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From left: Fête for Justice speaker Dr. Reuben Jonathan Miller, Frank Cervone, and LASP Executive Director Shawn Boehringer on May 19, 2022. Photo by Hitched Productions.

letter from executive director

Remembrance, Resilience, Responsiveness, Renewal: A pertinent framework

The last three years have been marked by extraordinary change, prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, political and social issues facing our nation and world, and increasingly common natural disasters that impacted LASP's service area—and expanded our work into disaster legal aid. As Legal Aid of Southeastern PA reflects on the period from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022, we remember not just the past two years, but our 20+ years of service, our impact and advocacy, and we look ahead as a leader in pursuit of justice for our client community.

In 2022, LASP **remembered** and honored those who believed in the role that a legal aid program could play in ensuring equality, access to justice, and due process. LASP's Fête for Justice honored 46 individuals and one law firm who were critical to the creation, development, and mission of LASP since its inception in 2001. We remembered, but also celebrated, the waning of the pandemic and the promise of strengthening LASP in coming years.

LASP Staff and Board exemplified **resilience** to the highest degree. Staff pivoted to remote work, donned masks, followed safety protocols, and continued to zealously advocate for clients wherever and whenever required. New technologies were employed. A new integrated telephone system was installed. Zoom and Teams became the norm for meetings, and staff accepted the changes, meeting weekly or more from their offices, from their living rooms and dining room tables, often joined by their pets and children's

voices while negotiating the difficult balance between caring for their families and meeting their office responsibilities.

And LASP was **responsive** in a big way: Responsive in its advocacy to ensure that eviction moratoria were enforced so that tenants and those rendered unemployed or disabled could access and retain housing and basic subsistence income. LASP staff strengthened moratorium protections throughout our four counties and created a model which other legal services programs followed across the Commonwealth. LASP's housing advocacy assisted 6,155 people in obtaining or preserving housing. Law student volunteers obtained certification and helped file SSI and SSDI applications for clients. Post-pandemic challenges remain, including escalating inflation and the paucity of affordable housing in our service area.

When storms and flooding affected Bucks County in July 2021 and Hurricane Ida swept through LASP's service area and flooded the Brandywine Creek and the Schuylkill River, LASP responded and LASP led. Staff were present at community events and collaborated with local, state and federal officials to publicize and provide help. With the assistance of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and other PA legal services programs, LASP offered its helpline as a resource for those affected by Hurricane Ida not only in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, but in Bedford,



Shawn Boehringer and Nanci Hoover, Helpline Supervising Attorney, on April 27, 2022 with Gary Matthews, postseason hero with the Phillies in 1981 and 1983, homering seven times in 19 playoff games. Matthews was MVP of the 1983 NLCS, leading the Phillies to the National League pennant.

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Northampton, Philadelphia and York counties. Staff continue to emphasize the need for preparedness for future natural disasters.

And LASP did not lose sight of its mission and the need to innovate and address emerging needs. **Renewal** encompasses the incorporation of fresh ideas to address unmet needs through new projects. A pardon project was created at LASP, funded by the PA IOLTA Board, to assist those making positive contributions to their communities and seeking better opportunities for their families but who are thwarted because of past transgressions. ... which created societal debt that has been paid.

A new Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) blossomed to help those who put their lives on the line for our nation. VAP's specialized expertise serves LASP's four counties plus 16 additional counties in Pennsylvania. Its growth is due to demonstrated excellence in serving veterans. Through December 2022, over 1,600 Veterans have had legal issues addressed by LASP, and LASP cases achieved over \$15.7 million in lifetime benefits for veterans.

Remembrance, Resilience, Responsiveness, Renewal. Hallmarks of LASP, its staff and supported generously by its committed Board of Directors, donors and community partners. Thank you for your continued support, and for making our important work possible.

