



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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Message from the Executive Director: Looking Back to Guide Our Future

2017 marked the 40th year of Kansas Legal Services providing legal services for low income Kansans. This allowed us to both celebrate and to reflect on our past. Many of those successes involved clients who were able to access the civil justice system. Often this resulted in improvements in their lives – financial security, physical safety or a life for their children.

Looking back and celebrating is a fine exercise, but to make it most meaningful, we must use it to guide our future. One aspect of our future is creating more opportunities for people who must represent themselves in Court, while also equipping our lawyers to provide the highest quality representation to those we are able to serve.

During 2017, many Courts in Kansas embraced the need for resources for self-represented litigants within their courthouses. The Fourth Judicial District started the movement, with Court Administrator John Steelman establishing space, locating a computer and gathering resources for this endeavor. A staff member is tasked with providing some basic support for self-represented litigants and staff is encouraged to send self-represented litigants to the Self-Help Center when appropriate.

Kansas Legal Services was pleased to be a part of this effort, by creating a simple webpage with helpful links for users of Courts' Self-Help Centers. We felt these services could be a part of aiding the work by Courts in this much needed reform.

Our interest in supporting Self-Help Centers spreads from our recognition that while 60 – 70% of civil Court cases have at least one unrepresented party, the resources of Kansas Legal Services cannot be spread broadly enough to meet that need. Self-represented litigants report that cost is a prime factor in not hiring a lawyer and that free or low cost resources are extremely limited. Many of these people just want the guidance of getting the right paperwork. Some have an interest in having a say in their own voice in litigation. Some are afraid that hiring an attorney will enflame an already tense situation. Many Courts around the country are successfully using courthouse based Self-Help Centers as a positive public service and a needed component to address the needs of those who appear at the Clerk's desk asking what they need to do next.

It is on the agenda of the Office of Judicial Administration to create a template for a statewide solution for self-represented litigants. Kansas Legal Services is proud to step in during the interim to provide a solution to Courts who were interested in moving ahead more quickly.

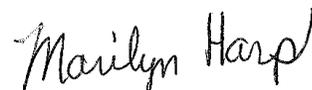
Today, there are ten courthouse based self-help centers in Kansas. Kansas Legal Services is pleased to play a role in each of these. One role that KLS wants to emphasize is recruiting and training volunteer attorneys to work in each help center. The availability of Emeritus attorneys' time through Kansas Legal Services has been important to the growth of the Johnson County Self-Help Center. Kansas Legal Services encourages and provides training for other volunteer attorneys who are willing to make a regular commitment to the Help Centers in their counties.

So, Happy Birthday to Kansas Legal Services. Thank you to:

KLS staff, past and present, who have done the work,
KLS Board members, past and present, who have provided the leadership and support,
KLS Donors and Program partners, who have provided much needed funding.

Together, we look forward and embrace the future.

Marilyn Harp, Executive Director



WHAT WE DO . . .

KLS - Emporia staff were able to assist a client, Joann, in a rural county. Staff helped in obtaining a protective order, a custody order in her divorce, and guide her through the criminal justice system. This all followed an incident at an exchange where the father of Joann's child ran over her with his vehicle. Staff were able to obtain video and audio evidence that refuted his claim that it was entirely accidental.

Helping families move forward into safety and security, away from violence and trauma . . .

When a widow, Mae, received a phone call threatening her with jail for not paying a debt she was frightened. After consulting with a Kansas Legal Services attorney, Mae learned that she could not go to jail for a bad debt and that she should not send any money in response to the call. After additional investigation, it was learned that she didn't owe any debt to the caller. Information was gathered and the incident was reported to State and Federal Authorities to hold the scammer accountable.

Easing seniors' fears of abuse by debt collectors and resolving consumer conflicts . . .

Kansas Legal Services had a client who was a single mother not getting much help from the father of her children. While struggling to get by back in 1998, she wrote a couple of bad checks and an overzealous prosecutor charged her with a felony to which she had to plead guilty. Until recently, that felony sat on her record, keeping her from getting a better job to help support herself and her children. The father still provides only occasional support.

Helping "erase the slate" of old crimes that keep families from better jobs and affordable housing . . .

Kansas Legal Services helped her get an expungement of the felony on her record. Now that her conviction has been expunged, she's already been able to secure a better job and is now happy and financially independent.

