

## LSEM Launches Second Annual Bar Campaign

On November 1, 2010, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) launched its Second Annual Bar Campaign, again setting a goal of \$600,000 to be raised by October 31, 2011.

A strong foundation was established in the campaign's successful first year, during which the \$600,000 goal was exceeded as a result of strong support from law firms, individuals, corporations, foundations and others in the community. The Steering Committee was co-chaired by former U.S. Sen. **John Danforth** (Bryan Cave) and retired **Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr.** (Armstrong Teasdale). LSEM wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to **Senator Danforth, Judge Limbaugh** and all the Steering Committee members who, undaunted by the challenging economic times, worked tirelessly to achieve the goal.

**Senator Danforth** will serve as honorary campaign chair, while **Carrie Hermeling** (Husch Blackwell) will work along with **Judge Limbaugh** as campaign co-chair for the 2011 Campaign.

Over \$250,000 has already been raised as a result of three-year pledges made by some law firms and individuals during the 2010 campaign as well as gifts that have recently been contributed in response to the year-end annual appeal. Solicitations of law firms will begin in March, with individual appeals continuing through September. Efforts will also continue to solicit area organizations, corporations and foundations.

It is imperative for LSEM to maintain, and strive to increase, this unrestricted stream of funding to bridge the



*Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr. receives an award from Dan Glazier at the LSEM awards event in June 2010. Limbaugh and Senator John Danforth were honored at the event as co-chairs of LSEM's First Annual Bar Campaign*

gap in income from a loss of Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) funding due to record low interest rates and fluid government and foundation funding. The successful continuation of LSEM's Annual Bar Campaign will help us bridge that gap, making it possible for us to continue to serve the approximately 17,000 people (clients and their household members) we assist each year.

If you, your law firm, your organization, foundation or corporation would like to contribute to this important campaign, please contact **Judith C. Miniace**, CFRE, director of development, at 314-256-8742 or [jcminiace@lsem.org](mailto:jcminiace@lsem.org), or make a donation at [www.lsem.org](http://www.lsem.org) and click on "Donate Now", which can be found on the left side of the home page.

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## Justice for All Ball

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Chase Park Plaza Hotel • Khorassan Room  
6:30 PM – Midnight  
Dinner, dancing, silent auction

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LSC



## F. Wm. McCalpin

### Dedication Ceremony

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) dedicated the conference center at its office in Washington, DC, to **F. Wm. (Bill) McCalpin**, often referred to as the “father” of Legal Services, on November 19. McCalpin passed away in December of 2009. His role in advocating for civil legal services for the poor dated back to the summer of 1964. Over the years, he served in numerous positions and on many committees that dealt with legal services for the poor. He was appointed twice to the LSC Board of Directors and served as chair from 1980 to 1981.

McCalpin joined the firm now known as Lewis, Rice & Fingersh as an associate in 1948. He became a partner in 1956 and was with the firm until he retired from active practice in 1991. He was always a strong supporter of LSEM.

**Dan Glazier**, LSEM executive director & general counsel, provided this remembrance of McCalpin for the dedication ceremony program. “I was humbled and honored to consider Bill McCalpin a friend and mentor. We at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) were so proud that this ‘legend of justice’ was simply Bill to us, our own St. Louis treasure we could talk to and whose good counsel we would seek. Bill came to every event at LSEM he could, once literally getting out of the hospital just so he could join us for an awards luncheon. Every day in the hallway at work I pass the F. Wm. McCalpin Wall of Justice we established in 1999 as a tribute to Bill’s commitment to equal access to justice for all. Bill’s work, like a sturdy wall, has been the foundation upon which all our efforts on behalf of our clients have been built. He is with us always.”

The keynote address at the dedication was made by the **Honorable John T. Broderick, Jr.**, chief justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Broderick served with McCalpin during his second term on the LSC board. Welcoming remarks were made by LSC president **Victor M. Fortuno**, opening remarks were made by LSC board chairman **John G. Levi**, and closing remarks were made by one of McCalpin’s sons, **David C. McCalpin**.