C. Shawn Boehringer, Esq.
Executive Director
Legal Aid of Southeastern PA

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022

Housing topped LASP caseload; LASP obtained new tenant protections

When rental assistance payments began, LASP attorneys found that some landlords continued pressing for evictions while applications were being processed. LASP advocated with President Judges in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, requesting administrative orders to pause eviction hearings while rental assistance applications were pending. The Bucks County President Judge issued such an order—the first in the state. It was appealed to the PA Supreme Court, which, on Aug. 2, 2021, affirmed the administrative order to pause evictions to give renters extra time to connect to existing funding through the Bucks Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) program. In Montgomery and Delaware Counties, orders were issued that encouraged judges to consider pausing cases while tenants waited for rental assistance applications to be processed.

■ results snapshot

Rental assistance programs were more effective in preventing homelessness when tenants could not be evicted before there was a rental assistance determination.

LASP clients and other tenants were protected by these orders.

More than 90% of LASP's extended service landlord-tenant clients obtained a satisfactory result.

Protections for residents in long-stay motels



At an Aug. 10, 2021 press conference outside the Bucks County Administration Building (old courthouse), Joshua Goldblum, Bristol Managing Attorney, discussed the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling of Aug. 2 and the Bucks Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) program in Bucks County.

Several residents of a Bucks County long-stay motel retained LASP when they were threatened with eviction. As LASP attorneys assisted them, other residents came forward. The motel attempted to lock residents out, but on Aug. 2, 2021, LASP obtained a court order ruling that residents were tenants and entitled to the protections of Pennsylvania landlord-tenant law.

■ results snapshot

Very low-income, vulnerable tenants avoided losing their homes in a rapid eviction and lockout.

This case is a step toward stronger protections for tenants in long-stay motels.

Help for homeless and vulnerable Veterans



At a Veterans Outreach hosted by Rep. Craig Williams in Chadds Ford (from left): Patrick Farris, Villanova law student intern, with Veterans Advocacy Project attorneys Elizabeth Tarloski and Richard A.J. Prebil.

Formed in July 2020, LASP's Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) specializes in helping homeless, ill, or injured veterans obtain Veteran's Administration (VA) or other benefits, medical care, and stable housing. VAP works in partnership with veterans organizations to achieve results.

■ results snapshot

As of December 2022, LASP obtained \$15.7 million in additional lifetime income for veteran clients, making it possible for them to afford housing and other necessities.

Protecting access to Unemployment Compensation and other benefit programs

LASP received more requests for help with Unemployment Compensation problems than in the years directly preceding the pandemic. Advocates helped eligible applicants obtain the benefits they needed while they looked for work. LASP also appealed denials, terminations, and reductions of other benefits. Advocates certified through the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program expedited initial SSI/SSDI applications for eligible individuals. In a pilot project, SOAR-certified law students from the University of Pennsylvania assisted with applications.

■ results snapshot

LASP advocates assisted clients in obtaining more than \$4 million in Unemployment Compensation and other benefits.

Nationwide, 80% of first-time SSI/SSDI applications are rejected. SOAR certification improves the approval rate for first-time applications by 35%.

Hurricane Ida: LASP takes statewide leadership role in disaster legal aid

Hurricane Ida brought devastating floods and tornadoes to Pennsylvania on Sept. 1, 2021. Federal disaster declarations covered eight counties, including LASP's entire service area of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, plus Bedford, Northampton, Philadelphia and York counties. LASP sent advocates to meet with survivors at Multi-Agency Recovery Centers (MARC)s, Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) and other sites. Advocates represented clients in landlord-tenant matters, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) appeals, and other types of cases. LASP used its website, community contacts, social media, and news releases to share critically important information for survivors. LASP implemented the statewide disaster helpline, using LASP's existing Helpline and staff to handle calls for the eight counties, in collaboration with several other PA legal aid organizations.

■ results snapshot

124 survivors benefited from legal help in handling complicated FEMA applications and appeals, landlord-tenant problems, and other disaster-related legal issues, through December 2022.

LASP continues providing disaster legal assistance to survivors. Under a three-year grant from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), LASP will assist survivors from Ida and other federally declared disasters and further integrate legal aid in the region's disaster recovery network.