Cover photo by Alex English, Assistant Managing Attorney, KLS – Kansas City.

OVERVIEW – KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES

The year 2017 was our 40th year as a statewide legal services organization in Kansas. As one of the programs born during the War on Poverty in 1964, Kansas Legal Services (KLS) provides legal services as it seeks to eliminate the burdens of poverty on low income Kansans. KLS has eleven legal services field offices and two mediation offices located across the state. KLS works with the Kansas Bar Association and its members to supplement staff resources by involving private attorneys in legal work on behalf of low income Kansans.

GOALS

Kansas Legal Services has progressively focused its efforts on special needs individuals, such as victims of domestic violence and crime, the homeless, children in foster care, consumers with housing and debt disputes, the elderly, those with disabling conditions, individuals seeking access to public benefits, and those seeking mediation services.

One mission of Kansas Legal Services is to provide equal access to justice for persons not able to pay for legal and other essential services. Kansas Legal Services is also a vehicle for keeping many low income people from falling permanently into the category of the chronically poor. It serves as a conduit by which many low income people successfully get back on their feet and become self-sustaining.

LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

FAMILY LAW

Through Access to Justice, Legal Services Corporation, United Way, Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and other funding sources, KLS represents thousands of low income persons each year in domestic law matters. The demand for legal assistance in family law matters continues to far exceed the capacity of KLS to provide direct representation. Priority is placed on cases of spousal or child abuse and protection from abuse orders.

Access to Justice (ATJ) funding has increased the number of family law clients KLS has been able to serve. Due in large part to ATJ funding, KLS assists many low income Kansans with domestic law matters.

WHAT WE DO . . .

An abused wife moved to Kansas from another state. She sought a protection from abuse order, but she needed a lawyer's help to correct major jurisdictional problems so that Kansas could enter final orders protecting her.

With guidance and sound legal advice from a KLS attorney the wife obtained final orders through the Kansas court system. Not only were orders obtained, the attorney also negotiated and obtained financial support from the abuser. This mother was better able to maintain her housing and feed her children. She also no longer has to live in fear.

KLS helped a client who lost his identity and was not able to get a birth certificate, Social Security card, or ID of any kind. After we helped him get his birth certificate, we gave him additional advice on and helped him obtain other documents. He obtained his Social Security Card and then met with Social Security. Soon he was awarded \$6,664 in back payments and is now getting \$833 per month. The client is so HAPPY!

The **Guardian Ad Litem Support Center (GALSC)** is a statewide program that provides technical assistance, advice and other supportive services to guardians ad litem, those who represent children in court proceedings. KLS GALSC staff attorneys also provide direct advice and representation in child welfare cases. The **Foster Care Helpline** is part of the GALSC.

Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) is administered by the Governor's Grants Office to assist all victims of crime in Kansas, with priority given to legal services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

PUBLIC BENEFITS AND DISABILITY LAW

The primary goal of KLS public benefits advocacy is to assist low income individuals in accessing state and federal public benefits programs. KLS has committed resources ensuring that applicants get benefits to which they are entitled. The **Children's Social Security Advocacy Project** seeks to obtain SSI for disabled children. The project is focused on children who are receiving services from the Department for Children and Families. Obtaining SSI cash and medical benefits for children often makes home placement possible.

