Bar Foundation
Texas Access to Justice
Foundation
Basic Civil Legal Services
Program
Crime Victims Civil Legal
Services
Interest on Lawyers Trust
Accounts
The Family Place
U. S. Internal Revenue Service
Low Income Taxpayers Clinic
U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban
Development
Emergency Shelter Grant
Supportive Housing Program
U.S. Department of Justice
United Way of Abilene
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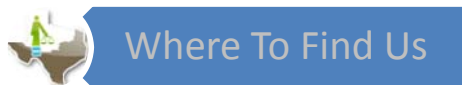
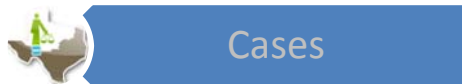
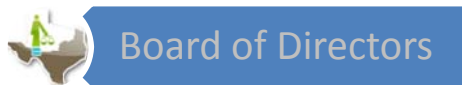
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- Abilene Bar Association
- Amarillo Area Bar Association
- Arlington Bar Association
- Black Women Lawyers Association of Tarrant County
- Brown County Bar Association
- Collin County Bar Association
- Collin County Young Lawyers Association
- Dallas Asian-American Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Hispanic Bar Association
- Ector County Bar Association
- Ector County Young Lawyers Association
- Ellis County Bar Association
- Erath County Bar Association
- Ft. Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association
- Frisco Bar Association
- J. L. Turner Legal Association - Dallas
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Lubbock County Bar Association
- Lubbock County Women Lawyers
- Lubbock County Young Lawyers Association
- Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Midland County Bar Association
- Midland County Young Lawyers Association
- Northeast Tarrant County Bar Association
- Palo Pinto County Bar Association
- Parker County Bar Association
- Plainview Bar Association
- Plano Bar Association
- Rockwall County Bar Association
- South Plains Family Law Association
- South Plains Trial Lawyers Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Tarrant County Black Bar Association
- Tarrant County Debtors Bar Association
- Tom Green County Bar Association
- West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Wichita County Bar Association

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These generous donors gave to support our New Fort Worth Building, Special Projects, General Operations, and our Women's Advocacy Awards during 2008.

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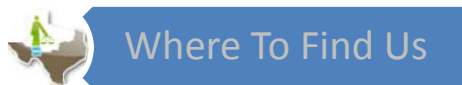
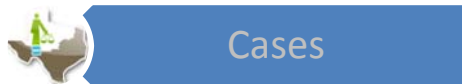
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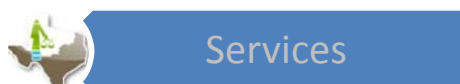
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The Dallas Equal Access to Justice Campaign is a joint effort of Legal Aid and the Dallas Bar Association to fund pro bono activity in Dallas County.

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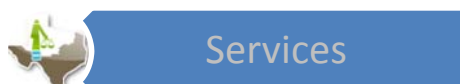
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DBA Family Law Section

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DBA Mergers & Acquisition Section

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