The McCalpin family at the dedication November 19:  
Front: Peggy McCalpin; first row: Tracy McCalpin, Martha McCalpin Staley, Lucy McCalpin, Haley McCalpin, Sara McCalpin, Bill Winfrey;  
second row: Dave McCalpin, Will McCalpin, Bill McCalpin, Kathy McCalpin Winfrey, Matt McCalpin, Bill Winfrey, Jr.

## News From the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP)



Jim Guest, director of the VLP, with John Borbonus, VLP member and principal with King, Krehbiel, Hellmich, Hentz & Borbonus, at the LSEM holiday reception for donors and volunteers

The VLP continues to provide outstanding pro bono service to LSEM clients on a wide range of important legal matters. By matching committed volunteer attorneys with clients facing significant legal issues, the VLP is able to enhance LSEM’s ability to serve more and more clients.

One of the most important ways the VLP expands client services is when volunteer attorneys represent victims of domestic violence as they fight for their safety and protection in court. Last year over 150 clients pursuing orders of protection were represented by pro bono attorneys in courts throughout the region. Each one of these clients is someone who would have had to go to court alone if not for the commitment of volunteer attorneys.

Under an exciting new VLP initiative, developed in conjunction with the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court, this important work will expand when volunteer attorneys begin staffing certain order of protection dockets in St. Louis County beginning in January of 2011. This new program was designed by **Jason Dodson**, managing attorney of LSEM’s Lasting Solutions Program, **Jim Guest**, director of the VLP, **Carey DeLargy**, domestic violence court coordinator, and **Judge Michael Burton**, St. Louis County Family Court. It will allow more clients access to vital legal assistance as they pursue critical orders of protection for themselves and, in many cases, their children.

Already several law firms have agreed to adopt certain dockets, as have volunteers working with the **Young Friends of Legal Services**, a group of professionals under 40 dedicated to the continued and future success of LSEM. This will be a great way to make more of a lasting impact on the lives of clients, and LSEM is excited about the launch of the program.

On January 27, 2011, the VLP will again co-sponsor a Pro Bono Celebration Day with The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) and its Pro Bono Committee. The event will be held at Saint Louis University School of Law; it will highlight the importance of pro bono service and recognize many attorneys who are already making a real difference with their volunteer work. There will be a series of substantive training sessions as well as a keynote speaker. The day will wrap up with a social event hosted by the BAMSL Young Lawyers Division.

Please make plans to attend the Pro Bono Celebration Day on January 27, 2011. Contact **Jim Guest** at [jhguest@lsem.org](mailto:jhguest@lsem.org) or 314-256-8707 with any questions.

## LSEM Hosts Coro Foundation Fellow

LSEM hosted **Sam Nayman**, a Coro Leadership Center Fellow, for about one month in September and October 2010 for the non-profit segment of the St. Louis Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs. The program is an intensive nine-month, post-graduate level program which offers a rigorous experience-based education for individuals who want to develop effective and marketable leadership skills and become seriously involved in civic activities.



Nayman is from Tenafly, New Jersey, and graduated in the spring of 2010 from Northwestern University with a degree in Social Policy. While at Northwestern, he served as philanthropy chair of his fraternity, education chair of the Northwestern Conference on Human Rights, and as a student advocate at LIFT — a non-profit that assists clients with employment opportunities, tax returns, and public benefits. In his junior year he studied abroad in Denmark and South Africa. The following summer he worked at the U.S. Department of Education.

While with LSEM, Nayman worked on a variety of projects, attended meetings, and interviewed many members of LSEM's staff to learn more about the operations and challenges facing the non-profit sector. His projects included GIS mapping of some client service and demographic data, establishing better monetary benefit measurements for various substantive areas, including housing, education, and public benefits, developing PowerPoint presentations about the work of LSEM, and helping our Development Unit with the Annual Bar Campaign.

Nayman wrote about his experience with LSEM in a letter where he stated: "Thank you for welcoming me into the LSEM family with open arms. You are all making an incredible difference in people's lives. You formally do this through LSEM's services but informally through your warmth and individual acts of kindness."

