

Justice

For the Common Good

On the evening of August 26, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) hosted the third annual **For the Common Good** awards reception. It was a gala evening with 250 guests on hand to help celebrate our legal community's outstanding achievements and dedication to equal access to justice for all.

While several awards were given to specific individuals and organizations, the theme of the night was to celebrate all the great work and contributions provided by volunteers and advocates in our community.

Dan Glazier, executive director and general counsel, and **Reuben Shelton**, president of the Board of Directors, welcomed those in attendance at the celebration and gave out many of LSEM's annual awards. **Jim Guest**, director of the Volunteer Lawyers Program, recognized many of our most outstanding volunteer attorneys and law firms with awards.

The awards reception was a special event that truly highlighted the amazing dedication of our supporters and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who attended the event!

Following is a list of those honored at the awards program:

Robert Walston Chubb Award:	<i>Senator John C. Danforth and Honorable Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr.</i>
Equal Justice Award:	<i>Missouri Foundation for Health</i>
Ashley Award:	<i>Jesse Goldner, Patricia Harrison and Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinic</i>
Edna M. Taylor Client Service Award:	<i>Dennis Schafer (posthumous)</i>
Eddie Mae Binion Community Service Award:	<i>Dr. Gloria Johnson</i>
Richard B. Teitelman Distinguished Service Award:	<i>The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis</i>
John R. Essner Young Lawyer of the Year Award:	<i>Christan Shelton, David Kargel and Chuck Adamson</i>
F. Wm. McCalpin Pro Bono Award:	<i>Mark Keaney and Jim Hacking</i>
Gerald R. Orbals Outstanding Law Firm Award:	<i>Husch Blackwell</i>
Media Award:	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>

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1: Hon. Stephen Limbaugh, Sr. and Dan Glazier

2: Richard Brophy, Keith Rabenburg, Jack Quinn, Lois Quinn

3: Dan Glazier and Jim Guest with the honorees: James Hacking, Dr. James Kimmey, Richard Gard, Joe Conran, Chuck Adamson, and Tom Glick. Back row: Patricia Harrison, Christan Shelton, Dr. Gloria Johnson, Cindy Schafer, Mark Keaney, Jesse Goldner, and David Kargel

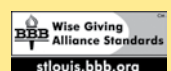


4: Volunteers were recognized at the Common Good event

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United Way of Greater St. Louis Campaign

LSEM and many other health and human services organizations in the greater metro area benefit from our partnership with **United Way of Greater St. Louis**. September 7 was the start of this year's United Way campaign. Last year you helped raise \$67 million for our community through the United Way campaign.

LSEM has been a United Way-funded agency for 41 years. In 2010, we received \$624,783 to support the provision of legal services to the low-income community. Those funds help us provide legal assistance in a variety of areas, including services to the elderly and victims of domestic violence, and help to families in the areas of housing, education, immigration, health, and public benefits.

United Way funds reach 188 health and human services agencies throughout our metropolitan area. More than 1 million people get help each year through these agencies. More than 90 cents of every dollar raised goes back into the community to help people access services through these agencies.

"United Way helps LSEM maintain a high level of service," said **Dan Glazier**, LSEM executive director. "With United Way support, we are able to help even more people. We're proud to be a United Way member agency, and I encourage you to support the campaign."

If you have questions about the United Way campaign or would like more information, please call United Way at (314)421-0700 or visit the website at www.stl.unitedway.org.

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Saint Louis University Law Students Perform Community Service

Twelve students from Saint Louis University School of Law came to LSEM August 13 to perform community service prior to the start of the fall semester. They assisted with filing, copying and mailing projects, as well as updating a computer inventory. LSEM is grateful for their willingness to help out with these tasks.



Saint Louis University School of Law students perform community service at LSEM

LSEM Staff Participates in Children's Hospital Scavenger Hunt

LSEM staff participated in a team-building exercise July 29 for staff of the Healthy Kids Express Asthma Program at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Because the staff of the asthma program deals with so many different hospital departments and community organizations, it was decided that a scavenger hunt would be a fun way to educate staff on the various agencies.