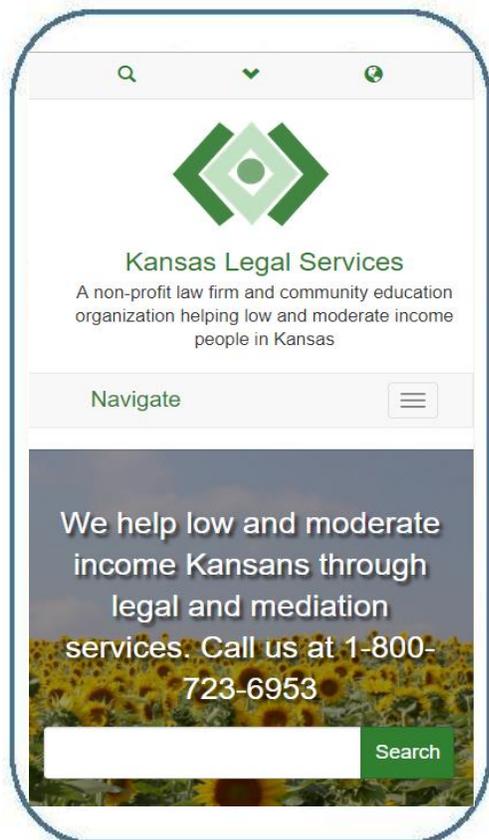
ELDER LAW

KLS cooperates with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and the Area Agencies on Aging as an integral part of the state aging network. Older Americans Act funds are combined with Legal Services Corporation and other private funds to address this growing area of need. Senior Citizen Law Project (SCLP) provides services in a wide range of civil legal issues to persons age 60 and older. Its objective is to target the more vulnerable elderly population who are in the greatest social and economic need.

One point of access is the Elder Law Hotline, a program that links KLS staff and private attorneys to provide the broadest possible range of legal advice and information.

(888) 353-5337

Kansas Elder Law Hotline



Tools for KLS Staff, Volunteers, the Public and Self - Represented Litigants

Research shows that 84 percent of low income persons have access to the internet. The KLS website, kansaslegalservices.org, has continued to grow in size and popularity. In 2017, 254,673 persons visited the website, a 25% increase over 2016. At least 50% of our users now access us from their phones.

In 2017, self-represented litigants created 8,268 documents through our document assembly forms on the KLS website.

Kansas Legal Services developed a website exclusively for pro bono attorneys, klsprobono.org, to make volunteering for KLS easy and convenient for busy attorneys.

<https://www.kansaslegalservices.org>



Kansas Legal Services Celebrates 40th Anniversary!

Our images through the years...

KLS at 20th Anniversary 1997

- Offices: 15
- Staff: 165
- Budget Total: \$ 7,997,817 LSC \$2,156,918
- Cases closed: 35,825

40th Anniversary - 2017

Staff: 101 people including 36 attorneys provided direct legal services or legal education to 22,757 low or moderate income persons

Budget: \$6.65 million from all sources LSC portion is \$2.7 million *
*compare to \$2.26 million in 1980

Volunteer lawyers provide 1,227 hours of assistance to 750 people
31 law students provide 2,214 hours of volunteer service, helping 1,187 clients and starting their legal career with a give back attitude

Ks Supreme Court Justice Robert Davis



You are the professionals who do not look away, who do not forget that those being served are human beings with faces and names, with life stories and life needs.

You meet these people with a promise that they will have access to justice.



Legal Problems Getting You Down?
CONSUMER COMPLAINTS
HOUSING PROBLEMS
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IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, CONTACT LEGAL AID!

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Kansas Legal Services

Kansas Legal Services began providing legal services to low income persons in July, 1977, as a statewide entity. Forty years later, staff work in eleven offices across the state, provide services to residents of all 105 counties, and have provided legal advice or representation to hundreds of thousands of Kansans.

At the July, 2017, KLS Board of Directors meeting, we simulcast a presentation online to all KLS offices. Several of the KLS offices hosted open houses for their advisory boards and the public to celebrate the anniversary. The PowerPoint presentation described the history and milestones of KLS from its beginnings to its many successes over 40 years. We invite you to view the presentation on the KLS website at <https://bit.ly/2GWUQDp>.

To celebrate the story of KLS, Executive Director Marilyn Harp presented at many local bar associations across the state in summer, 2017. KLS also launched a fundraising campaign to promote our history.

We requested donations of \$40 or more and were delighted when many attorneys made donations for the first time.



Left, KLS Board President James Campbell and Executive Director Marilyn Harp show off the 40th Anniversary cake at the July 2017 Board of Directors celebration.

Kansas Bar Association Recognizes Pro Bono Service

During the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Kansas Bar Association recognized attorneys for their service to low income Kansans.



Gabrielle Thompson is an attorney in Manhattan, Kansas, with over 30 years of experience. She has volunteered her time accepting pro bono cases and helping with the Elder Law Hotline.

In the past few years, Gabrielle has helped 46 clients, often providing them with legal advice about how to move forward with their situation. Gabrielle will also agree to represent proposed wards in guardianship cases filed by Kansas Legal Services. She has assisted disabled clients in maintaining eligibility for Medicaid.

Ms. Thompson is always willing to help Kansas Legal Services and our clients. For her ongoing service to the members of our community who otherwise would not have legal representation, she should be recognized.

