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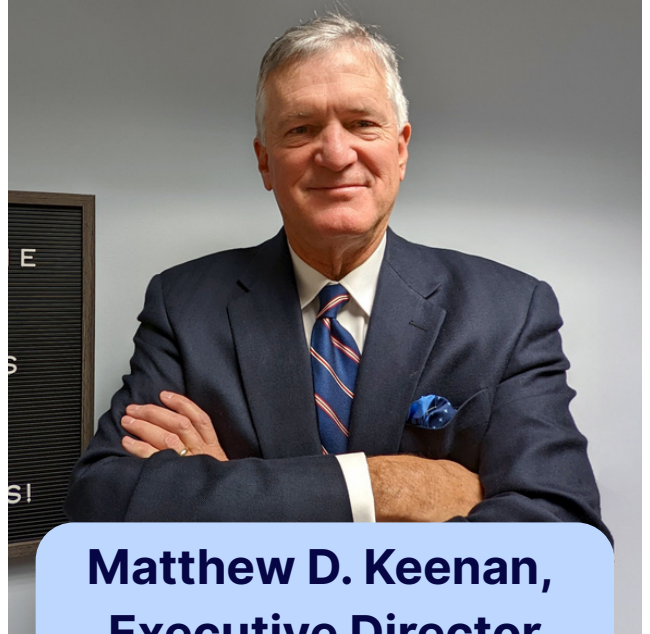
Executive Message

In 2025, our attorneys and paralegals expanded their reach and impact on behalf of low-income Kansans and their communities. Four examples come to mind where our advocacy made a meaningful difference.

Protecting our most vulnerable children. We fight to make sure children get a fair start in life. When parents fail to meet their financial responsibilities, caretakers are often left with nowhere to turn. We strive to be there for them.

Consider the case of Betsy, a mother of two young children who was not receiving child support. Her job was paying her \$2,400 per month. Our attorneys got involved and Betsy's life changed overnight. Our attorneys helped her recover \$5,528 in back child support and another \$1,000 in monthly child support.

We also help children find permanent homes by facilitating adoptions. Last year we helped 25 infants, toddlers and teenagers find permanent homes. Typically, the new parents are stepparents, grandparents, or siblings of the birth parents. In one case last year, Mom and dad were not interested in their child's life, we assisted the maternal aunt in gaining parental rights of her nephew.



**Matthew D. Keenan,
Executive Director
Kansas Legal Services**

The case had complicating aspects, but ultimately the adoption was completed and this young man (now almost 9 years old) has a secure, permanent attachment to the only person who's been there for his whole life.

Consumer debt. When parents are working to get ahead, the last thing they need is a creditor wrongfully taking their paycheck. We see wrongful collection cases all over the state. But in the continuum of inequitable cases, the most striking are those involving medical debt. As one illustration, last year we handled three cases against the same hospital in South Central Kansas. Under the hospital's own charitable care policies, these former patients were entitled to free care. Instead, they were sued and had their wages garnished.

Message Continued

We turned back the clocks for them, got their monies refunded and debts forgiven. But we know many others in that town had no place to turn. We are working to assist more of these families.

Domestic violence. Kansas courts are devoid of civil lawyers. That has been widely reported, and not just in rural areas. The domestic violence docket in particular is not appealing to most attorneys. Consider that in Miami County, contiguous with Johnson County, in one year, with 113 cases filed for abuse or stalking, at the time of the filing of the protective order only one survivor had an attorney.

This is another place we are changing these realities. In 2025 we helped 680 Kansans, secure protective orders from their abusers. That was a 14% increase in advocacy. 362 of those victims secured orders removing firearms from abusers, an increase of 130%.

End of life planning. Last year we assisted 550 Kansans prepare a will, power of attorney, and other simple estate planning documents. You might find it surprising that about three out of four Americans die without a will.

When that happens, the state decides who gets what and assets are distributed according to state intestacy laws, not the person's wishes. This can lead to unfair outcomes. Unmarried partners, stepchildren, or other family members may receive nothing.

So yes, 2025 was a year of impact—but more importantly, it was a year of access to justice for Kansans who otherwise would have gone without it. Behind every number is a person, a family, a future changed. Whether it was helping a child find stability, protecting a survivor from harm, restoring wages wrongfully taken, or ensuring someone's final wishes are honored, this work matters in deeply human ways. And while we are proud of what was accomplished, the need remains great.

We are committed to continuing this work, standing with those who have nowhere else to turn, and ensuring that justice in Kansas is not reserved for those who can afford it, but available to all.

