

LSEM Litigation Director Retires; Wins National Award

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) said goodbye to an outstanding litigator when **Ann Lever** retired last September. Lever had been with the program for 30 years and served as the director of litigation since 1985. In November, she was presented with the prestigious **Reginald Heber Smith (Reggie) Award** at the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) annual conference in Denver. The award recognizes the dedicated services and outstanding achievements of a civil or indigent defense attorney. The award is named for the author of the first definitive examination of the unfair administration of justice and its effect on the poor, *Justice and the Poor*, which was published in 1919.

“Ann brought countless significant and sometimes groundbreaking cases on behalf of clients in critical areas such as education, housing, public benefits, immigrants’ rights and health care”, said **Dan Glazier**, LSEM’s executive director. “Ann exemplifies the very

best the equal justice community has to offer.” At a time when AZT was the only medication available that could prolong the lives of people living with AIDS, Lever successfully represented clients to get the Missouri

Medicaid program to pay for the medication. That case was back in 1989, and Lever has had a string of successes since that time, some of which are discussed below.

Prior to attending law school, Lever taught history at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. After 5 years of teaching at UMSL, she decided to attend law school. Lever came to work for LSEM as a law student at which time she worked with LSEM staff attorneys to craft what would become the

Adult Abuse Law in Missouri. The bill provided a remedy for victims of domestic violence to get an Order of Protection from the abuser. Upon graduation from Saint Louis University School of Law in 1979, she joined the LSEM Elderly Law Unit as a staff attorney.

Early in her legal career, Lever co-authored respondents’ brief in a case before the United States Supreme Court (*Hensley v. Eckerhart*). *continued on page 2*



Jose Padilla, chair of the NLADA Board of Directors and executive director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Program, Ann Lever and Dan Glazier

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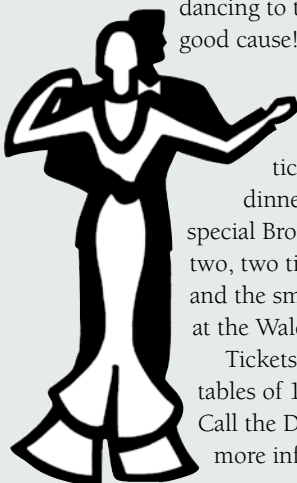
20th Annual Justice For All Ball

The 20th anniversary of the Justice For All Ball will be Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. Join us for this special celebration which includes cocktails, a silent auction, dinner and dancing to the sounds of the **Soulard Blues Band** ... all for a good cause! Photos from previous balls will be displayed.

Committee members are hard at work to make this an evening to remember.

Auction items include vacation homes, tickets to sporting events (premiere seating), gourmet dinners, and an airplane ride over St. Louis. There is a special Broadway package that includes roundtrip airfare for two, two tickets to the new musical, “The Addams Family”, and the smash hit play “Race”, and two nights (April 9 and 10) at the Waldorf Astoria with a deluxe breakfast on one day.

Tickets for the ball are \$175, \$200, and \$275 per person; tables of 10 may be reserved for \$1,750, \$2,000, or \$2,750. Call the Development Office at (314)256-8736 for more information.



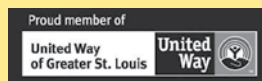
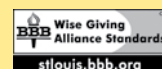
Judy Gorin, chair of the 2010 Justice For All Ball, and Sue Brownlee, chair of the 2009 ball



Jessica Martin, co-chair of the ball Auction Committee, and Sandy Naro, committee member



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The brief challenged a Section 1988 attorneys' fee award in which the Court held that the extent of success in litigation as a whole is a significant factor in the amount of the fee award, but rejected the mechanism for apportioning the fees based on the success or failure on particular litigation issues.