Amicus Brief: PA Supreme Court ruling protects Fourth Amendment rights of parents in child welfare cases

Attorneys from LASP and the Bucks County Dependency Court Conflict Attorney Panel submitted an amicus brief (in the interest of Y.W.-B., 265 A.3d 602) arguing that Fourth Amendment and Pennsylvania Constitutional privacy protections apply to home inspections conducted by child welfare agencies responding to anonymous ChildLine calls. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Pennsylvania and Community Legal Services of Philadelphia also submitted an amicus brief. In December 2021, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court found that parents faced significant harm, including loss of their child, as a result of these home inspections. Therefore, nothing less than probable cause, with Fourth Amendment protections similar to those found in a criminal context, was required when determining whether a government agency may visit a home. The decision secures parents' constitutional right to be free from unreasonable searches and, more importantly, protects their constitutional and fundamental right to care for their children.

■ results snapshot

Pennsylvania parents are no longer denied Constitutional privacy protections when there is an anonymous report through the Pennsylvania child abuse reporting line.

Working with community partners to destigmatize reentry, as part of an IOLTA Pardon Grant



Megan Reinprecht, Community Engagement Unit Staff Attorney, addresses 150 people at "Reentry, Resetting, and Redemption: Pardon Symposium and Clinic Part III" at Widener University on April 21, 2022. Also pictured (from left): Saad Soliman, Chief Growth Officer for Patient Sorta; Celeste Trusty, then-Secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons; and John Linder, professor and former Mayor of Chester, 2012-16. LASP helped 45 people.

As part of an IOLTA pardon grant, LASP worked with Jonathan King of Safe Corridors and other community partners to develop a series of pardon symposia in Chester City, Delaware County and beyond. The symposia aimed to inspire participants, destigmatize reentry, and start the pardon or expungement process.

■ results snapshot

From July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022, LASP advocates cleared 372 criminal records, which improved access to employment, housing, and education, impacting 436 adults and 317 children.

DEBBIE AND RANDY BLOUGH

Honored for advocacy on behalf of mobile home owners



Debbie and Randy Blough with their daughter, Kelly Blough, at the 2022 PLAN Excellence Awards ceremony. They were honored for lay advocacy.

The Bloughs spark mobile home project; receive 2022 PA Legal Aid Network Excellence Award for Lay Advocacy

In 2018, while volunteering for Honey Brook Food Pantry in Chester County, Debbie and Randy discovered that mobile homes are overtaxed. They researched the problem and successfully appealed 22 tax assessments on their own.

Since then, Debbie and Randy have worked with Legal Aid of Southeastern PA and United Way of Chester County to develop the Chester County Mobile Home Tax Reassessment Project. From 2019-22, the partnership helped 903 residents save an average of \$882 per year per home, or \$8.1 million over 10 years.

“This project would not exist without the Bloughs’ inspired lay advocacy to help Chester County residents,” said Rachel Houseman, LASP Chester County Managing Attorney.

In accepting their PLAN Excellence Award, Randy said, “Thank you for this honor. My greatest pleasure in the early stages of this campaign was working hand-

in-hand with my wonderful wife, Debbie. We both deeply appreciate that Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania and United Way picked up our fledgling effort with their fine leadership, enthusiasm and exceptional talent. Although the project continues into 2022, a huge amount of work remains, some of it uncharted, before we can say that all mobile home owners are fairly taxed. So we’re hoping others might look at this issue, see the moral imperative and decide if you could play a role.”

Debbie noted, “Our clients are wholesome folks. Many struggle paycheck to paycheck. These are the homeowners who are the least able to afford and suffer over-taxation. ...Thank you. Let’s keep going.”