Vision And Mission

Vision

Since 1977, KLS has focused on providing legal services to vulnerable populations across all 105 Kansas counties. We assist at-risk families striving to move forward but facing barriers beyond their control such as predatory debt collectors, negligent landlords, or government entities that fail to meet their obligations to working Kansans. KLS also plays a key role in removing barriers to employment and housing, helping individuals achieve greater stability and self-sufficiency.

Mission

Through eleven field offices across the state, the mission of Kansas Legal Services is to provide legal advice, representation and mediation services for low income individuals. Kansas Legal Services is legal aid in Kansas, we help people receive second chances with expungement of criminal records and resolving driver's license issues. We also provide legal education to individuals, agencies, and groups and offer free legal forms on our website, for those wishing to represent themselves.



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Programs

Elder Law

KLS coordinates with local area agencies on aging and the Department for Aging and Disability Services as a legal service provider in the state aging network. Older Americans Act, county mill levy funds, and other private funds address this growing area of need. Senior Citizens Law Project (SCLP) provides services in a wide range of civil legal issues to people aged 60 and older. SCLP's objective is to find the more vulnerable elderly population who are in the greatest social and economic need.

KLS also operates the KLS Elder Rights Project, which provides assistance for seniors who are victims of financial fraud, exploitation, domestic abuse, and other crimes.

The Kansas Elder Law Hotline links KLS staff and private attorneys to provide the broadest possible range of legal advice and information.

Housing Law

KLS helps Kansans with many aspects of housing that tenants and homeowners face, including confronting discriminatory practices by landlords and lenders, and resolving unsafe rental housing conditions.

In May, 2025 we responded to a housing crisis when the Aspen Place Apartments were condemned by the City of Gardner. Our efforts assisted over 100 families in a time of acute need. Our efforts resulted in the return of pro-rated rents and security deposits.

Family Law

KLS represents thousands of low-income people each year in domestic matters through many funding sources including: Access to Justice (ATJ), Legal Services Corporation (LSC), United Way, Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA), and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

Funding specific to family law increased the number of family law clients KLS has been able to serve. Even with increased funding, the demand for direct representation in family law matters continues to exceed KLS' capacity. Priority is placed on cases of spousal or child abuse and protection from abuse orders.

Kids2Kin

The Kids2Kin program aims at reducing the number of children entering foster care and preventing foster care placements for those at-risk by helping relatives or caregivers of the kids with guardianships and other legal issues.

KLS was the first legal service organization in the country awarded a grant from the federal Family First program in 2019.



Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes

Every year, KLS provides assistance to thousands of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other crimes. KLS uses funds from a number of resources, including Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) funding, to ensure that the legal needs of survivors and their families are addressed. In addition to needing legal domestic assistance, KLS looks at other needs of the survivors such as affordable, safe housing and income maintenance that will help them feel safe and stable.

Parent Advocate Program

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) contracts with KLS to provide case management and legal services to families in 10 counties. The mission of the Parent Advocate Program is to keep families together and prevent children from going into the foster care system. We do this through education, advocacy (personal and legal), and collaboration. Working with parents and caregivers, Parent Advocates provide resources, support, and guidance to strengthen families.



Suspended Driver's License Reinstatement

Over 200,000 Kansans have a suspended or revoked driver's license, a mark which ranks as the 4th highest per capital in the nation. These suspensions are the result of failing to pay a ticket, not showing up for a hearing, being in an uninsured wreck or not paying child support. The road to get a driver's license back is often hard to navigate.

In the fall of 2023, KLS was awarded a two-year special grant from LSC to partner with local bar associations, private attorneys and courts to conduct driver's license clinics around the state, staffed with volunteer attorneys.

Expungements

KLS conducts expungement clinics across the state through funding from the Kansas Bar Foundation, state funding, private grants and in partnership with local bar associations. We rely on volunteer attorneys to help with these clinics.



Mediation

Midland Mediation & Settlement Services has been a program of Kansas Legal Services for more than 30 years, providing mediation and other dispute resolution services all across Kansas. Midland partners with the Kansas Human Rights Commission to provide mediation services in cases involving employment, housing, and public accommodation complaints. Our mediators skillfully work with the parties involved in these disputes early on to help them discuss the complaint in a way that helps the parties understand one another better, understand their options, and resolve the complaint together.