Former LSEM executive director, **Dianne Taylor**, summed up Lever's dedication in a *Legal Communications Corporation* article dated March 1, 2000: "She's a really caring and compassionate person, and she has a really deep-seated belief in the rights of all people to have access to justice and to be represented in court. And that's really the driving force that motivates her." Another former LSEM executive director, **Richard B. Teitelman**, stated that Lever "mentored many Legal Aid lawyers from 1985 to the present by her example, her teaching and her effort ... They have seen through Ann's skill that they, too, can make a difference ... She has been an inspiration to me throughout my career ..."

Lever's motivation has served LSEM's clients very well over the years. She worked on several cases that challenged municipal zoning enforcement efforts and restrictive covenants against group homes in single-family neighborhoods. She brought several cases that challenged the demolition of public housing that was slated to be replaced with fewer units for the elderly, the disabled and low-income individuals.

In the area of health care, Lever was lead counsel in a case that enjoined Missouri from eliminating Medicaid coverage of numerous dental services. She fought on behalf of an infant girl born without a thymus gland who would have died if she didn't get the thymus transplant. Initially the Medicaid program refused to pay for the transplant but ultimately it did; the little girl is 5 years old today. She also fought to get a liver transplant for a nine-year-old boy and was successful in her efforts on behalf of that child as well. Among her education cases was a challenge to a separate school system for severely disabled individuals, and a case against a school district that was not providing access for a disabled student.

In 2000, when Lever was presented with a Women's Justice Award, she talked about her career choice and work on behalf of the low-income community. "Often there are highly complicated governmental programs that affect our clients," she said. "And that sometimes makes the issues more complicated ... it's harder because of all the kinds of problems that low-income families face that aren't restricted simply to their legal problems but the other kinds of social and economic problems they have ... having a law practice that is a public interest law practice can be incredibly rewarding, both intellectually and in terms of the sense of accomplishment for helping individuals." (*Legal Communications Corporation*, March 1, 2000)

In 2006, Lever was one of several attorneys who worked on a case that was very significant to 50 Bosnian immigrants whose applications for citizenship were delayed. They all applied for citizenship and requested medical waivers due to their physical and mental disabilities. They should have received word on their applications within 120 days, but some had waited for two years with no decision and no reason provided for the delay. Some were running out of their Social Security benefits. A lawsuit was filed on their behalf. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services finally granted citizenship to the immigrants involved in the case. A special naturalization ceremony was then held for them in December of 2006 and their dreams came true.

Lever's name is inscribed on the **F. Wm. McCalpin** Wall of Justice at LSEM. The wall is dedicated to "those whose lives exemplify a lasting commitment to equal access to justice". Lever fits that description so very well.

In Memory of

Eddie Mae Binion



Eddie Mae Binion

"The St. Louis community recently lost a tireless advocate for justice with the passing of **Eddie Mae Binion**. Eddie Mae worked on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised for over 40 years. Eddie Mae knew firsthand the struggle of poverty she worked so passionately against." Those words were written by LSEM's executive director,

Dan Glazier, in a letter he wrote to the editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (Nov. 3, 2009).

Binion passed away October 5. She served as a member of the LSEM Board of Directors since 1981 as a representative of the South Side Welfare Rights Organization, an agency she founded more than 45 years ago to educate the community about welfare rights and advocate for changes in welfare laws. During her tenure on the LSEM Board of Directors, she served on numerous committees, including the Executive Committee, Client Activities Committee, Nominating Committee, and the Executive Director Liaison Committee.

In addition to her work with the South Side Welfare Rights Organization, Binion also founded Parents and Grandparents of Drug Abusers, a support group. She was also actively involved with boards and commissions that deal with Medicaid and public benefits issues, including the Electronic Benefits Task Force.

Over the years, Binion has been recognized by many organizations for her dedicated work on social justice issues. LSEM honored her with a Community Service Award in 1983 and placed her name on its **F. Wm. McCalpin** Wall of Justice in 2005. The wall is dedicated to "those whose lives exemplify a lasting commitment to equal access to justice". She was named Woman of the Year in 1984 by the YMCA. She received the Danforth Leadership Program Award in 1977, HERO Award in 1990 from 100 Black Women, Advocate of the Year Award from the Missouri Association for Social Welfare in 1996, and the James F. Hornback Ethical Humanist of the Year Award in 2002 from the Ethical Society of St. Louis.