Vincent Garcia accepted what was originally a PFA case on a pro bono basis. The case became more complicated when the adverse party and his new girlfriend filed PFA cases against the client. Although he could have handed the case back to KLS, Mr. Garcia persisted. These cases required several hearings in front of a Judge.

Mr. Garcia was able to get the client custody of the parties' minor child and establish child support. This required obtaining transcripts and numerous stand up motions. In addition, the adverse party's attorney made things extremely challenging for Mr. Garcia.

Finally, the adverse party and his friends caused many problems for the client and were able to get her evicted from her home. Mr. Garcia entered into the eviction case and was able to buy her enough time to find another place to live and get out with a reduced rent payment. Mr. Garcia estimates that he spent around 245 hours on the client's numerous cases.

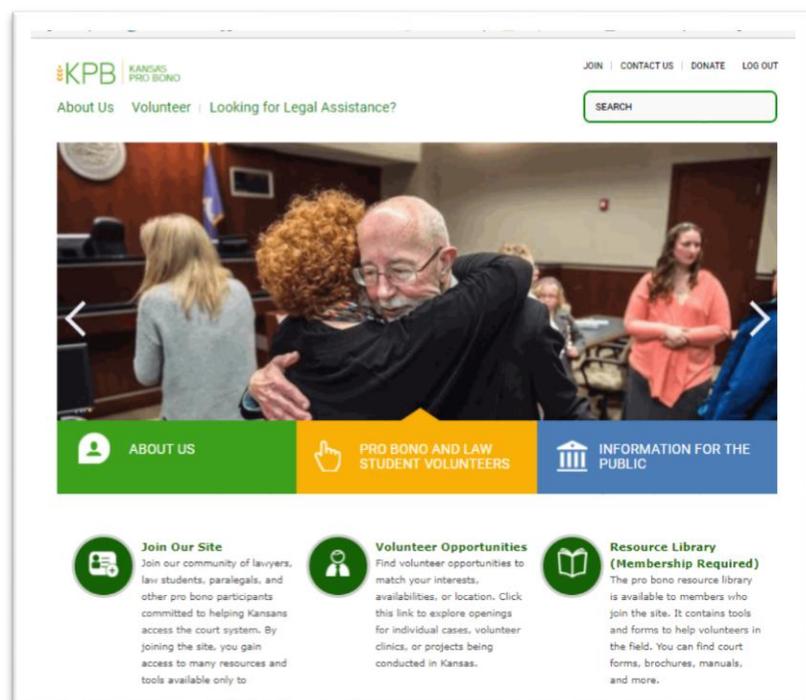
***Congratulations to these
award winners
and thank you for your services!***



KLS Thanks Our Pro Bono Attorneys!

KLS recruited private attorneys to provide legal assistance to **896** clients in 2017. These attorneys provided **2,025** hours of legal services at no cost.

1,364 hours were contributed by 17 law student volunteers to advance the legal needs of **713** KLS clients. Helping others and preparing new attorneys to continue to give back during their careers on a pro bono basis is a win – win for all.



Pictured, left, homepage for KLS pro bono website, ksprobono.org

KLS hired a new Pro Bono Director, Christine Campbell, who started in January, 2018. With support from the Kansas Bar Foundation, Kansas Legal Services was able to assign Christy full-time to recruiting and supporting private attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients.

The KLS Volunteer Lawyer Program has partnered with three local bar associations to

conduct expungement clinics. KLS staff and bar members will educate and screen potential participants. Eligible participants will then be matched with volunteer lawyers.

The benefits of the program are that expungements help low income Kansans compete for better jobs, and the clinics enhance the benevolent community reputation of each local bar. The first three partners are the Topeka Bar Association, Wyandotte County Bar Association and Wichita Bar Association, with plans to expand the project across the state. We thank the Kansas Bar Foundation for their generous support of this program!

Supreme Court Rule 208 was modified in 2013 to allow retired and inactive attorneys to perform pro bono work through an approved organization. Kansas Legal Services was approved to supervise these attorneys.