MaryAnne Banks, healthcare advocate with LSEM's Advocates for Family Health, and **LaTasha Barnes**, staff attorney in LSEM's Children's Health Advocacy Project, participated in the scavenger hunt by greeting the teams that visited LSEM and providing them with our brochures and publications.

Approximately ten different teams from the asthma program visited LSEM to learn more about the services we provide in the community.



A Healthy Kids Express team visits LSEM



LaTasha Barnes and MaryAnne Banks

ABA President Visits LSEM



Bruce Hopson, president-elect of BAMSL, Tom Glick, president of BAMSL, Don Lents, chair of the firm at Bryan Cave, Carolyn Lamm



Dan Claggett, Jason Dodson, Jeanne Philips-Roth, Lucas Caldwell-McMillan (Stan Platke in the background), LSEM staff, at the ABA visit

Carolyn Lamm, president of the American Bar Association (ABA), visited LSEM on June 17. Representatives from The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), Bryan Cave, and LSEM met with the president to discuss the work of LSEM and its staff. A client whose son was helped by LSEM's Children's Legal Alliance attended the event to talk about how the assistance provided to her and her son in an educational matter made such a difference in her son's life.

The visit was also an occasion to recognize **Bryan Cave** as the 2010 recipient of the ABA Pro Bono Award. The award is presented each year by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service to honor those who enhance the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to the poor. The firm has a long history of commitment to pro bono efforts, including extensive volunteer work with LSEM and the Volunteer Lawyers Program. LSEM made the nomination of Bryan Cave for the ABA Pro Bono Award.

During her remarks, Lamm stated:

"We all have to think of creative ways to help fill the justice gap ... We need to figure ways to work on the supply and demand. I've been talking to many people about what we can do creatively to fill the gap. The ABA is committed on this issue and applauds the pro bono work of Bryan Cave."

All About the Staff



Mary Anthony, office manager with the Children's Legal Alliance and accredited representative with the Immigration Law Project, was recently certified as a fully accredited representative by the US Department of Justice. In that capacity, she is authorized to represent immigrants in all matters before both the US Department of Homeland Security and the US Immigration Courts and Board of Immigration Appeals.



Lucas Caldwell-McMillan, project manager of LSEM's Children's Health Advocacy Project, was recognized as one of "30 Under 30" young professionals by the *St. Louis Business Journal*. Individuals recognized are seen as St. Louis' next generation of movers and shakers. Their achievements were highlighted in the July 9 issue of the *Business Journal*.



Laura Halfmann recently joined LSEM as a social worker in the Housing Unit. She received her Master of Social Work in May from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, and her B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology from Truman State University. Halfmann worked as a graduate intern for LSEM and with the Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates. She previously worked as an intern with Harvesters: The Community Food Network in Kansas City and with the Children's Division of the Missouri Department of Social Services in Kirksville.



Angie O'Gorman, intake paralegal for the Immigration Law Unit, was honored with a Life Time Achievement Award May 23 by Interfaith Legal Services at its annual international buffet. The award was presented for her accomplishments in the fight for human rights. O'Gorman has published essays and articles about human rights in a number of national publications, and has taught "Theology for Peacemakers" at Saint Louis University. She has been involved in human rights work in Missouri, Honduras, Guatemala and the West Bank.

All About the Board



Jan Robey Alonzo recently joined the LSEM Board of Directors for a two-year term. Alonzo is senior vice president compliance officer and general counsel for UniGroup, Inc. which owns United Van Lines, Mayflower, and other transportation related businesses. Prior to joining UniGroup in 2004, she was a partner at Thompson Coburn.