Binion truly made a difference in the lives of many people through her advocacy efforts. Her work and accomplishments will be remembered for many years to come.

F. Wm. McCalpin



F. Wm. (Bill) McCalpin

On February 19, 1999, LSEM named its Wall of Justice in honor of **F. Wm. (Bill) McCalpin**, often referred to as the "father" of Legal Services. The wall is dedicated to "those whose lives exemplify a lasting commitment to equal access to justice". **John McKay**, then president of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), came to St. Louis for the Wall of Justice dedication ceremony in 1999. At the ceremony he stated "This honor is not just something

for St. Louis. It is something for all of the country. Bill's contributions are absolutely enormous. I believe that the Legal Services Corporation would not exist but for Bill McCalpin." (*St. Louis Daily Record*, Feb. 23, 1999)

Bill passed away on December 9 at the age of 88.

His role in advocating for civil legal services for the poor dates back to the summer of 1964 when the president of the American Bar Association (ABA) asked McCalpin to chair the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral Services. In that capacity, McCalpin attended a conference in November of 1964 that was convened to discuss the role of legal services in the Economic Opportunity Act (OEO). At first there was no line item for legal services in the OEO appropriation, but eventually \$40 million was allocated. McCalpin attributed the inclusion of the legal services component to Edgar and Jean Cahn, authors of an article that appeared in the *Yale Law Journal* entitled "The War on Poverty: Civilian Perspective". ("MIE Interview: F. William McCalpin", by **Richard B. Teitelman**, *Management Information Exchange Journal*, July, 1996)

Ten years later in July of 1974, **President Richard Nixon** signed the Legal Services Corporation Act which created LSC as a separate, independent agency governed by an 11-member Board of Directors. McCalpin served on that board twice. He was appointed in 1979 by **President Jimmy Carter** and served as chair from 1980 to 1981, and was appointed by **President Bill Clinton** in 1993. McCalpin was serving as chair of the board in the early 1980s when **President Ronald Reagan** tried to abolish LSC and recommended -0- funding. The ABA and other bar leaders met the challenge and worked to strengthen and increase support for LSC funding; the demise of LSC was averted, albeit with greatly reduced funding.

McCalpin served as a national, regional and local bar leader in many capacities over the years. He served as president of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, secretary of the ABA, chairman of the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, president of the American Bar Foundation, member of The Missouri Bar Board of Governors, president of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and member of the Board of Directors of LSEM (then known as the Legal Aid Society of the City and County of St. Louis). In 1988, McCalpin received the ABA Medal, the association's highest honor. It is presented only in years when the ABA Board of Governors decides there is a living leader who has rendered "conspicuous service to the cause of American jurisprudence".

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton served with McCalpin on the LSC Board of Directors in the early 1980s. When LSEM dedicated its Wall of Justice to McCalpin in 1999, she wrote Bill a letter that said, in part: "I was privileged to serve with you on the Board of Legal Services, and I know firsthand how courageously you fought against efforts to destroy LSC in the early eighties. I also remember the kindness you showed me when I was pregnant with **Chelsea**. I wish we could clone you". (**Jerry Berger** column, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Feb. 24, 1999)



Susan Alverson, managing attorney of the Housing Unit, participated in the Economic Empowerment Tour sponsored by the Urban League October 24. The event was held at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where Alverson met with homeowners facing foreclosure to answer questions and provide general information about their rights.

Jason Dodson, managing attorney of the Lasting Solutions Program, was selected as an "Up & Coming Lawyer" by *Missouri Lawyers Media*. A reception was held September 30 at Busch Stadium to recognize lawyers under 40 who are making a positive difference in the quality of justice while exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession.



Larry Doreson, staff attorney in the Children's Legal Alliance, was interviewed by KMOX radio regarding his work with a parent and her five-year-old son who needed special education services.