Midland Mediation assists family courts across the state in child custody and divorce issues, engaging parents in a way that helps them stay on track in their discussions so they may focus on solutions that help them control the decision making in their children's lives. Most importantly, our family law mediation work helps parents avoid the emotional and financial expense of litigation, and provides relief for our busy courts.

Midland Mediation assists probate courts in contested guardianship cases, assists juvenile courts in planning for the successful reintegration of children with parents after being in the state's custody, and assists municipalities with discrimination complaints and neighborhood disputes. Our mediators meet parties in conflict every day with compassion and the deep belief that they are capable of resolving their disputes with the structure and the hope that mediation provides.



Joy Marlin
Mediator

"I believe that given the right structure, people can work together to resolve disputes. I'm amazed all the time at the power of mediation to do just that. I'm inspired every day by our clients and staff, and am deeply grateful to be part of such an amazing team."

Examples of Mediation

City of Wichita - Non-Discrimination Ordinance

On October 12, 2021, the Wichita City Council voted to adopt a Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO), Ordinance 51-654, effective October 29, 2021. This ordinance is intended to ensure equal opportunity for Wichitans and to ban discrimination and segregation in housing, employment, and public accommodations based on age, color, disability, familial status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin or ancestry, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, and other classes protected by law. KLS was awarded this contract and currently provides mediation services for the City of Wichita.

Access To Justice

Access to Justice (ATJ) Mediations are funded by the Office of Judicial Administration under the direction of the Kansas Supreme Court. ATJ funding enables parties' access to KLS offices for mediation services at no cost to participants who qualify. Most ATJ mediations involve post-divorce custody and parenting time issues.

Kansas Human Rights Commission

Kansas Human Rights Commission offers voluntary mediation to individuals involved in employment, housing, and public accommodation discrimination claims filed with the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

For-Fee Mediations

For-Fee Mediations are offered to parties in domestic matters on a sliding fee basis when neither party is ATJ-eligible, and are available to parties in some civil matters at a reasonable hourly rate, no more than \$75.00 with a \$15.00 administrative fee.

Statewide Pro Bono Services

A Workforce Development Initiative

Expungement Clinic Program

Expungements help low-income Kansans overcome obstacles so they may pursue better jobs, housing and schools. The KLS Volunteer Lawyer Program partnered with local bar associations, corporations, and private law firms to conduct expungement clinics all over the state of Kansas. The clinics demonstrate how collaboration across the legal community expands access to justice.

Expungement clinics were held in Sedgwick County, Lyon County, Reno County, Wyandotte County, Leavenworth County, Brown County, McPherson County, and Johnson County.



Nick Larkin
Director of
Expungement Clinics

Driver's License Clinics

Suspended driver's licenses have become a legal point of contention in recent years. KLS received funding from the LSC PBIF grant to conduct clinics that assist Kansans in restoring suspended driver's licenses, which often create persistent barriers to employment and housing.

Driver's license clinics were held in Douglas County, Shawnee County, Reno County, Sedgwick County, and Finney County.



Joy Springfield
Director of Pro Bono Services

Expungements

KLS recruited over 75 private attorneys who provided legal assistance to 1,082 clients in 2025. These attorneys donated 564 hours of legal services.

Driver's Licenses

KLS recruited over 80 private attorneys who provided legal assistance to 667 clients in 2025. These attorneys donated 600 hours of legal services.

Community Support For Clinics

KLS would not be able to provide life changing legal assistance at clinics throughout Kansas without the support of local attorneys, businesses, nonprofits, and non-attorney volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped KLS make a difference in 2025.



Representatives from the 14th and 15th Judicial Districts showed out to support KLS's October 15th expungement clinic in Johnson County.



Stinson LLP sponsored our Kansas City, Kansas, expungement clinic. KLS served 24 people and completed 84 cases.



Corporate Spotlight: Koch



KLS is proud to highlight one of several collaborations with Kansas employers working to expand access to justice. Through support from Koch, a key partner in advancing second chances, in-house attorneys were able to provide pro bono assistance at expungement clinics. This effort helped Kansans clear eligible criminal records, removing barriers to employment and other opportunities, and, at the same time, strengthen communities across the state.

In 2025, Koch hosted an expungement clinic in Wichita, creating documents for 141 cases. This was the largest expungement clinic of the year with over 200 applicants. By bringing legal services directly to the community, these clinics increase access to justice for individuals who may otherwise face financial or logistical barriers to sealing their criminal records. The collaboration demonstrates how employer engagement can play a meaningful role in advancing second chances and promoting long-term stability for individuals, families, and the Kansas workforce.