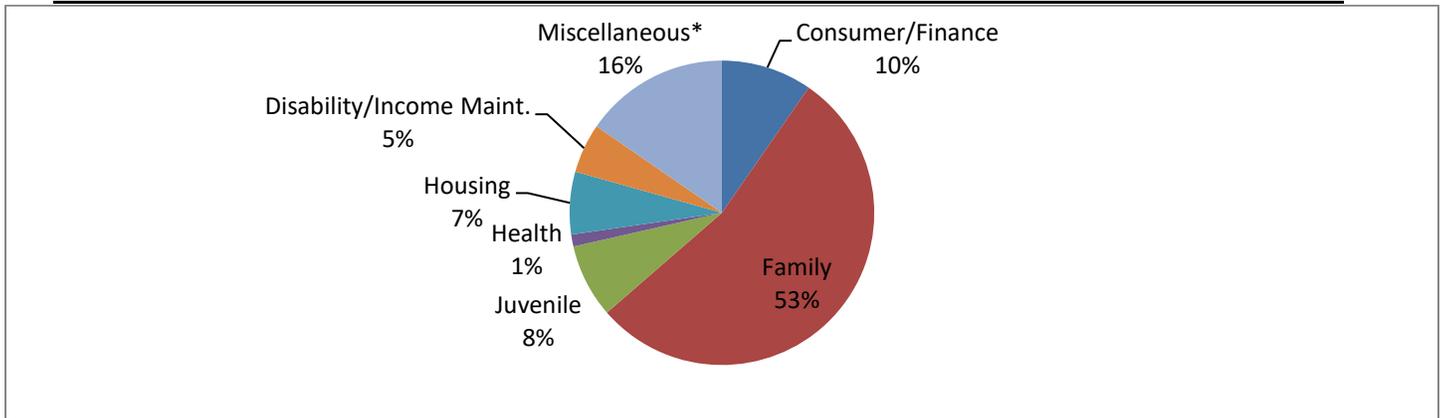
KLS supervises seven Emeritus attorneys. In 2017, five new Emeritus attorneys were recruited. KLS will continue publicizing this opportunity to eligible Kansas attorneys and find ways to incorporate those attorneys in the existing or new volunteer opportunities.

CASE TOTALS

		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Consumer/Finance	Advice & Brief Service	1,261	1,358	1,627	1,958	2,037	2,209
	Representation	201	200	160	115	173	194
	Other Service	757	637	621	795	957	1,052
	Mediation	2	0	1	1	3	3
	Total	2,221	2,195	2,409	2,869	3,170	3,458
Family	Advice & Brief Service	4,107	4,430	5,185	5,755	5,610	5,664
	Representation	3,232	3,258	2,998	3,008	3,410	4,076
	Other Service	3,902	4,451	4,529	4,852	5,022	6,103
	Mediation	106	143	125	132	133	162
	Total	11,347	12,282	12,837	13,747	14,175	16,005
Juvenile	Advice & Brief Service	226	240	326	368	248	284
	Representation	955	1,135	1,101	1,208	1,680	2,015
	Other Service	475	404	481	373	448	461
	Mediation	7	2	6	7	3	9
	Total	1,663	1,781	1,914	1,956	2,379	2,769
Health	Advice & Brief Service	222	230	231	249	250	261
	Representation	24	23	2	3	5	10
	Other Service	47	36	30	46	44	60
	Mediation	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Total	293	289	264	298	299	331
Housing	Advice & Brief Service	930	1,098	1,342	1,509	1,376	1,605
	Representation	305	314	41	64	62	49
	Other Service	166	97	85	127	162	203
	Mediation	0	3	1	5	2	5
	Total	1,401	1,512	1,469	1,705	1,602	1,862
Disability/Income Maint.	Advice & Brief Service	207	247	400	503	492	543
	Representation	696	721	693	585	843	1,268
	Other Service	258	229	158	185	157	236
	Mediation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1,161	1,197	1,251	1,273	1,492	2,047
Miscellaneous*	Advice & Brief Service	828	988	2,313	2,380	2,368	2,425
	Representation	1,894	1,978	669	821	786	1,211
	Other Service	645	414	371	598	584	656
	Mediation	135	121	130	156	143	480
	Total	3,502	3,501	3,483	3,955	3,881	4,772
TOTAL CASES		21,588	22,757	23,627	25,803	26,998	31,244

*includes education, employment, individual rights, Indian/Tribal law, wills, criminal/juvenile defense.