Hannibal Office Staff participated in a Pike County Job & Resource Fair August 27. Social service agencies and churches organized the fair in response to the rising unemployment rate in Pike County. Individuals looking for employment or wanting more information about social services were invited to attend.

LSEM Staff participated in various sessions at The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in St. Louis September 23-25. **Dan Glazier**, executive director, was on a panel entitled "Can We Afford Justice?" in the plenary session. **Kathleen DuBois**, managing attorney of LSEM's St. Louis County Family Court Project, presented on the area of family law. **Jason Dodson** participated in a session entitled "Breaking Up is Hard to Do: The Impact of the Economic Downturn on Family Law and Strategies to Help Clients Cope". **Dan Claggett**, managing attorney of the Consumer Unit, presented on the "ABCs of Foreclosure for the Non-Real Estate Practitioner".

Rob Swearingen, staff attorney in the Consumer Unit, was interviewed on KTVI-TV August 25 about the perils of forced arbitration clauses in consumer contracts.



Aruna Tailor, a volunteer with the Immigration Law Project, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma for a three-year term.

Lynn Travis, bankruptcy coordinator in the Consumer Unit, and one of her clients were interviewed on KSDK-TV November 20. The client is an Iraqi veteran whose home Travis saved from foreclosure through bankruptcy proceedings.



Dan Underwood, managing attorney in the Children's Legal Alliance, was interviewed on KSDK-TV August 31 about how to recognize when a child may need special education. He also discussed resources available to help parents.



Stimulus Funding Received

LSEM recently received a grant for \$330,000 over three years from the **City of St. Louis** in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program stimulus funds. Under the grant, LSEM staff will visit four hubs established by the City to assist participants with resolving legal matters related to evictions and other housing issues. The four hubs are located at the following City schools:

- ★ **Sigel Elementary School**
2039 Russell (63104)
- ★ **Mullanphy Elementary School**
4221 Shaw (63110)
- ★ **Stevens Middle School**
1033 Whittier(63113)
- ★ **Clay Elementary School**
3820 N. 14th St. (63107)

Another grant was received from **St. Louis County** in the amount of \$112,000 over two years in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program stimulus funds. That funding will be used by LSEM to provide direct legal services to low-income St. Louis County tenants who are at risk of losing their existing rental housing.

Schnucks eScrip Community Card Program

Support LSEM by participating in the Schnucks eScrip Community Card Program. Pick up a Schnucks eScrip card at the Customer Service desk at any Schnucks and then register your card by calling 800-931-6258 or visiting this website: www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp

Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchases to LSEM every time you shop and swipe your card.

The program is free, it's easy to participate, and it's powerful. Your participation can make a difference to LSEM so be sure to sign up today!



Clients Corner

A mother called us regarding the denial of orthodontic treatment for her son. J. was nearly eleven years old and he was missing his two front teeth. After he lost his baby teeth, the permanent teeth never came in. An oral surgeon discovered J. had two sets of teeth under the gum line, one of which was abnormal. The abnormal teeth were removed but his two front teeth still had not erupted.

J. had pain, difficulty chewing and abnormal speech. He is a straight-A student with a lot of confidence, but the teasing he experienced was beginning to affect him. His Medicaid health plan denied orthodontic treatment for J. because he did not have the appropriate score on an index that is used to determine the extent of his problems.



LSEM notified the health plan we were representing J. and requested his records from the plan and its dental subcontractor. We advised J. and his mother before they

appeared at an appeal proceeding and at the same time we were preparing for a hearing at the next level. However, following the appeal hearing, we were informed that the health plan reversed the decision and approved the orthodontic treatment for J.

Had it not been for the assistance of LSEM, J. may still be without the orthodontic treatment he so desperately needed.

United Way of Greater St. Louis Awards \$624,783 to LSEM

LSEM will receive funding from **United Way of Greater St. Louis** for 2010 in the amount of \$624,783. LSEM has

been a United Way agency since 1969. "We are proud to be a United Way funded agency" said **Dan Glazier**, LSEM executive director. "With the funding from United Way we are able to serve more clients in all of our substantive areas. Without the continued support from United Way, we would not be able to reach as many people in need of our help" Glazier said.