The 2023 project is under way.
bit.ly/lasp-chesco-mobile-homes

fundraisers in 2021+2022

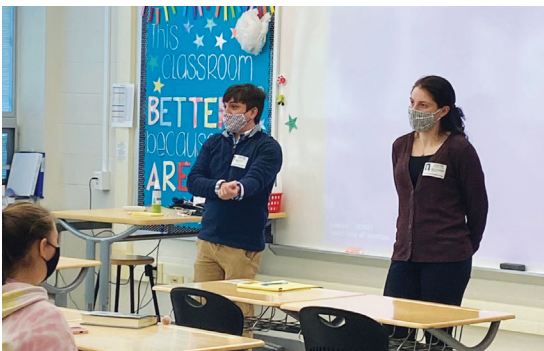
Chester Co. Paralegal Association cooks up a 'Lawfully Delicious' fundraiser

In December 2021, the Chester County Paralegal Association (CCPA) published the Lawfully Delicious Cookbook. Featuring more than 75 mouth-watering sweet and savory recipes, the cookbook raised funds for LASP, CCPA and other nonprofits. Thank you, CCPA!

DCBA Women in the Law Section Italian Wine Tastings

The Delaware County Bar Association Women in the Law Section (WILS) hosted Italian Night wine tastings on Sept. 22, 2021 at the DCBA in Media. The event raised \$3,500 for LASP. Thank you to WILS and tasters!

Owen J. Roberts Middle School Youth & Philanthropy



Staff Attorneys Brian Doyle and Sara Planthaber presented to eighth graders about LASP services at Owen J. Roberts Middle School Jan. 11, 2022.

Thank you to students and advisers from the Owen J. Roberts Middle School Youth Philanthropy project. LASP staff Sara Planthaber and Brian Doyle shared information about legal aid with the students. LASP is very appreciative of the donation it received!

Montgomery Bar Foundation hosts Legal Aid Golf Classic



Montgomery Bar Foundation presentation on Dec. 12, 2021: Front row (from left): Gary J. Friedlander, William H. Pugh, V, MBA Executive Director Denise S. Vicario, Current MBF President Kate M. Harper, Honorary Trustee, LASP Executive Director Shawn Boehringer, & Richard A. Simon of the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office. Back row: Cary L. Flitter, Gregory Cowhey, Colin J. O'Boyle, Honorary Trustee Virginia Frantz of the Montgomery County Foundation, Inc., Michael L. Rainone, & Patrick J. Kurtas. Not pictured: Sarinia M. Feinman, Elizabeth Early, William L. Landsburg, Paul G. Mullin, Daniel P. Geraghty, & Robert A. Bacine

Thank you to the Montgomery Bar Foundation (MBF) and Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) for hosting and organizing the Legal Aid Golf Classic on Oct. 18, 2021 at Bluestone Country Club and June 27, 2022 at Cedarbrook Country Club. THANK YOU to all sponsors, golfers, luncheon attendees, and raffle and silent auction supporters! Net proceeds were matched by the Montgomery Bar Foundation, raising \$48,430 for LASP in 2021 and \$62,000 in 2022. Though the 2022 event featured the first rain/lightning delay in many years, golfers returned to the course with a modified nine-hole game.

A 'running' start to Halloween!



LASP staff and board members (from left): Erica Briant; Ann Tydeman-Solomon; Sara Planthaber; Jennifer Pierce; Shawn Boehringer; Catherine Voit, 2020-22 Vice President, LASP Board of Directors & CCBA Pro Bono Committee member; Brian Doyle; and John McKenna, LASP Board of Directors and CCBA Pro Bono Committee member.

The 2021 Trial Run 5K featured a first-ever Halloween morning start and a costume contest! More than 50 runners and walkers enjoyed sunshine amidst maple trees ablaze at peak color in Wilson Farm Park, Wayne. Organized by the Chester County Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee, the event raised \$13,480 for LASP. Thank you to all sponsors, organizers, runners and walkers!

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

With the support of many generous donors, law firms, bar associations, pro bono volunteers, community partners, board members and friends, LASP is able to give low-income people the legal representation they need to protect their families, their homes and their livelihoods. During 2020-22, your help and support changed lives. And thank you, too, for supporting LASP's 20+ Fete for Justice!

Family displaced by Hurricane Ida avoids eviction for condemned rental home



Intervention from a LASP attorney protected a family who lost their home and possessions during Hurricane Ida from also being burdened with an eviction record. An emergency squad rescued LASP's client and family members in the early morning hours of Sept. 2, 2021. In the days following the disaster, their rented home was determined to be unsafe and condemned. The family obtained help through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which paid for hotel and living expenses. However, they lost most of their belongings.