## LSEM Selected to Host Skadden Fellow

LSEM was selected as a host site for a Skadden Fellow. A 2010 summer law student intern with the LSEM Children's Legal Alliance, **W. Patrick Mobley**, was chosen for the two-year fellowship. The fellowship applicants are selected in a highly competitive national process. The Skadden Fellowship Foundation provides each fellow with salary and benefits. The Foundation was established in 1988 by the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Affiliates in recognition of the dire need for more funding for graduating individuals desiring to pursue a career providing legal services to the poor, elderly, homeless, disabled, and those deprived of civil or human rights.

Mobley will graduate from the University of Michigan Law School and starts his fellowship with the LSEM Children's Legal Alliance in September of 2011. He will provide direct representation to students who are not receiving the education services they deserve, including students with special education needs and those who have been removed from school for disciplinary reasons. He will also provide outreach activities to help students become more aware of their educational rights.



## All About the Staff



**Jason Dodson**, managing attorney of LSEM's Lasting Solutions Program, was selected for the inaugural class of Barristers of the Theodore McMillian American Inn of Court at Saint Louis University School of Law. The American Inns of Court are groups of individuals in the legal profession working to improve the skills of the bench and bar. They hold discussions and programs that address matters of ethics, skills and professionalism.



**Louisa M. Gregory** has been selected for the position of development assistant and special events coordinator. Prior to joining LSEM, Gregory was development manager for St. John's Mercy Hospice, special events coordinator for Epworth Children & Family Services, and membership coordinator for the Missouri Historical Society. She has a Bachelor's Degree in European Studies from the University of Hull, England.

## All About the Board



**Reuben Shelton**, LSEM board president, was appointed by **Governor Jay Nixon** to the Missouri Development Finance Board for a term that ends in September 2014. The board was created by statute in 1982. It administers financing programs for Missouri businesses, local governments and state agencies, issues bonds or notes, and provides loans and grants to political entities to fund public infrastructure improvements. Shelton is senior counsel for litigation at Monsanto. He joined the LSEM Board of Directors in 1994 and was elected president in 2007.

## Lasting Solutions Program Hosts Series of Presentations for Advocates

LSEM's Lasting Solutions Program is hosting a series of "brown bag" presentations to bring together advocates for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The programs will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00 Noon at LSEM's office, 4232 Forest Park Avenue. The next program will be January 20, 2011.

The Lasting Solutions Program provides holistic services to families experiencing domestic violence. The goal is to create an opportunity for families to choose a non-violent life by providing comprehensive legal assistance, integrated support services, and a coordinated community response.

For more information, please e-mail **Jason Dodson**, managing attorney of the Lasting Solutions Program, at [jddodson@lsem.org](mailto:jddodson@lsem.org).

**Rebecca Feldmann**, staff attorney with LSEM's Immigration Law Project, was named to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma.



**Joel Ferber**, LSEM's director of advocacy, was moderator and panelist at the Litigation and Advocacy Directors Conference in July which was sponsored by the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA). The panel discussion was on building a culture of advocacy that integrates broad-based objectives into all work. In September **Ferber** participated in a webinar on broad-based advocacy sponsored by the Center for Legal Aid Education that was a follow up to the July conference.

**Dan Glazier**, LSEM executive director and general counsel, served on a panel that discussed fund raising in Legal Services programs at the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) annual conference November 12 in Atlanta. On September 25th, **Glazier** traveled to Atlanta to present the Foundation for Improvement of Justice's 2010 Paul Chapman Award to Bryan Cave attorneys **Charles Weiss**, **Stephen Snodgrass** and **James Wyrsh**. They were nominated by Glazier to receive the award for their pro bono efforts that resulted in the 2009 exoneration of a Missouri man who served 16 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

**Glazier** was appointed by the president of The Missouri Bar to serve as co-chair of the bar's Delivery of Legal Services Committee.