JoAnne Morrow

Advocates for Family Health staff, **JoAnne Morrow**, managing attorney, and **MaryAnn Banks**, healthcare advocate, were at KSDK-TV, Channel 5, July 20 talking via the web with viewers who had questions about Missouri's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). KSDK had a special segment on its newscasts July 20 on CHIP and invited viewers to call or go online with their questions.



Melanie DeRousse and **Cheryl Rafert**, staff attorneys in LSEM's Lasting Solutions Program, spoke at Safe Connections July 29 about legal remedies in intimate partner violence and stalking cases.

Melanie DeRousse

Mary DeVries, staff attorney in the Housing Unit, served as a panelist and provided housing information to members of the "Keepers of the Flame" support Group at Five Star Senior Center on July 23.



Cheryl Rafert

Jason Dodson, managing attorney, and **Cheryl Rafert**, staff attorney, of the Lasting Solutions Program at LSEM, have been working with the staff of LSEM's Children's Health Advocacy Project to train doctors and hospital staff on domestic violence issues and legal remedies available to patients.

Dan Glazier, executive director and general counsel, participated in a panel discussion on cy pres May 13 at the Equal Justice Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jim Guest, director of the Volunteer Lawyers Program, was appointed chair of the Pro Bono Committee of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis



Jason Dodson

Lasting Solutions Program staff made presentations regarding abusive custody tactics at The Missouri Bar Family Law Conference August 6. Presenters were **Jason Dodson**, managing attorney, **Jackie Chun**, **Melaine DeRousse** and **Cheryl Rafert**, staff attorneys.



Judy Miniace, director of development, made a presentation on Fund Raising 101 at the Management Information Exchange Fundraising Conference in late July. She also presented at the conference orientation session for people who were new to Legal Services but not to the world of fund raising.



Kate Reid, accredited representative in the Immigration Law Unit, appeared on a program regarding human trafficking on KETC Channel 9. One of Reid's clients was tricked into coming to the United States for a job that did not exist. Both she and her client appeared on the program to discuss the situation that was resolved with help from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Rob Swearingen, staff attorney in the Consumer Unit, and one of his clients were interviewed for an article in the August 2 edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* regarding title loans. Swearingen's client paid back almost four times the amount of her loan because the loan was classified as a "small loan" and not a title loan. The case was settled and the client received all money back over the amount of the initial loan.

The LSEM Children's Health Advocacy Project (CHAP) recently filed administrative complaints against a local charter school on behalf of two kindergarteners with special needs. The complaint alleged violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for continuing to suspend the six-year-old boys instead of responding to their parents' requests for special education services. Each child was suspended for over 30 school days during the last 4 months of school. Through negotiations, the case was settled and the school agreed to conduct special education evaluations for the students and provide over 350 hours of compensatory tutoring and behavior management services.

CHAP is a medical-legal partnership between LSEM, Saint Louis University School of Law, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, and St. Louis Children's Hospital. The partnership is dedicated to improving the health of pediatric patients by using legal tools to alleviate social problems. CHAP started in 2009 with a 3-year grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health, a philanthropic organization whose vision is to improve the health of the people in the communities it serves. Saint Louis University School of Law professors **Jesse Goldner** and **Patricia Harrison** and the **Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinic** recently received the Ashley Award from LSEM for their help in starting and implementing the project.

Legal staff from LSEM and Saint Louis University School of Law hold office hours at the three medical sites to meet with patients and their families about legal issues impacting child health. The most common issues for CHAP clients



LaTasha Barnes

Lucas Caldwell-McMillan

are education, access to public benefits, and family stability, such as guardianships for grandparent caregivers. CHAP is also available on-site to consult with medical providers. Since starting in 2009, CHAP has provided 23 trainings to medical providers on topics such as special education law, immigration, and domestic violence.

CHAP staff includes two attorneys: **Lucas Caldwell-McMillan**, project manager, and **LaTasha Barnes**.