The community contributed \$67,086,726 in the 2009 United Way campaign to support nearly 200 member agencies. If you would like further information about United Way of Greater St. Louis, please visit www.stl.unitedway.org.

In addition to the funding received from United Way of Greater St. Louis, LSEM is also supported by **Franklin County Area United Way, The United Way of the Mark Twain Area, Montgomery Area United Way, and Buffalo Township United Fund.**



"The Best" of 2009

In a *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* readers' poll, LSEM's **Dan Claggett**, managing attorney of the Consumer Unit and assistant director of advocacy for litigation, was named "Best Lawyer if the Bank Wants Your House". He and LSEM executive director, **Dan Glazier**, attended a lunch November 6 to recognize the legal professionals who were voted "the best" in various categories.

Other winners in the poll include **Nancy Mogab**, member of the Board of Directors, who placed first in the Eastern region category "Best Lawyer to Call if You're Hurt at Work", and **Reuben Shelton**, president of the Board of Directors, who placed second in the category "Best In-House Lawyer". LSEM's **Justice For All Ball** placed second in the category "Best Law Event", and the **Simon Law Firm Seminar to Benefit LSEM** placed second in the category of "Best CLE Course".



Dan Claggett and Dan Glazier at November 6 lunch

Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Event

LSEM hosted a light buffet for its major donors and volunteers December 3. They enjoyed an evening of good food and conversation with each other and members of the LSEM staff.



Hon. Stephen Limbaugh, Sr., Reuben Shelton,
Dan Glazier



Verneice Walley and Allyson Johnston



Jim Guest & Lynn Ann Whaley Vogel



Stan Platke and Joan Botwinick



Dan Glazier, Hon. Stephen Limbaugh, Sr.,
Patrick Flachs



Matt Hans and John Gunn



Kathleen DuBois, Beth Roper, Maria Perron,
Judy Miniace in the background



Charles Elbert, Dan Glazier and Nat Walsh



Jeanne Philips-Roth and Maria Perron

News From the Volunteer Lawyers Program

The Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) continues to work closely with attorneys throughout the region to promote effective pro bono participation on behalf of LSEM clients. The program is constantly focused on making attorneys aware of the significant need for assistance as well as highlighting the many different ways to get involved.

One recent effort to accomplish those goals was when LSEM co-sponsored the inaugural Pro Bono Celebration. Held at Washington University School of Law and the Knight Center, this event was also sponsored by The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), the Washington University School of Law and Washington University's Gephardt Institute. The event brought together over 100 attorneys who are either already involved in meaningful pro bono work or interested in learning more about how to get started.

Attendees were offered a series of continuing legal education sessions focused on substantive areas that comprise many of the pro bono referrals. These sessions were led by a fantastic group of experienced and knowledgeable presenters, including **Jason Dodson** and **Kim Murray**, managing attorneys from LSEM, as well as private attorneys **Misty Watson**, Danna McKittrick, **Marie Kenyon**, Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry, and **Jim Reeves**, Conflict Management Systems, and **Judge Michael Burton**, St. Louis County Circuit Court.

These educational sessions were followed by a special reception at the Knight Center featuring a captivating talk by pro bono attorneys **Charlie Weiss** and **Stephen Snodgrass**, both with Bryan Cave. They were joined by their client, **Josh Kezer**, a man who was released from prison in February 2009 after 15 years of confinement thanks to the amazing dedication of his volunteer attorneys.

The result of a successful event such as this is that more and more willing volunteers learn about opportunities to get involved in pro bono work and get the training to do so in an effective manner.