**LSEM staff** made a number of presentations at The Missouri Bar annual meeting in Columbia in



September. **Dan Claggett**, managing attorney of LSEM's Consumer Unit and assistant director of advocacy for litigation, and **Lynn Travis**, bankruptcy coordinator in LSEM's Consumer Unit, made presentations in a workshop on the foreclosure crisis. **Lucas Caldwell-McMillan**, managing attorney of LSEM's Children's Health Advocacy Project, was part of a panel presentation on medical-legal partnerships.



**Kim Murray**, managing attorney with LSEM's Immigration Law Project, participated in a KETC-TV, Channel 9, Homeland Initiative series. Murray provided information on laws and regulations governing the refugee settlement process in the U.S. and the challenges refugees face going through the process. The series of programs will explore contemporary immigrant life in America and encourage public discourse on how we should best address immigration issues. **Zeb Habib**, a law graduate with LSEM's Lasting Solutions Program, was also interviewed for the series. The programs will air in 2011.



**Kate Reid**, accredited representative in the LSEM Immigration Law Project, was elected chair of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Center for Survivors of Torture & War Trauma.



**Kevin Suffern**, managing attorney of LSEM's Hannibal Office, taped a program for KHQA-TV (an ABC affiliate) regarding a variety of senior issues. The program will air in 5 segments and includes such topics as wills, durable powers of attorney, living wills, Medicare and Medicaid, consumer issues, guardianships and conservatorships, and landlord/tenant issues. KHQA covers the tri-state region of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

## United Way of Greater St. Louis Awards LSEM \$629,783

**L**SEM will receive funding from **United Way of Greater St. Louis** for 2011 in the amount of \$629,783. 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.

During the 2010 United Way campaign, the community contributed \$68,070,527 to support nearly 200 member agencies. LSEM had 100% participation by its staff in the 2010 United Way campaign. If you would like further information about United Way of Greater St. Louis, please visit [www.stl.unitedway.org](http://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**.



### Amended Rules Help Protect Benefit Funds From Garnishment



Following a lengthy process, the LSEM Elder Law Project met with success this summer in the implementation of amendments to the Missouri Supreme Court Rules aimed at protecting the limited resources of low-income

senior citizens. The amended rules are designed to protect exempt benefit funds, primarily Social Security funds, from attachment by judgment creditors.

The process began three years ago in response to the seemingly endless stream of senior clients who sought assistance in freeing Social Security funds, which are exempt from garnishment and attachment under federal law, from holds placed upon bank accounts as a result of judgments against them. Prior to the passage of these amendments, banks adopted a “hold first, question later” policy regarding accounts containing only exempt funds. Destitute and frequently disabled seniors were then forced to file paperwork to claim these exempt Social Security funds, a process which frequently took several days and longer to free their only means to pay bills and purchase food and medicine. Inevitably, unnecessary garnishment and bounced check fees resulted, adding serious insult to the already critical injury sustained in many cases from lack of access to funds.

The new rules require banks to identify accounts containing only exempt funds, inform the creditor and the court in sworn interrogatories of the exemption, and then refrain from attaching those funds. No longer must seniors suffer through uncertainty and unnecessary deprivation before reclaiming their exempt funds.

### Housing Unit Success Story

Joan” is disabled and rents an apartment with a Section 8 voucher. During the most recent recertification of her Section 8 assistance, the housing authority requested a copy of her state ID. Joan’s ID and birth certificate had been stolen. She could not get another ID because she did not have a birth certificate, and she could not get a new birth certificate because she did not have an ID card or Social Security card with her correct name. Her first and middle names on her birth certificate were reversed from the name she has used all of her life.

Joan contacted LSEM when the housing authority threatened to terminate her housing assistance because she could not provide the ID requested. LSEM contacted the housing authority on Joan’s behalf; it agreed to give her time to obtain the needed documents.