When LASP's client didn't pay September rent on the condemned rental home, the landlord sued for eviction, and demanded more than \$2,000 in rent and penalties. At the eviction hearing, the LASP attorney showed that the unit was rented under a month-to-month lease and used FEMA documentation to prove that the home was uninhabitable. Although the landlord argued that FEMA's determination was not binding on the court, the judge found in favor of LASP's client. The case was dismissed. LASP's client owed nothing and avoided a record of an eviction, which would have made it difficult to find new housing. The LASP attorney also connected the client with the county rental assistance program, which was able to provide financial assistance that helped the family relocate.



Shaina Bethala, Regional Housing Unit Staff Attorney, assists a Delaware County resident with an application for Delco Emergency Rental Assistance in April 2021, during one of LASP's first indoor outreach events since the start of the pandemic.



Anthony Richardson, LASP Staff Attorney, and Erica Briant, current Director of Community Engagement & Training, shared information about LASP services at an outdoor Pottstown Resource Day on Oct. 10, 2020.

***Name withheld to protect confidentiality, but the story is real.**

CLIENT STORIES

'A priceless moment I'll never forget'

LASP's client was a parent who had supervised visitation rights that couldn't be exercised, leaving parent and child with no legal way to contact each other. LASP filed for and represented the parent at the custody hearing, helping to negotiate an agreed order granting access to important records, significantly increased visitation including time during school breaks, summer vacation and holidays, and regular phone calls.



In the client's own words: "Some people just do a job to do it. Seems to me you do your job and are good at it and care. Genuine people are hard to come by. In this case I consider myself lucky that I couldn't afford an attorney. It turns out I got one money could never buy." When the child learned of the decision regarding vacation and weekly visits, they "lit up and we both about cried."... And that's a priceless moment that I'll never forget. This is a win for all involved, I'm sure it will just get better. ... And now there is more time together."

LASP attorney's HUD complaint results in wheelchair accessible apartment for client & young child

The client's home had recurring issues with mold and lacked the wheelchair accessibility needed for a disabled young daughter. For three years, the local housing authority had ignored a request for a reasonable accommodation, after which time, LASP became involved. An attorney from LASP's Regional Housing Unit contacted local authorities and then complained to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) when the local office took no action. Within nine business days of the communication to HUD, LASP's client had a confirmed date to move into a wheelchair-accessible apartment to accommodate the child's needs. The move was completed in another week, and the client shared with the attorney that their living situation was "so much better."

SSDI appeal & representation brings past due benefits

LASP's client, a senior, had been denied benefits despite being diagnosed with medical conditions causing chronic pain and issues with mobility. After being referred to LASP's Disability Advocacy Project, the LASP advocate filed an appeal and represented the client at the hearing. The successful appeal secured approximately \$16,000 in past due benefits, Medicare health coverage and more than \$1,200 in monthly disability income for the client, who stated to their attorney, "This is the first time in my life I actually have a savings account. I am putting \$10,000 in savings, the rest I will use to pay past due bills. With what is left over I will be able to enjoy the holidays with my family. I have not felt financially secure in my life but now I do. Thank you."



LASP preserved housing for Mr. W & his son

The Air Force veteran's Unemployment Compensation suddenly stopped. He tried to find out why, but couldn't get an answer. Meanwhile, he used up all of his savings.

He turned to a veteran's program which referred him to LASP. His LASP attorney figured out the problem, and fixed it. Within days, Mr. W's benefits were available to him. He paid his rent, and he and his son remained in their apartment.

Removing barriers to employment for a pardon recipient

A client came to LASP with concerns about finishing nursing school and subsequently applying for jobs. The client had received a pardon for a decades-old conviction, but the record could still be located and pose a threat to employment prospects. When a pardon has been granted in Pennsylvania, the individual must file to expunge the record. LASP's Community Engagement Unit successfully obtained the expungement and confirmed that all original records of the offense were destroyed. With this extra security, the client obtained a job with a starting salary of \$40,000 per year, compared with earning \$16,000 per year prior to coming to LASP.