Charlie Weiss, Dan Glazier, Jim Guest, Josh Kezer, Zoe Lyle, Jennifer Schwendemann and Stephen Snodgrass at the reception at Washington University. Photo provided courtesy of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Please contact **Jim Guest** at jhguest@lsem.org with any questions regarding the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

LSEM would like to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteer attorneys who are working in-house at this time:

Randy Abrams
 Chuck Adamson
 Donna Baber
 Melissa Bancroft
 Anna Bonacorsi
 Margaret Cartaya
 Cecelia Carroll
 Amanda Colvin
 Mollie Grossman
 Koreen Gummere
 Kahlila Jackson
 Susan Jotte

Ashley Kemper
 Doug Kochelek
 Neela Kottmeier
 Michelle Marxkors
 Andrea Milyko
 Neil Naik
 Monica Patankar
 Don Sher
 Hilary Sloutsky
 Larry Thomason
 Ryan Vanda

Saint Louis University Students Perform Day of Community Service

First-year law students at Saint Louis University School of Law took a day to perform community service at LSEM prior to the start of the fall semester. Their assignments included cleaning offices, work stations and windows, performing yard work, and assisting with marking boxes for storage. We appreciate their willingness to help with these important tasks.

Saint Louis University Law School students with SLU staff member Colleen Murphy (near the center in the black shirt) and Dan Glazier (far right)



LSEM Hosts Statewide Conference

The four Missouri Legal Services programs hold a statewide conference every 18 months. This past October, LSEM hosted the conference at the Westin Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The conference theme was "Expanding Our Horizons", and nearly 200 people attended.

Training events included workshops on consumer, education, elder, housing, family and immigration law, appellate writing, technology, metadata, and access to health care. In addition, programs presented seminars on projects that are unique to their individual offices, including integrating social work with legal services, community development initiatives in low-income communities, and medical/legal partnerships.

LSEM would like to thank the conference sponsors for their support: **Missouri Bar Foundation**, **St. Louis Bar Foundation**, **The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company**, **Polsinelli Shughart, PC**, **Mitel**, **LexisNexis**, **Delta Dental of Missouri**, and **Staples Advantage**.

Scenes from the Statewide Conference



All About the Staff



Dan Claggett has been named assistant director of advocacy for litigation services. In his new role, he will assist attorneys in other LSEM units litigating complex cases and provide general litigation support on an as needed basis.



Joel Ferber has been named LSEM's director of advocacy. In his new role, Ferber will manage LSEM's work with service units to ensure they are engaged in high-quality and full-service advocacy on behalf of clients. Ferber previously served as managing attorney for the Health & Welfare Unit.



Jo Anne Morrow and Karen Warren have been promoted to co-managing attorneys of the LSEM Health & Welfare Unit. LSEM's Health & Welfare Unit addresses low-income health care issues and problems related to state-administered public assistance programs. Both Morrow and Warren previously served in supervisory positions with LSEM units and projects.



Jeanne Philips-Roth joined LSEM as associate director for client services. In that capacity, she will supervise the client delivery system, the managing attorneys of the units, and efforts

All About the Board



Nancy Mogab was elected to a two-year term on The Missouri Bar Board of Governors. The newly-elected and returning members took office at the conclusion of The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting September 23-25 in St. Louis.



Mavis Thompson, was sworn in August 7 as president of the National Bar Association (NBA). The NBA was founded in 1925. It is the oldest and largest national association of predominantly African-American lawyers, judges, legal scholars and law students in the world. During

her term as president, Thompson will strive to create a more engaging, active and structured organization, and implement programs to address each of the strategic planning goals of the NBA. Thompson is a solo practitioner. She previously worked with Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, the Missouri Attorney General, and served as the circuit clerk for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. She previously served as president of the Mound City Bar Association and held a variety of positions with the National Bar Association. Thompson also won an Inclusive Leadership Award from the *St. Louis Business Journal*. The award celebrates ethnic minorities who are making their mark on the St. Louis business community.

to enhance our technology. Prior to joining LSEM, Philips-Roth worked for The Legal Aid Society of Dayton, and its successor entities, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality and Legal Aid of Western Ohio from 2002 to July 2009. From 1991 to 2002, Roth served as director of special projects at LSEM, principally serving clients who were HIV+. She assisted LSEM in project development and grants for elderly clients, women facing domestic violence, and clients with housing problems. Philips-Roth also practiced at two large private law firms, in New York City and St. Louis, in the areas of commercial and securities litigation, and she clerked for the Chief Judge Lawrence H. Cooke, of the New York Court of Appeals. She is a 1983 graduate of Fordham Law School where she was a member of the *Fordham Law Review* and received her Bachelor of Arts at College of the Holy Cross, *cum laude*, in 1979.