CASE DISTRIBUTION



*Includes education, employment, individual rights, Indian/Tribal law, wills, criminal/juvenile defense

CLIENT PROFILES IN 2017

GENDER	
Female	10,464
Male	4,614
Transgender - Female	9
TOTAL	15,087

AGE/ETHNICITY

Ethnicity	Age Group				Total
	Under 18	18-35	36-59	60 & over	
Asian	7	44	51	29	131
Black	206	659	642	342	1,849
Hispanic	117	530	345	124	1,116
Multi-Racial	11	233	94	30	368
Nat Haw/Other Pac Islander	0	14	11	1	26
Native American	11	74	82	32	199
Nat Amer/Alaskan Native	6	19	20	7	52
Other Race	23	59	51	24	157
White	1,174	3,815	3,278	2,922	11,189
TOTAL	1,555	5,447	4,574	3,511	15,087

2017 Elizabeth Ferguson Award Recipient: JUDY TURNER

Judy Turner, Social Security Paralegal in the KLS – Kansas City office, has worked for 18 years on adult disability cases, as well as child disability cases for children in foster care. Managing Attorney Leland Cox says, “Since I started here, I have listened to Judy calmly talk to foster parents, grandparents, guardians of all sorts to assist with disability claims for minor children in the ‘system.’ She knows the job inside and out, up and down, able to answer any question thrown at her, even if that means calling social security and other agencies to research the answer, such as phone calls from moms with deceased fathers that were never named on the birth certificate.”



Judy has advocated for foster children every day by helping them get money for their care due to their disabilities. She remembers them, she cares about them and she withholds judgment even in some outrageous circumstances. For foster kids who slip through the cracks, Judy takes the time to advocate for the proper compensation so they have some income wherever they may end up.

Left, Judy receiving the award from Board President James Campbell.

Judy also handles adult cases and advocates for people with disabilities. On average, she has had over 100 open cases at any given time. She often has to educate the people at the Social Security Office because she knows more than they do, not only about disability, but also about retirement and payouts.

In presenting the award, Marilyn Harp noted that during her career, Judy had successfully obtained disability benefits for 1,501 people. That is 1,501 individuals whose lives were changed by her efforts.

Judy’s expertise and knowledge is impressive and there will be a major hole in KLS resources when she retires in 2018. For her continued service and dedication to adults and children with disabilities, KLS thinks Judy Turner definitely deserves this award.

2017 KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2017, Kansas Legal Services provided life changing services in the following manner:

- 1,311** Victims of domestic violence obtained a Final Protection from Abuse order, through the representation of a KLS advocate and funded by a variety of sources, including the Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) funding
- 334** Adults and children received steady monthly income from Social Security or SSI disability benefits, putting over \$5.5 million in the Kansas economy
- 5,185** Kansans completed divorce forms through the Free Legal Forms page on the KLS website, which has 28 sets of legal forms available
- 1,614** Veterans or their families, including 221 Servicemembers deployed since 9/11, sought legal advice or representation
 - 71** Clients received legal assistance for expungement of criminal conviction or arrest, 442 used online forms for self-representation in expungement process
- 250** Cases were mediated, involving employment or family issues
 - 32** Kansas families got a fresh financial start from a bankruptcy filed by KLS offices, resulting in \$3 million in debt relief
- 215** Families met their child's special needs, due to successful Children's disability and Medicare benefit claims, funded by the Kansas Department for Children and Families
- 2,025** Hours of legal services provided at no cost to 896 clients from private attorneys, through KLS pro bono program
- 532** Parents received child support orders in divorce and paternity cases, represented by KLS staff
 - 63** Attorneys and paralegals provide high quality, effective legal advocacy for low income Kansans
- 1,364** Hours were contributed by 17 law school volunteers to advance the legal needs of 713 KLS clients, preparing them to continue to give back during their careers on a pro bono basis
- 7,779** Clients received timely legal advice as they faced family law, housing, consumer related or other crises in their lives
- 35,720** Applicants for KLS service, including 24,329 handled by the Central Intake Unit
 - 8,795** Applicants completed the online application form to make an initial request for services, a 30% increase over 2016
- 1,865** Self-represented persons had questions answered through the Live Chat feature on the KLS website
- 254,673** Unique visitors to the KLS website (each counted once) with 745,970 page views on www.kansaslegalservices.org

What is mediation?