The client wrote to the attorney, "I want to thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication to helping me get my life back after 25 years."

'You are a force on earth, a mountain mover'

Ms. R wrote to her LASP attorney after the attorney cut through red tape to restore much-needed Medical Assistance coverage.

"You ended three months of distress," she wrote.

The programs that help vulnerable people with housing, health care, access to food, and other necessities are complicated. LASP clients often cannot get "the system" to listen and respond.

LASP attorneys know the regulations. They ensure that people like Ms. R get help and that everyone is treated fairly.

at a glance

cases handled

- ✓ In 2020-21, LASP handled **10,757** cases benefiting **19,668** clients and their family members.
- ✓ In 2021-22, LASP handled **10,703** cases benefiting **19,495** clients and their family members.

In **2021-22**, LASP handled cases for speakers of at least 26 languages other than English. Following **Spanish**, the most common languages spoken by clients were **Bengali, Arabic, and French**.

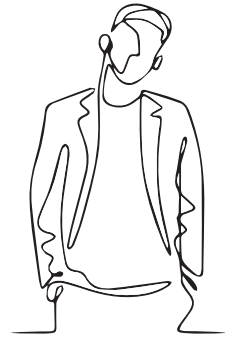
In **2020-21**, **Arabic, Russian, and Vietnamese** were the most common languages other than **Spanish and English**. LASP uses Language Line service for interpretation and translation in 240+ languages, making it possible to serve people regardless of language.

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languages

who we helped

in 2020-22



2020-21

8,276

children were helped

11,392

adults were helped

2021-22

8,102

children were helped

11,393

adults were helped

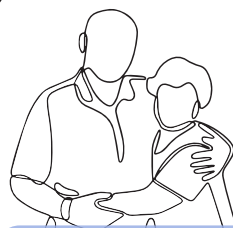
The economic impact on clients in 2020-21 was over

\$5,503,250

The economic impact on clients in 2021-22 was over

\$10,604,866

client demographics



60 and older



women



racial or ethnic minority

22%

2020-21

25%

2021-22

72%

2020-21

72%

2021-22

43%

2020-21

43%

2021-22

our mission

The mission of LASP is to provide quality legal representation to low-income and vulnerable people from Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, to empower them to solve problems without legal representation through legal education and increased access to the courts, and to change community practices and systems that aggravate poverty.

impact snapshots

During 2020-21 & 2021-22:

2,458 adults and children were safer because they were covered by a **protection order** obtained through the assistance of a LASP attorney.

2,770 adults and children remained in their homes because a LASP attorney **prevented an eviction**.

5,177 adults and children lived in safer, more stable homes because LASP **resolved a serious housing problem**.

1,280 adults and children were better able to meet their basic needs because LASP helped them **access a government benefit**.

100% of Veterans Advocacy Project clients seeking disability benefits due to military sexual trauma (MST) were awarded these benefits as a result of LASP's advocacy from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022.

case types

	2020-21	2021-22
Housing	34%	34%
Family Law	19%	16%
Access to Benefits	16%	14%
Protection from Abuse	12%	13%
Consumer & Bankruptcy	6%	7%
Expungement & Sealing	6%	6%
Juvenile	3%	2%
Employment	2%	3%
Wills/Powers of Attorney	2%	3%
Other		2%

how to obtain services

Free Legal Help

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA provides free civil legal services for low-income and vulnerable residents of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. Local offices are in Bristol, Chester City, Doylestown, Media, Norristown, Pottstown and West Chester. lasp.org/locations

For free help, call the toll-free Helpline to speak with an attorney or paralegal:

▶ **LASP Helpline**
(Centralized helpline for general legal issues in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties)

877.429.5994
Mon-Fri, 9 am-1 pm
(Se habla español)

To apply online:
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▶ **Veterans Advocacy Helpline**
(all 4 counties)
610.283.0884

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855.879.3100
Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Callers can leave a message outside of these hours.