Laura Robbins recently joined LSEM as development assistant and special events coordinator. She graduated from Boston University with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Independent Theatre Studies, where she focused on theatre directing. Straight from graduation, she moved to New York City and developed her own theatre company with fellow BU graduates while working in casting for film, TV and Broadway. After a move to St. Louis with her family, Robbins served as artistic and development coordinator for Stray Dog Theatre, and development specialist for The Women's Safe House.

Honor Gifts

In honor of John Chasnoff:
Jeanne Hartz & Jennifer Hartz Pass

In honor of Judge Gary Gaertner, Jr. on his appointment to the Missouri Court of Appeals:
John & Anne Donnelly

In honor of Lisa Herder's & Judi Keith's service to LSEM:
Tina Endraske

In honor of Julie & Dave Hohman:
James & Janet Wies

In honor of David Lander on his birthday:
David & Joy Sterneck

Training Fund in Honor of Ann B. Lever:

John & Elizabeth Ammann
Stuart R. Berkowitz
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Leonard P. Cervantes
Frederick & Mary Drakesmith Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C.
Dan Glazier & Nancy Snow
Roger Goldman & Stephanie Riven
Cathy Goldstein & Carl Schwarz
Sally P. Hoffman
Nancy Mogab & Thomas Burke
Harry Murray, IV
Martin & Maria Perron
Amany Ragab & James Hacking
Kevin & Debra Roberts
Betty & Billy Springfield
Hon. Rachel J. Storch
Hon. Richard B. Teitelman

In honor of John J. McDonald on his 87th birthday (Jim Guest's grandfather):
Margaret M. Guest

In honor of Jeanne Philips-Roth in celebration of her return to LSEM:
Eddie Roth

In honor of Tom & Barbara Roberts:
Kevin & Debra Roberts

In honor of Scott Rosenblum:
Pamela Reznick

In honor of Don & Shirley Sher:
Patricia & Larry Hatridge

Memorial Gifts

In memory of James Alverson (Susan Alverson's father):
Lisa Herder
Judy Miniace

In memory of Dorothy Ammann:
Jon & Melissa Baris

In memory of Eddie Mae Binion:
Doreen Dodson
Daniel Glazier & Nancy Snow
Cathy Goldstein & Carl Schwarz
Ann B. Lever
Stephen C. & Mary Moore
Betty & Billy Springfield

In memory of Anna Mae Brown:
David Brown & Cheryl Green

In memory of Alice Chasnoff:
Jeanne Hartz & Jennifer Hartz Pass

In memory of Bert Cooper:
Mary Jo Ely
Arlene Zarembka

In memory of Benson Cytron:
Joel D. Monson

In memory of Ninian Edwards:
Hon. Arthur Litz

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Robert & Kathleen Horkheimer
Judi & Jack Keith in memory of
Patric L. Fairbanks

In memory of William E. Jaudes:
Carol J. Jaudes

In memory of Pat Martin:
Arlene Zarembka

In memory of F. Wm. (Bill) McCalpin:
Robin Beery
John & Helen Berger
Edward & Sandra Berry
Wendy Brown
Hon. Kathianne & David Crane
Hon. John & Sally Danforth
Martha Davis
Barbara Demerath
Katherine W. Drescher
Carolyn Elder
Rory Ellinger & Linda Locke

Dan Glazier & Nancy Snow
Hon. Jean Hamilton
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Annette Heller
Lisa Herder
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Anne Hetlage
Dorothy Hungate
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William & Katherine Winfrey
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In memory of Doris & Jimmie Miller:
Bonnie J. Miller