Client Testimonials

Graham Taylor, a Kansas resident from Reno County, attended the Wyandotte expungement clinic in April in pursuit of a fresh start. After a troubled past, Graham made the decision to turn his life around, for himself and for his family. His journey has been marked by remarkable perseverance: he celebrated 11 years of sobriety this past October, earned his college degree, went on to receive his master's degree, and successfully reinstated his driver's license. The final step in closing that chapter was expunging his record.



The process initially felt daunting, and Graham did not want to navigate the legal paperwork on his own. With help at the clinic, his expungement was approved by the Judge, and all associated fees were waived. One of the most meaningful parts of the experience was being able to go through the process alongside his wife, who is now preparing to enter the teaching field. Closing out one chapter and stepping into the next together.



Graham can now focus on future goals that once felt out of reach. Reflecting on the experience, he shared, "Everything is legally put behind us. It has been a joy to be a part of this. I believe it is a great blessing that this is available for people, and I am really thankful for Kansas Legal Services."

Client Testimonials

Testimonials From Great Nonprofits

"I was struggling to rebuild my life after a felony conviction and couldn't afford legal help. Thanks to Matt Keenan and his amazing team, my record was expunged. I'm now back in my career and able to provide for my daughter. I'll be forever grateful for their kindness and dedication."

"I cannot express my appreciation for the team at Kansas Legal Services. I was instantly put at ease in a very stressful time of my life. The team's ability to assist me when I needed legal services were above and beyond my expectations. I will recommend them in the future."

"I can't thank KLS for being so patient, kind and understanding of my situation. I've never had someone fight so hard on my behalf. The whole KLS team was awesome to work with and have by my side. They made the impossible possible, and for that I am eternally grateful."



Outreach and Retreat



KLS is constantly listening to the legal needs of Kansas communities and relaying those needs to local attorneys, judges, legislators, volunteers, and community partners. KLS will continue to strengthen our relationship with clients and partners.

Nick Blessing, a staff attorney and an expert on landlord/tenant issues gave a presentation at the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library on Tenants' Rights. About 20 tenants attended in person and eight tenants joined via Zoom. They were able to ask Nick and three KLS attorneys important questions.



In June 2025, KLS staff from across the state gathered at Bethany College in Lindsborg for the biannual KLS retreat. The retreat provided an opportunity for employees from all offices to connect in person, collaborate across teams, and reflect on shared goals through a mix of team-building activities, small-group discussions, and presentations from staff.

The retreat concluded with a group gathering at Coronado Heights for a shared evening meal, reinforcing a sense of connection and camaraderie. By the end of the retreat, staff returned to their offices energized and more closely connected, strengthening KLS's ability to serve Kansans statewide.

Outreach



Retreat



Trivia Nights

KLS hosted its 6th Annual Trivia Night in both Kansas City and Wichita. Held each October in celebration of National Pro Bono Month, the event brings together members of the legal community in support of access to justice. The Kansas City office welcomed teams from the Wyandotte and Johnson County Bar Associations, who competed against one another, while the Wichita office featured teams from private law firms and a festive Halloween costume competition. Together, the two events raised more than \$50,000 to support our work across Kansas.

We extend our sincere thanks to the donors and supporters who made our Trivia Nights in Wichita and Kansas City possible. We especially appreciate Judge Amy Fellows Cline and Lesley Ann Isherwood in Wichita, as well as Chief Judge Sarah Warner and James Campbell in Kansas City, for their support.



Elizabeth Ferguson Award

2025 Recipient: TK Shively

The Elizabeth Ferguson Award is presented annually to a KLS staff member in recognition of outstanding achievements that provide a substantial direct benefit to a client or the client community.

The 2025 recipient is TK Shively, our Research & Program Development Director. In this role, TK leads program and resource development, oversees grant compliance and reporting, supervises staff on several special projects, and manages a team of three full-time staff within the Research and Program Development Department.

TK has been a dedicated member of the KLS team since 1990, bringing decades of commitment, leadership, and impact to our work. She has played a critical role in strengthening services at KLS through her leadership, dedication, and ability to wear multiple hats effectively.

She is consistently available to provide support, answer questions, and problem-solve concerns, and this accessibility has led to stronger communication, better outcomes for families, and a more responsive service experience.

She advocates fiercely for her team when needed and lives out a philosophy that runs through the fabric of KLS: “family first.” In addition to her visible leadership, TK also carries out a significant amount of behind-the-scenes work that often goes unnoticed but is essential to the success of KLS programs—coordinating efforts, addressing issues before they escalate, and ensuring processes run smoothly.



