

INCOME AND EXPENSE 2007 - 2008*

INCOME	2007	2007 ACTUAL	2008 ESTIMATE
IOLTA/JBGA	74.4%	2,559,986	3,507,744
United Way	2.5%	84,374	73,653
Child & Youth Advocacy Project	0.0%	-	302,581
Contribution - Cash /In-kind	6.4%	221,736	303,772
Federal/State Grants	13.0%	448,312	465,070
Other Grants	2.1%	72,875	117,595
Other Income	1.6%	55,921	89,970
Totals	100%	3,443,204	4,860,385
EXPENSES			
Salaries-Cash /In-kind	59.1%	1,929,029	2,706,570
Benefits	20.8%	678,052	886,978
Contracts & Consulting	5.6%	183,219	231,160
Office Expenses	3.3%	107,600	115,089
Occupancy	5.6%	184,219	181,295
Training, Travel, Membership, Professional Fees	1.6%	53,520	86,860
Research & Litigation	2.1%	67,554	58,153
Insurance	0.6%	18,624	23,943
Fund Raising Expenses	0.6%	19,544	26,133
Other Expenses	0.2%	6,577	17,884
Depreciation	0.5%	15,613	21,983
Totals	100%	3,263,551	4,356,048

*Based on 2007 audit by UHY LLP and on unaudited 2008 figures as of 04/08.

MEMBER: United Way of Milford * United Way of Greater New Haven * Valley United Way * CDBG of Hamden * CDBG of West Haven

We provide high-quality legal services to individuals and groups unable to obtain legal services because of limited income, age, disability, discrimination and other barriers.

Our goals are:

- To ensure equal access to justice*
- To achieve long-lasting improvement in the rights and living conditions of our client community*
- To foster our clients' ability to protect their own rights*

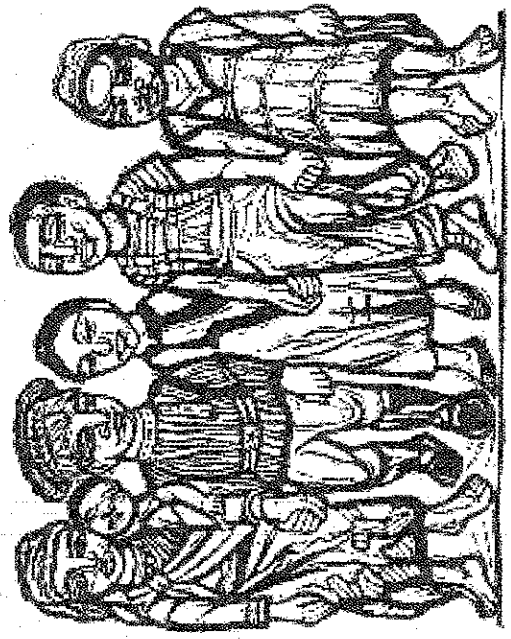


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TO OUR DONORS AND FRIENDS:

The events and challenges of 2008 were extreme and dramatic. We began the year adding staff with expertise in Immigration Law, allowing us to expand our work into a new area of law. Our ability to gain the trust of the immigrant community led to contacts from victims of illegal labor trafficking. With our help they were able to escape from a brutal employer. We then worked with ICE to obtain legal status and financial assistance for our clients and filed a federal lawsuit on their behalf against the local business seeking, among other things, the overtime wages to which they were entitled for the long hours they worked.

In May, we were awarded a two-year grant from the State Commission on Child Protection Advocacy to set up a model project for children involved in abuse/neglect cases. The Child and Youth Advocacy Project that was created is a team approach to representing children, including social workers and educational advocates.

The foreclosure crisis resulted in an enormous increase in cases involving tenants being evicted from foreclosed properties. Our advocates were instrumental in working with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to change their policies on evicting tenants during foreclosures. Our efforts attracted considerable state, local, national and world media coverage.

Our spring 2008 Equal Access to Justice Event at Café Bottega honored three long time supporters of LAA: James Greenfield, Harry Wexler and William Graustein. In November we hosted our first New Haven Arts and Crafts event at Wilbur Cross High School.

Unfortunately, the national economic downturn has had a devastating impact on legal services programs throughout Connecticut. The real estate downturn and the drop in interest rates caused a huge drop in IOLTA revenues. In November, we were informed that IOLTA funding would be cut by 50% as of January 1st. In order to avoid the devastating impact of attorney layoffs on our clients, our attorneys agreed to a 20% salary decrease between January 1st and July 1st of 2009. We did have to eliminate three paraprofessional positions. Because of the projected deficit that we still faced, our three most junior attorneys, including our experienced immigration attorney, left to find other employment.

Despite these adverse conditions, the community support from individual donors and foundations has been tremendous, and we are working to find new ways to provide legal services to clients that will increase our efficiency and maintain our mission. It has been the perfect storm of increasing client demand and decrease of resources. As always, it is the generosity and support, financial and otherwise, of our friends which enable us to continue to provide these much needed services to our clients. We thank you all most sincerely.

Diane Polan
President, LAA Board of Directors

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Executive Director

2008 CASES OPENED BY TOWN

NEW HAVEN	990
WEST HAVEN	131
ANSONIA	71
HAMDEN	83
MILFORD	35
DERBY	30
EAST HAVEN	41
SHELTON	25
WALLINGFORD	19
BRANFORD	30
SEYMOUR	25
GUILFORD, NO. HAVEN, OXFORD, CHESHIRE, NO. BRANFORD, MADISON, BEACON FALLS, WOODBRIIDGE, BETHANY, ORANGE	43
OTHER	300
TOTAL	1823

2008 CASES OPENED BY TYPE

HOUSING	481	26.4%
FAMILY	263	14.4%
BENEFITS	196	10.8%
EMPLOYMENT	77	4.2%
CONSUMER/UTILITIES	62	3.4%
EDUCATION	109	6.0%
JUVENILE	88	4.8%
HEALTH	50	2.7%
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS/IMMIGRATION	391	21.5%
CRIMINAL	106	5.8%
TOTAL CASES	1823	100.0%

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