Mediation is a voluntary process in which a trained mediator facilitates communication and negotiation between parties in dispute. The goal of mediation is to facilitate greater understanding between parties in dispute, and attempt to reach an agreement that settles the dispute in a mutually satisfactory manner.

Mediations are conducted at a neutral location and in an informal and non-threatening environment. During the process, all participants have the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the matter in dispute. With the mediator, all individuals collectively create an agenda, identify the issue in dispute, define each individual's interests and create an agreement.

MIDLAND MEDIATION AND SETTLEMENT SERVICES

MEDIATION SERVICES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The KLS mediation program has eight approved mediators providing civil rights, employment, domestic, juvenile permanency, insurance and other mediation services throughout the state. Mediation services complement the work of KLS by providing a non-adversarial dispute resolution method for appropriate cases.

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

- **For Fee Mediations** are offered to parties in domestic matters on a sliding fee basis when neither party is ATJ-eligible, and is available to parties in some civil matters at a reasonable hourly rate.

How do people access mediation services?

KLS provides mediation in a wide variety of cases including employment disputes, insurance disputes, employment, housing and public accommodations discrimination matters, special education disputes and domestic matters such as custody and visitation. Kansans received mediation assistance from KLS, which receives referrals from local district courts, the Kansas Human Rights Commission and others. KLS also offers fee-based mediations on a sliding scale.

**Contact Randy Hershey,
Director of Mediation,
785-232-5348**



FUNDING AND STAFF FIGURES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS 2014 - 2016

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Legal Services Corporation	\$2,633,406	\$2,714,623	\$2,623,776	\$2,569,194
Department of DCF – State of Kansas	200,183	181,100	203,400	129,600
Access to Justice	794,300	788,600	788,600	809,335
Kansas Governor’s Grant Program	533,933	371,907	126,382	99,746
IOLTA & Bar Sponsored	322,625	418,403	516,271	638,958
Kansas Bar Foundation	180,307	69,355	0	0
Lawyer Giving	45,098	31,515	35,076	32,855
City/County Grants	773,867	742,711	745,804	659,197
Area Agencies on Aging	300,888	272,240	273,353	274,065
United Way	162,114	185,130	214,329	236,394
U.S. Department of Justice	178,166	23,714	0	0
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	42,107	40,000	36,726	0
U.S. Department of HUD	0	0	0	89,145
Mediation Contracts & Fees	115,000	115,000	115,205	115,449
Medical-Legal Partnerships	120,000	82,575	55,403	85,964
Independence Charitable Trust	155,000	156,637	154,000	146,000
Court Awards	404,269	306,252	468,499	413,487
Cy Pres Awards	10,596	0	0	7,492
Interest Income	2,296	1,370	869	888
Farm Counseling	7,920	9,767	9,850	12,350
Other Miscellaneous	111,882	122,108	167,410	190,077
Computer Training	9,600	9,400	30,694	76,615
Total Revenues	<u>\$7,103,557</u>	<u>\$6,642,407</u>	<u>\$6,565,647</u>	<u>\$6,586,810</u>

STAFF TOTALS

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Full-time equivalent employees	104	101	91	93

EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2014 - 2016

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Salaries	\$4,460,628	\$4,242,168	\$4,108,811	\$4,445,148
Employee Benefits & Payroll Taxes	1,100,626	934,989	934,993	1,123,579
Rent, Parking, Utilities & Maintenance	554,034	507,878	531,373	570,113
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	45,991	44,996	51,310	63,233
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage	106,394	116,027	118,066	128,994
Telephone	109,009	107,556	110,443	120,290
Travel	70,030	63,921	63,517	70,091
Training	41,115	41,421	36,190	52,412
Electronic Research & Library	27,472	27,790	28,130	44,901
Insurance	37,454	37,903	42,915	38,670
Litigation Expenses	25,027	31,108	22,696	19,489
Audit, Consulting & Contract Services	189,726	242,677	138,824	131,556
Private Bar Involvement	48,509	42,864	41,967	52,153
Depreciation	48,037	51,296	55,616	59,788
Other	77,703	70,858	64,662	77,634
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,941,755</u>	<u>\$6,563,451</u>	<u>\$6,349,513</u>	<u>\$6,998,051</u>



Photo by Rebecca Koehlhoeffer, Paralegal, KLS – Hays.

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