TK Shively
Research & Program
Development Director

“TK is devoted to KLS and has shown that devotion through 35 years of hard, challenging work.”

Marilyn Harp Award

2025 Recipient: Andrew Kent

The Marilyn Harp Award honors the legacy of longtime KLS attorney and Executive Director Marilyn Harp. Presented annually, this award recognizes a KLS attorney who demonstrates extraordinary service to clients.

The 2025 recipient is Andrew Kent, a staff attorney in the Kansas City office. Since joining KLS in 2023, Andrew has served as a substance abuse and mental health services administration (SAMHSA) attorney, focusing primarily on expungement cases and helping clients remove barriers to employment, housing, and stability.

Andrew demonstrated exceptional initiative and dedication by stepping outside his primary area of expertise to assist our Executive Director with hospital collection cases. In the first matter, Andrew helped secure a full dismissal of a medical debt case against our client, delivering immediate and meaningful relief.

He continued to lend his support in subsequent cases, bringing strong legal research and advocacy skills to achieve impactful outcomes. In one case, Andrew successfully worked to release an improper garnishment order and negotiated a favorable settlement with opposing counsel. As a result, the client's financial burden was significantly reduced.

Although these cases were well outside his usual scope of practice, he approached each with enthusiasm, professionalism, and a willingness to learn. His efforts not only changed the outcome for individual clients but also helped build lasting resources for the organization. Andrew's commitment, adaptability, client-centered approach exemplify the values of KLS, and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

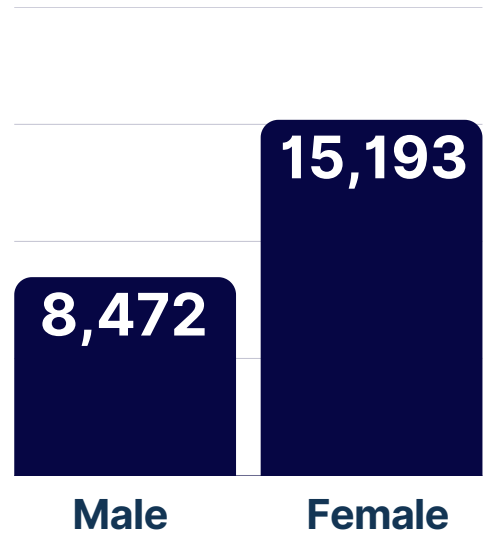
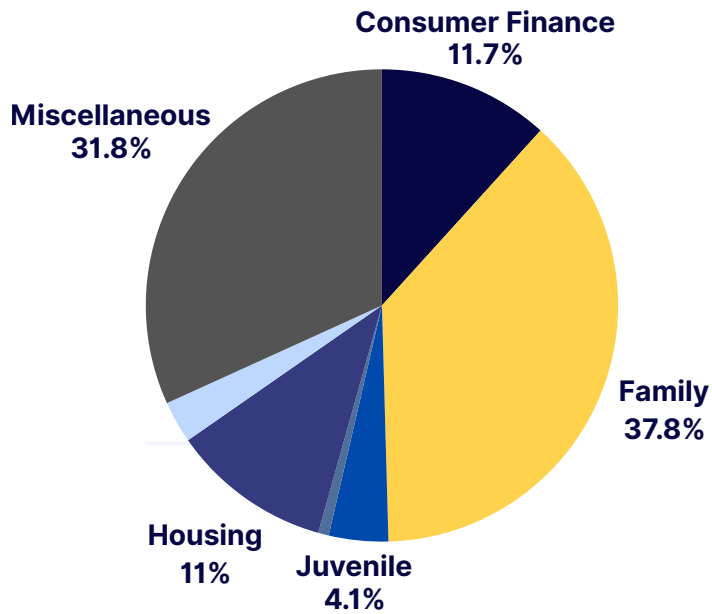


