IV. CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY

We need your help to continue to provide safety and stability through legal services for the disadvantaged in our community.

If you believe in equal justice and want to support the Legal Aid Society, please consider making a financial contribution and taking a case:

___ I will take 2 or more cases this year, or do projects. AND I will make a gift of
$250 $500 Other $______

___ I will make the OCBA in lieu of service contribution of $350 AND I will also add an extra gift of $______________.

___ I will make the OCBA in lieu of service contribution of $350 AND I will take one case.

___ I will make the OCBA in lieu of service contribution of $350.

Contributions for 2022 are due by December 31, 2021

Make your check payable to Legal Aid Society. Please refer to the next panel for Credit Card information.
**I. TAKE CASES**

I will accept at least two (2) cases in the following area(s):

Please note that Legal Aid will make every effort to accommodate your choice of subject area.

**ALL PREFERENCE FORMS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31st, 2021.**

**Family Law** - Last year there were over 800 requests for assistance with family law matters.

- Dissolution of Marriage
- Guardianship of Adult (Seniors First)
- Guardian Advocate
- Chapter 751 (temporary custody of minor child by relative)
- Domestic Violence Injunctions
- Paternity/ Custody
- Transgender Name Change

**Consumer Law** - Last year there were over 300 requests for assistance with consumer matters.

- Bankruptcy - Chapter 7
- Bankruptcy - Chapter 13
- ID Theft
- Debt Collection/Garnishment
- Student Loan Discharge for Disability

**Housing Law** - Last year there were over 500 requests for assistance with housing matters.

- Eviction Defense
- Rental Housing Conditions
- Security Deposit Disputes
- Foreclosures
- Virtual Housing Advice Clinic

**Immigration Law** - Last year there were over 100 requests for assistance with immigration matters.

- Victims of Domestic Violence (VAWA)
- Victims of Violent Crimes (U Visa)
- Victims of Human Trafficking (T Visa)
- Abused, Aband., Negl. Children (SIJS)
- Removal of Cond Residence (I-751)
- Renewal of Permanent Resident Card (I-90)

**Veterans** - Last year there were over 20 requests for wills or related documents from veterans:

- Power of Attorney
- (in person __)  (remote execution __)
- Simple Wills
- (in person __)  (remote execution __)
- Advance Directives
- (in person __)  (remote execution __)

**Sealing and Expunction** - Last year there were over 60 requests for assistance with sealing and expunction of a record.

- Adults
- Juvenile Records

**Other areas of law** - Last year there were over 100 requests for assistance in other areas of law, such as:

- Appeals (other than GAL)
- Reinstatement of Drivers License
- Simple Wills and Related Documents for Special Circumstances
- Small Probate Matters

**II. BE A GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

This is our area of greatest need. Last year, we received requests for GALs for over 900 children, including children in juvenile dependency cases or child victims, and witnesses in criminal cases.

**I will accept at least two cases in the following areas:**

- Guardian ad Litem - Juvenile Court (you may accept more than one)
  - Dependency - Traditional best interest representation; all ages.
  - Transitions cases - Foster teens age 16-21. Special training offered by LAS.
  - Appeals cases - Represent or advise GAL on appeals to 5th DCA. Requires additional commitment. Preference given to experienced appellate attorneys.
  - Delinquency - Best interest ad-advocacy for child victim or defendant in delinquency court.
  - GAL for child victim/witness.

**III. PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS**

Government and In House Counsel have first priority in projects. Private attorneys can sign up for projects, only if we do not fill the slots. We must receive a written request to be in a project.

- Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Clinic - 12 slots. Reserved for Bankruptcy Attorneys.
- Citizens Dispute Settlement -20 slots Closed after mid-December 2021.
- Community Education Panel -
- Teen Court - 50 slots. Usually filled by mid-December 2021. Return form ASAP
- Teen Parent Education Project - 5 slots.
- Non-Profit Incorporation Project - 7 slots.
- Virtual Housing Advice Clinic 30 slots