LSEM filed a petition for a name change and helped Joan get her legal name change. Joan then requested and received a new birth certificate and a new ID card. The documents were presented to the housing authority and she was then in compliance with the program rules. Thanks to LSEM, Joan was able to keep her housing,

### Lasting Solutions Program Success Story

Elizabeth” came to LSEM seeking representation in the order of protection case that she filed against her husband. He came home drunk late one night, dragged her out of bed to the floor and tried to sexually assault her. Elizabeth fought back as much as she could but her husband’s blows to her face and body were too much. He ultimately raped her and she thought she was going to die. LSEM’s Lasting Solutions Program represented Elizabeth and obtained a full order of protection for her that also gave her temporary full custody of their four children who were between the ages of 9 and 20, child support, and an order that conditioned the children’s contact with their father upon his becoming sustainably sober.

LSEM then represented Elizabeth in her divorce case in which we sought a permanent order of sole custody for her as well as permanent orders of support, and division of property and marital debts. While the case was pending, Elizabeth reentered the work force for the first time in 10 years. With our help she obtained access to daycare assistance and other temporary benefit programs. We also helped her to relocate to an affordable and secure residence with her children since she could no longer afford the mortgage on the marital home. The divorce case went to trial and Elizabeth won. She obtained sole legal and physical custody, a plan that made sure both she and her children were safe, a favorable division of marital obligations, and an appropriate award of child support.

Elizabeth’s husband was dissatisfied with the judgment so he appealed the decision; LSEM then represented Elizabeth in the appeal. After the case was fully briefed and argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District, Elizabeth won that case as well. The judgment was affirmed in all respects. Elizabeth now continues to work and raise her children who are safe and live free of domestic violence. Her growth from victim to survivor has caused her to set the goal of returning to college to obtain a degree in social work so that she can share her experience and strength by counseling victims of domestic violence.

The Lasting Solutions Program provides holistic services to families experiencing domestic violence.



## Donor & Volunteer **Appreciation Event**

LSEM's holiday appreciation reception was hosted this year by **Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP**. The event was held December 2 at the firm's offices in Clayton. Donors and volunteers enjoyed an evening of good food and conversation with each other and members of the LSEM staff and Board of Directors.



Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP (photo courtesy of David Hanlon)



Guests at the donor/volunteer reception (photo courtesy of David Hanlon)



Dan Glazier (center), with LSEM board members Richard Trennepohl, Jr. and Delores Verner (photo courtesy of David Hanlon)



Jim Dankenbring, Gerry Greiman, partners with Spencer Fane Britt & Browne, Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr., Dan Glazier (photo courtesy of David Hanlon)



Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr. and Judge Michael Calvin



Jan Robey Alonzo, LSEM board member; and Dan Glazier in front; Reuben Shelton, LSEM board president, and Jim Guest in back

# Mark Your Calendar

## January 27:

### Pro Bono Celebration Day,

Saint Louis University School of Law.

For more information, contact **Jim Guest:**

314-256-8707 or [jhguest@lsem.org](mailto:jhguest@lsem.org)

## February 26:

### 21st Annual Justice For All Ball,

Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO. An

after party will be held in the Lindell Ballroom

at the Chase. For more information, contact

**Judith Miniace:** 314-256-8742 or

[jcminiace@lsem.org](mailto:jcminiace@lsem.org)