Andrew Kent
Staff Attorney

Cases By the Numbers

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Consumer/Finance	Advice and Brief Service	1,986	1,814	1,759	1,650
	Representation	116	102	99	106
	Other Services	950	655	660	479
	Total Consumer/Finance	3,052	2,571	2,518	2,235
Family	Advice and Brief Service	4,924	4,633	4,871	4,429
	Representation	2,064	2,001	1,802	2,229
	Other Services	2,864	2,179	1,993	1,917
	Mediation	111	115	105	93
	Total Family	9,963	8,928	8,771	8,668
Juvenile	Advice and Brief Service	273	256	305	369
	Representation	485	523	400	481
	Other Services	302	222	239	210
	Mediation	3	2	3	3
	Total Juvenile	1,063	1,003	947	1,063
Housing	Advice and Brief Service	1,804	1,764	1,864	1,904
	Representation	587	367	362	180
	Other Services	466	334	355	333
	Mediation	4	2	7	7
	Total Health	2,861	2,476	2,588	2,424
Disability/ Income Maintenance	Advice and Brief Service	247	377	408	447
	Representation	365	330	399	457
	Other Services	137	90	167	142
	Total Disability/ Income Maintenance	749	797	974	1,046
Miscellaneous	Advice and Brief Service	2,600	2,237	2,024	3,146
	Representation	3,982	4,094	3,112	1,130
	Other Services	1,694	1,101	1,048	739
	Total Miscellaneous	8,791	7,905	6,693	5,456
Total Cases					
Total Cases		26,479	23,680	22,491	20,892

Case Distribution



	Under 18	18 - 35	36 - 59	60 & Over
Caucasian	1,283	5,028	6,260	4,366
Asian	0	94	175	54
Black	24	1,182	1,459	651
Hispanic	15	659	525	148
Multi-Racial	8	421	286	69
Pacific Islander	1	20	32	4
Native American	3	127	164	54
Alaskan Native	0	2	3	1
Other	125	1,019	1,223	453

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KLS recognizes the support of Barbara and David Dehaemers. Their charitable foundation has helped fund the first Marketing and Development Coordinator in our Overland Park office, Emma Miller. Emma's expertise has transformed our advocacy and helped us refine and advance our messaging across the state.



Barbara and David are longtime supporters of charitable causes in the Kansas City area and have demonstrated a deep commitment to strengthening their community through philanthropy. Their generosity reflects a shared belief in giving back and supporting organizations that serve others.

We Are Legal Aid and The Equal Justice Project

In 2025, KLS continued to build on an innovative partnership between the defense and plaintiffs' bars that began in 2023. This collaboration is focused on reducing domestic violence in Kansas by ensuring survivors have access to legal counsel when they might otherwise face the legal system alone.

Through the We Are Legal Aid campaign, 37 defense firms raised a total of \$43,750, while the plaintiff's bar supported the effort through the Equal Justice Project, with six law firms contributing an additional \$17,500. Together, these generous contributions are expanding access to critical legal services for some of the most vulnerable Kansans.

Thanks to this partnership, more survivors now have a voice in court, a clearer path to safety, and the legal support necessary to rebuild their lives. By uniting different segments of the legal community around a shared commitment to justice, this collaboration is changing outcomes and improving lives across Kansas.

Secured **680** protective orders
from domestic violence

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Laura Ice

Laura began volunteering at KLS clinics in 2025, contributing 14 client hours and 32 clinic hours. “I was excited when the rules changed to allow retired lawyers to volunteer with KLS, and I knew I wanted to take advantage of that opportunity by helping at Expungement and Driver’s License clinics,” she shared. “After 26 years in corporate practice, it’s incredibly rewarding and inspiring to sit across from an individual client who has worked hard to turn their life around and to know that I can play a small but meaningful role in helping them move forward.”



Derek Bereit

Derek Bereit contributed 23.5 client hours and 28 clinic hours at our expungement clinics. “KLS helps people take advantage of the generative justice that expungement under Kansas law offers. There are few things that can change someone’s life as profoundly as just one hour of pro bono legal work—for the lawyer and the client. You can see the weight of emotion and shame melt away even during the appointment, as people are given room to step out of who they were defined as for decades and into who they can become. For many, this is the first break in a chain of poverty and crime, and it can set generations free.”



Website

Research shows that over 90% of low-income people access online resources on cell phones. With 70% of its users on cellphones, kansaslegalservices.org, has continued to grow in size and popularity since it began in 2001.

In 2025, **1,034,101** people visited the website, with **394,903** active users. KLS received a grant from Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in 2024 - 2025 to lead an upgrade of its website to a new platform, Drupal 10. The grant also made the improvements available to 15 other legal aid websites funded by LSC.

The upgrade has made the website more friendly for mobile phone users, improved the search function and added more features to benefit the many users of all the websites that were upgraded.

Over 25 years, the KLS website has enabled us to educate and serve thousands more people than we can reach through our services alone.



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