In memory of James Sanders:
Hon. Arthur Litz
Joel D. Monson

In memory of Charles Alan Seigel:
Doreen Dodson
Joel D. Monson
Ann B. Lever

In memory of Mary M. (Peggy) Webber:
Jason & Shannon
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Remember Your Friends and Loved Ones

LSEM invites you to acknowledge a colleague, a friend, or someone you love on a special occasion. To make an honor or memorial donation to LSEM, please send your donation to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, 4232 Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108. Provide us with the name and address of the person you would like to receive an acknowledgement. You may also donate through our website (go to www.lsem.org and click on "Donate Now").

LSEM established the **Ann Lever Training Fund** to honor our colleague who retired last September. Donations to the fund will be used for LSEM staff training.

LSEM established the **Daniel E. Horkheimer Memorial Fund** in memory of our colleague. Donations to the fund will be used for translation and interpreter services for our immigrant client population.

All donations to LSEM may be mailed to the address listed above or you may visit our website.

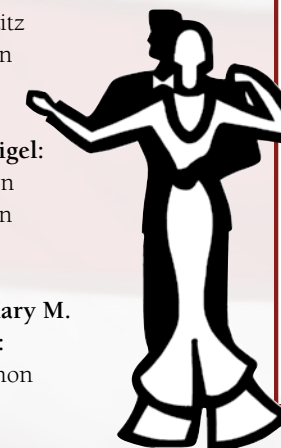
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Mark Your Calendar

20th Annual Justice For All Ball:

Saturday, February 27, 2010.

This is the 20th anniversary celebration of the ball. Tickets are \$175, \$200, and \$275 per person; tables of 10 may be reserved for \$1,750, \$2,000, or \$2,750. Call the Development Office at (314)256-8736 for more information.



A Message from the Director



Dear Friends:

The foundation of an effective Legal Services program includes three key pillars of success: a strong advocacy component, a real presence in the community we serve, and dedicated support from members of the private bar. In this edition of Justice, you will read about Ann Lever, Eddie Mae Binion, and F. Wm. (Bill) McCalpin. Each represents one of these pillars for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM).

Ann, our litigation director for nearly 25 years before her retirement from LSEM this past September, ensured our advocacy at LSEM was effective, focused and client-centered. Eddie Mae, who passed away in October, was a client-eligible LSEM board member for 28 years and a leading voice in the community as the founder and chair of the South Side Welfare Rights Organization. Eddie Mae helped us stay connected to the issues resonating for our clients. Bill McCalpin, who passed away in December, had been a partner at Lewis, Rice for nearly 50 years, and was one of the founding fathers of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and a chief architect of the national Private Attorney Involvement requirement which ensured volunteer lawyer participation in Legal Services programs. Bill was a strong ally and friend to those of us at LSEM.

All shared a passion for justice, a dedication to our clients, and a commitment to the delivery of legal services to those most in need. We have learned valuable lessons from Ann, Eddie Mae and Bill. From Ann we learned to be strategic and thorough. From Eddie Mae we learned the challenges of what our clients face every day. From Bill we learned

to explore the vistas of what is possible to more fully represent those in need. Under our new program leadership, mentioned in this newsletter in the section entitled "All About the Staff", Ann's legal fire will continue to burn brightly in all of our advocates through greater use of technology and by exploring new areas of advocacy opportunities. Our increased community outreach, so embodied in Eddie Mae's efforts, will continue to be carried out by our staff as we partner with other agencies, advocates and client groups. Our enhanced Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP), an outgrowth of Bill's work, will continue to expand as we look at new areas of pro bono participation.

Our goal is to each and every day honor the legacy of Ann Lever, Eddie Mae Binion and Bill McCalpin by providing the highest quality of service to our clients. We are humbled by each of their contributions to equal access to justice and excited about our future, building upon their impactful work on behalf of those in need. There is no greater way to honor them but for us at LSEM to carry out the rich tradition of excellence established by these wonderful champions for justice ... and we are dedicated to doing just that.

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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