## Honor Gifts

### In honor of Keith Birkes:

Stan Platke

### In honor of Bryan Cave:

Howard Rosen

### In honor of Milly Cohn:

Laura Cohen

### In honor of Kent Duncan, a Christmas gift:

Joan Hempen

### In honor of Jeanne Hartz on her birthday:

Paul & Ann Arenberg

### In honor of Julie & Dave Hohman:

Anonymous

### In honor of Ava King, DeAna

### Rowden's granddaughter:

Stan Platke

### In honor of the LSEM staff:

Jeanne Philips-Roth & Eddie Roth

### In honor of Albert Monroe, Jr.:

Jeanne Philips-Roth & Eddie Roth

### In honor of Laura Robbins:

Judith C. Miniace

### In honor of Hon. Richard B. Teitelman:

Jeanne Philips-Roth and

Eddie Roth

## Memorial Gifts

### In memory of Anna Mae Brown:

David E. Brown & Chery Green

### In memory of Todd Cohen, brother of

### Lindsay Cohen:

Annette Heller

### In memory of Stanley Goldstein:

Stan Platke

### In memory of Ken Klein:

Betty & Billy Springfield

### In memory of Michael Kornblum:

Sarah Geels

Karen Greenberg

### In memory of Mary Ortvals:

Lisa Blanco

Jerry & Suzzie Carmody

Sean Colligan

Karen Matles

Stan Platke

## 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 the executive director at 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](http://www.lsem.org) and click on "Donate Now").

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. Donations may be mailed to the address listed above or you may visit our website. LSEM established the **Ann Lever Training Fund** to honor our colleague when she retired in 2009. Donations to the fund will be used for LSEM staff training.

LSEM is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are tax deductible.

## Invest in Justice *By Dan Glazier*

*(This is an op. ed. article that appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Dec. 23, 2010)*

Sherry S.'s child support was barely enough to keep her three children together, one of whom has an ongoing medical condition. When her child support stopped for six months, her government-subsidized housing assistance was terminated wrongfully.

Dennis, a disabled veteran, nearly lost his home in a foreclosure.

Melissa's 5th grade son, Danny, was not receiving the special education services he needed to succeed and was struggling in school.

Matt is a foster care child who was shuttled from school district to school district during his various "placements". Matt needed special education services, but no one in the system had time to focus on his educational needs — his only hope of success in life.

Jordan G. desperately needed custody of his child after the child's mother was involved in a series of meth lab explosions.

Ms. P., a woman in her 80s, was sued after her daughter's car was repossessed with the claim that she had to pay since she had signed the credit application with her daughter, although she had been told she would not be responsible.

Many of these people, our neighbors, called Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (often known as "legal aid"), desperate for civil legal help they could not afford.

Nearly 15 percent of Missourians now live in poverty. Every day, LSEM, a non-profit organization that provides high-quality, free legal assistance in civil (not criminal) cases, looks into the faces of low-income families and elderly and disabled individuals who shoulder domestic violence, consumer fraud, homelessness, medical benefit denials and other injustices that threaten their safety, health and stability. The good news is that for our clients, our holistic legal intervention is extremely cost effective, with measurable outcomes in our legal cases of improved safety, health, finances, educational access, housing retention and stability.

However, while the impoverished cry out for the help that often only a lawyer can provide, the organization's current resources meet only about 20 percent of the legal needs of the poor people eligible throughout the 21 counties of eastern Missouri that it serves. Even with tremendous pro bono assistance and generous financial donations from local individual lawyers and law firms, United Way and foundations, 80 percent is just too large of a justice gap to tolerate when we have the ability to handle the problems presented but simply lack sufficient resources.

Investing in justice strengthens communities, benefiting everyone. By reducing domestic violence, for example, we reduce crime, produce healthier, happier children who are less likely to become victims or perpetrators of violence and allow survivors to go back to living healthy productive lives.

Legal aid statewide produces \$1.84 in direct financial benefits for every dollar of funding it receives. These dollars stimulate local economies because they are used to purchase necessities such as food, rent, prescriptions and utilities, in turn providing income for local businesses and wages for working Missourians.

Solutions are possible. What a difference legal aid can make.

Sherry S. kept her housing and family together after just a letter detailed the legal wrong of the Section 8 termination action. Dennis' house was saved from foreclosure by legal aid advocates.

After Legal Services obtained appropriate educational plans for both Danny and Matt, they are doing much better in school, and educational needs now are part of Matt's foster care review hearings.

For Jordan G., swift legal action obtained an order for immediate custody to stabilize his child's situation and prevent harm from another meth lab explosion.

At 81, Ms. P. no longer fears harassing creditors; those calls have stopped because Legal Services got the lawsuit dismissed.

Critical legal services provide opportunity and make a difference for the neediest people in our community.

*Dan Glazier is executive director and general counsel for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.*



*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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