



# FACTS & STATS 2024

Legal Aid Society of the OCBA, Inc.

## MISSION

Providing free, quality legal services to low-income residents, children, and disadvantaged groups in Orange County, FL, through a fiscally sound program powered by staff and pro bono attorneys.



## AREAS OF LAW

- **Family Law:** Divorce, custody, and guardianships
- **Housing Law:** Private tenant problems and foreclosure
- **Consumer Law:** Personal bankruptcies, debt collection, wage garnishment, bank account garnishment
- **Discrimination Cases:** Employment, housing, and disability discrimination cases of narrow scope
- **Guardian Advocacy:** A legal process in Florida that lets parents or caregivers make decisions for an adult with a developmental disability.
- **Small Claims:** We handle cases involving disputes over money or property valued under \$8,000 (not including court costs, interest, and attorney's fees)
- **Simple Estate Planning:** Wills, Power of Attorney, healthcare surrogate, Ladybird Deeds, and more
- **Social Security:** Overpayment waivers (nothing else)
- **Sealing and Expungement of Criminal Records**
- **Guardian ad Litem:** Only through appointment by Judges

# 10,135

Individuals assisted by the Legal Aid Society in 2024, reflecting the growing need for accessible legal services in our community.

1. Family
2. Housing
3. Consumer

These are the top three areas of law where applicants seek help the most. We work tirelessly to provide support and advocacy to help navigate these critical issues.

## OUR TEAM



Our dedicated team at Legal Aid consists of **62 employees**, including **24 skilled attorneys**, all committed to providing equal access to justice. With compassion and expertise, we work tirelessly to protect rights, advocate for families, and empower our community through free legal services.

## PRO BONO

Legal Aid is grateful for the volunteer services and financial support from Orange County Bar Association members and local attorneys. Their contributions, whether through handling cases, participating in projects, or donating, help ensure access to justice for those in need.

# 2,199

Attorneys assisted LAS through financial and volunteer support in 2024

# 11,951 PRO BONO HOURS

dedicated in 2024

## What does LAS do with your financial support?

The Legal Aid Society can perform life-saving legal work starting at a rate of \$59 per hour.

# \$472

Expunges a wrongful arrest, enabling a client to secure employment

# \$354

Secures a domestic violence injunction for a survivor and her/his children, ending cycles of abuse

# \$600

Guides a senior through eviction defense proceedings, preventing homelessness



LAS Funding:

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

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