



Legal Aid Society
of the
Orange County Bar
Association, Inc.

2020 FACTS & STATS

OUR MISSION

To provide free, quality legal services for low-income residents, children, the indigent, and disadvantaged groups with special legal needs in Orange County, Florida and neighboring counties.



AREAS OF LAW

Housing Consumer Family
Immigration Education Juvenile

Income Management, Individual Rights

Sealing/Expungement of Records

Others, based on need (Veterans, Seniors)



OUR TEAM

Four staff attorneys are currently appointed members or board chairs of several Florida Bar Committees:

- Committees appointed include Legal Needs of Children, Domestic Violence, Education, Diversity & Inclusion, Military & Veterans Affairs
- Committees help improve statewide legal policy and practices by drafting legislation and raising awareness on specific issues, among other agencies.

47
Employees

18
Attorneys



PRO BONO STATS

7,873 People applied for legal assistance

3,182 Cases were handled by close of year

3,200 Attorneys assist LAS through financial/volunteer support

1,565 Total cases were handled by volunteer attorneys



GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)

- GALs are volunteers that advocate for economic, medical, educational, or mental health services needed to bring stability to a child suspected to be a victim of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.
- The Volunteer Advocates for Children (VAC) Program allows volunteers without legal backgrounds to help GALs monitor children's progress and court orders.



2,490 Children represented in 2020

1,255 Children found a permanent living situation at the close of 2020

258 Volunteer Attorneys

~79 Volunteer Advocates for Children



200

Volunteer Attorneys participated in 2020

PRO BONO PROJECTS

Pro bono efforts on specific needs in Orange County. Recurring projects include:

- Housing & Earned Income Tax Clinics
- Legal Outreach & Representation
- Veterans (VALOR)
- Homeless Advocacy
- HIV Special Will

LAS Funding:

The Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc. is largely funded by the Orange County Government, grants, awards, its Annual Breakfast of Champions Fundraising Event, and contributions from Orange County Bar Association members who donate \$350 in lieu of providing pro bono services.

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