▶ **Montgomery County**
Protection from Abuse Helpline
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The Protection from Abuse Helplines provide legal advice and assistance in filing for a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order.

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LASP 20+ celebration



for justice



Trapeta B. Mayson, 2020-21 Philadelphia Poet Laureate, shares her healing words of verse in a reading of two poems, "In This Season" and "Superhero." Photo by Hitched Productions.

Keynote Speaker Reuben Jonathan Miller discusses the disproportionate impact of mass incarceration on Black and brown people. Photo by Hitched Productions.

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At the **Fête for Justice** on May 19, 2022, LASP celebrated 20+ years of service as a regional legal aid program serving Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. We also recognized 47 Honorees, whose work collectively helped to pave the way for LASP's work over the years.

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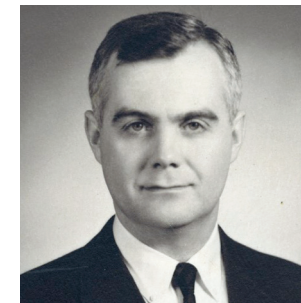
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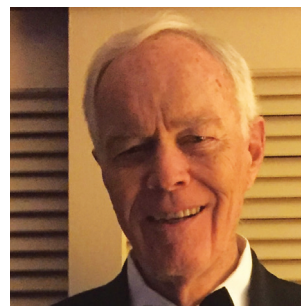
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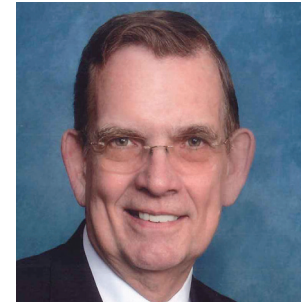
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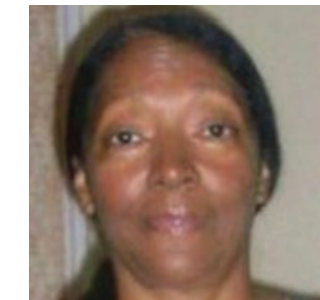
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Not pictured: Rachel Houseman

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statement of financial position

july 1, 2020 to june 30, 2021* + july 1, 2021
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REVENUE	2020-21	2021-22
Government Funding	\$6,571,585	\$7,294,088
Foundations & Corporations	\$569,832	\$428,437
Individual Donors & Annual Giving	\$79,110	\$215,945
Bar Associations & Bar Foundations	\$117,785	\$125,575
United Ways	\$21,883	\$17,623
Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)	\$618,400	\$0
Other Funding Sources	\$21,222	\$3,742
In-Kind Contributed Services	\$228,915	\$270,010
Total Funding	\$8,228,732	\$8,355,420

EXPENSES	2020-21	2021-22
Salaries	\$5,084,019	\$5,329,853
Employee Benefits	\$1,335,937	\$1,378,078
Consultants & Contract Services	\$279,486	\$328,674
Travel	\$2,530	\$11,986
Space Costs	\$338,210	\$396,201
Consumable Supplies	\$107,893	\$95,131
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$87,382	\$52,005
Other Expenses	\$395,079	\$442,180
Depreciation & Amortization	\$12,390	\$6,144
Contributed Services	\$198,765	\$264,760
Donated Rent	\$30,150	\$0
Total Expenses	\$7,871,841	\$8,305,012
Change in Net Assets	\$356,891	\$50,408

* Figures based on audited financial statements for FY2021 and FY2022.

2020-21 In-Kind Resources: \$228,915

In-kind contributed services: **\$198,765**

■ Approximately 1,218 hours of pro bono legal services were provided by attorneys.

■ Approximately 213 hours of pro bono services were provided by paralegals

■ Pro bono time was calculated at an average rate of \$150 per hour for attorneys and \$75 per hour for paralegals in 2020-21.

In-kind donated office space for LASP operations: **\$30,150**

2021-22 In-Kind Resources: \$264,760

In-kind contributed services: **\$264,760**

■ Approximately 1,597 hours of pro bono legal services were provided by attorneys.

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