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Annual Report 2011



TO OUR DONORS AND FRIENDS:

2011 was an interesting year. What used to be our major funding source, IOLTA, dropped even further than it had in 2008. The state appropriation and increase in filing fees helped to save us from having to reduce staff numbers even further and allowed us to maintain the level of services to clients.

Our advocates continued to work passionately and persuasively for our clients in the areas of employment, housing, benefits, medical care access and family/child law. Our Child and Youth Advocacy Project became the Juvenile Matters Unit because we are now accepting referrals for parents as well as for children. We filed a class action law suit against Kirby Vacuum for their illegal treatment of workers.

The Derby supportive housing case finally concluded with a positive verdict for our client and it is in the process of being appealed by the defendant town. The judge's written decision reflects the hard work of our advocates in telling a compelling story of discrimination by a town against people with disabilities that sends a strong message to other towns contemplating similar exclusionary actions.

2011 also was a year of very special and unique events. Still Serving Justice at Anthony's Ocean View honored the 17 judges who started their careers at LAA and was an evening filled with nostalgia for LAA and particularly for Fred Danforth and Frank Dineen. The luncheon at Adriana's for Justice Clarence Thomas who worked for LAA as a student intern throughout his Yale Law School years demonstrated how much Justice Thomas cared about LAA, the work he did for our clients and the staff with whom he worked.

Our spring 2011 Equal Access to Justice Event at Terminal 110 honored Beverly Hodgson and John Leventhal who have supported the work of legal services for years, and Richard Jacobs who has been on our Friends fundraising board from its inception. As always it was a fun event that brings together the staff, community, lawyers, judges and supporters in an informal way.

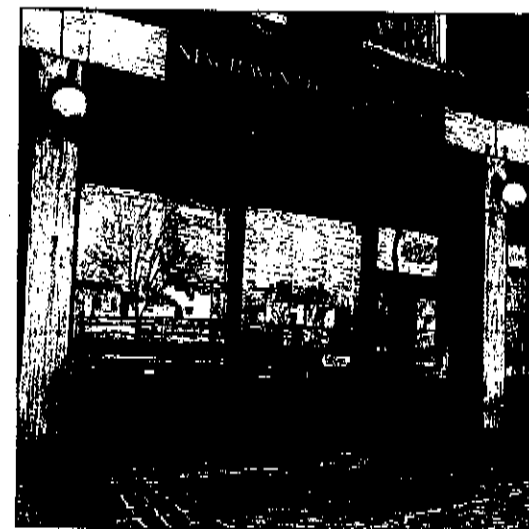
It is the generosity and support, financial and otherwise, of our friends which enable us to continue to provide these much-needed services to our clients. We thank you all most sincerely.

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- To foster our clients' ability to protect their own rights



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INCOME AND EXPENSES 2010 - 2011*

INCOME	2010%	2010 ACTUAL	2011%	2011 ACTUAL
IOLTA/ Legislative Appropriation	20.3%	894,767	23.1%	915,957
Court Filing Fees	33.7%	1,488,336	33.5%	1,328,796
Community Foundation of Gr. New Haven	1.6%	70,279	0.3%	13,464
United Ways	1.0%	44,451	0.9%	35,122
Contribution Cash/In-Kind	8.9%	392,351	8.0%	316,360
Federal/State Grants	27.4%	1,210,433	26.2%	1,038,096
Other Grants	5.0%	223,548	4.2%	166,687
Other Income	2.1%	90,942	3.8%	149,638
Totals	100.0%	4,415,107	100.0%	3,964,120

EXPENSES

Salaries/Cash In-Kind	62.8%	2,549,237	63.1%	2,663,038
Benefits	19.0%	772,509	19.6%	826,725
Contracts & Consulting	4.6%	185,641	4.7%	199,749
Office Expenses	3.8%	155,619	2.8%	117,792
Occupancy	4.9%	200,958	4.5%	187,379
Training, Travel, Membership, Professional Fees	1.7%	67,517	1.5%	65,247
Research & Litigation	1.4%	57,385	1.6%	65,372
Insurance	0.6%	24,418	0.6%	25,701
Fund Raising Expenses	0.4%	16,152	0.7%	31,451
Other Expenses	0.2%	6,727	0.2%	8,492
Depreciation	0.6%	24,846	0.7%	28,418
Totals	100.0%	4,061,009	100.0%	4,219,364

*Based on 2010 audit by Pikaart Visconte and Associates, P.C. and on unaudited 2011 Figures as of 3/11

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