Young Friends of Legal Services

The Young Friends is a group of professionals under 40 dedicated to the continued and future success of LSEM. On August 4 the group held a luncheon at LSEM and elected its first president, **Narcisa P. Symank**, an associate with Armstrong Teasdale. Symank is a member of The Missouri Bar, the Illinois State Bar Association, a board member for the International Institute Community Development Corp., and a cabinet member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis Multicultural Leadership Society.

Other Young Friends board members are: **Jordan Ault** (Husch Blackwell); **Gordon Friedrich** (Missouri Lawyers Media); **John Gunn** (The Gunn Law Firm); **Will Gust** (Polsinelli Shughart); **Tim O'Connell** (Bryan Cave); **Cristina E. Spicer** (Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale); **Misty Watson** (Danna McKittrick); and **Drew Yaeger** (Thompson Coburn).



Front row, from left: Will Gust, Narcisa Symank, Drew Yaeger and Melissa Bancroft. Back row, from left: Jordan Ault, Cristina Spicer, Tim O'Connell, Jackie Langum, Misty Watson, and John Gunn

MAZON Recognizes LSEM

Executive director and general counsel, **Dan Glazier**, was invited to the B'nai El Congregation August 20 to receive recognition for LSEM's dedication and hard work fighting hunger through its advocacy on behalf of clients. **Rabbi Daniel Plotkin** made the presentation on behalf of MAZON:

A Jewish Response to Hunger, the only national Jewish non-profit organization exclusively dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

"I want to thank MAZON for recognizing our Health and Welfare Unit and our entire organization in the fight against hunger" said Glazier. LSEM's Health and Welfare Unit provides a vital lifeline for low-income people in need of health care, income support, food assistance and critical work supports.



Dan Glazier and Rabbi Daniel Plotkin

Summer Associate Event

LSEM hosted a summer associate event July 21 and invited firms and corporations to send their associates to the meet and mingle event to learn about LSEM and the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Dan Glazier, LSEM executive director and general counsel, stated: "This is a great opportunity for new lawyers and law students getting ready to enter the profession to meet and socialize with people from all walks of our profession. We're very happy to sponsor this reception."



1: Jeffrey Lewis, associate general counsel at AT&T, Danny Levy, summer intern with LSEM, Lindsey Jones, summer associate at AT&T, Dan Glazier



2: Erica Woods, summer associate at Bryan Cave, Dan Glazier, Justin Johnson, student at Saint Louis University School of Law



3: Karen Warren and Kathleen DuBois, LSEM managing attorneys

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1: Gordon Friedrich, Matt Hans, William Gust



2: Cindy Schafer and Reuben Shelton



3: Dr. Gloria Johnson and Reuben Shelton



4: Christan Shelton, Jim Guest, David Kargel, Chuck Adamson



5: Mark Keaney, Jim Guest, Jim Hacking



6: Zoe Lyle, Jim Guest, Tom Glick

Honor Gifts

In honor of Bryan Cave on receiving the Pro Bono Publico Award from the American Bar Association:

United Healthcare

In honor of Joel Ferber for his advocacy efforts:

Samuel & Beatrice Ferber
Stephen & Linda Skrainka

In honor of Dan Glazier on receiving the Unsung Hero Award:

W. Dudley & Beth McCarter
Jeanne Philips-Roth and Eddie Roth
Ted & Susan Wachtel

In honor of Thomas Glick on being installed as the president of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis:

Henry & Ilene Ordower
Jeanne Philips-Roth & Eddie Roth

In honor of Angie O’Gorman:

Jeanne Philips-Roth & Eddie Roth

In honor of Elmer & Nancy Rosenthal on their 50th wedding anniversary:

Violet Lohse
Jason & Shannon Dodson

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Eddie Mae Binion:

Stan Platke

In memory of Stanley Goldstein:

Carl & Jo Seltzer

In memory of Michael Kornblum:

Barry & Melissa Chelist
Anne & John Donnelly
Dan Glazier & Nancy Snow
Midwest Litigation Services
John Tureen

In memory of Lucille Krachmalnick:

Jane Cohen

In memory of Joseph Lott:

Joel Monson

In memory of Thomas B. Maue:

Joel Monson

In memory of Mary Ortvals:

Dan & Barbara Ball
Ellen Bonacorsi & Tom Kinsock
Robert & Teddy Branom
Richard Ellerbrake
Leonard Frankel
Mark & Kimberly Gaertner
Michael Geigerman
Dan Glazier & Nancy Snow
Terrance Good
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Joanne Schwartz
Ralph & Maud Soebbing
Sheldon Stock
Robert & Shelby Susman
Richard B. Teitelman
Charles Tobins
Justin & Mary Williamson

In memory of Walter Rowe:

Susan Amato

In memory of Dennis Schafer:

Thomas B. Burkemper
Stan Platke



A Message from the Director



Dear Friends:

"If my family ever needs a lawyer, I hope they're broke." **Chuck Adamson** spoke those words as he accepted a volunteer lawyer award at our 2010

For the Common Good awards reception. Chuck's response drew a collective chuckle from the 250 persons in attendance at the event, but the point he was making was clear. Chuck was referring to the high-quality legal work he witnessed as an in-house volunteer attorney at LSEM. Chuck, who is now an attorney with Thompson Coburn, spoke glowingly in his acceptance speech about his experience at LSEM in our Lasting Solutions Program representing victims of domestic violence and what he, as a new attorney, learned from our advocates at LSEM. I felt proud to hear Chuck's sentiments and so very honored to work alongside the eighty staff members at LSEM who tirelessly make a difference in our clients' lives each and every day.

Our Common Good event, held in late August, was a reminder that we at LSEM do not do this work alone. To successfully assist the nearly 17,000 clients and family members we serve each year, we need the support and assistance of many. We need visionary funders, such as the **Missouri Foundation**

for Health, providing us with grants so we can help our clients overcome obstacles. We need dynamic leaders to propel our successful fund raising Bar Campaign forward, such as **Senator John Danforth** and the **Hon. Stephen Limbaugh Sr.** We need innovative program ideas and help in executing them such as we get from awardees Professors **Jesse Goldner** and **Patricia Harrison** and the **Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinic**, all of whom helped us create and implement LSEM's Children's Health Advocacy Project, an effective medical-legal partnership. We need hardworking, dedicated LSEM board members such as the late **Dennis Schafer**, selected by our client board members as the worthy recipient of the *Edna Taylor Client Service Award*, and dedicated community leaders such as **Dr. Gloria Johnson** whose work with African-American domestic violence victims earned her the *Eddie Mae Binion Community Service Award*. That award is named for a long-time LSEM board member and community activist who passed away in October of 2009.

We need critical media partners who help spread the message of the importance of equal access to justice for all as **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** does so well. And, of course, we need the countless volunteer attorneys, law firms and organizations that support this volunteer work on behalf of LSEM's clients, such as our volunteer attorney award winners

David Kargel, Christian Shelton, Chuck Adamson, Mark Keaney, Jim Hacking, outstanding law firm award recipient, **Husch Blackwell**, and **The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis** for its exemplary support of pro bono legal work.

We all gathered together for the awards event in the beautiful Arch View Ballroom at the Hilton at the Ballpark with the old Courthouse and Arch as our fitting backdrop to celebrate the work we all do together to help give voice and opportunity to the clients we serve. It is indeed our clients who can best articulate what the work of LSEM and our wonderful team of supporters means to them. **Christina**, the mother of **Kalib**, a boy with special needs who struggled in school until our attorneys in the Children's Legal Alliance helped him get the educational services he needed, wrote to thank the LSEM advocates for their help: "My son has a chance now. A chance that might have been missed if I had not been lucky enough to find you. Bravo!"

Thanks to all of you who work together with us to give our clients that chance.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Glazier

Executive Director & General Counsel

The mission of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) is to provide high-quality legal assistance and equal access to justice for low-income people.

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