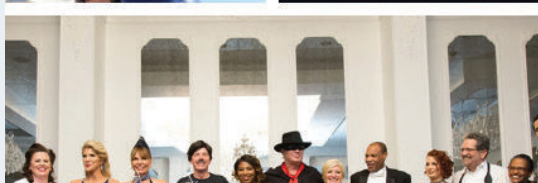




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of NORTH FLORIDA
HOPE. JUSTICE. FOR ALL.

Legal Services of North Florida is a non-profit 501(c)(3) agency providing civil legal assistance throughout 16 counties in the Florida Panhandle.



Annual Report

Legal Services of North Florida

2017

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Legal Services of North Florida is guided by a 21-member Board of Directors, seven of whom represent low-income client groups or are low-income clients themselves. The remaining members include an accountant and volunteer attorneys appointed by local voluntary bar associations and the Florida State University College of Law.

SERVING OUR MISSION

Legal Services of North Florida's mission is to provide an opportunity for justice for eligible residents through representation conducted efficiently and comparable in quality to that of the private bar and through other forms of legal assistance designed to provide a full range of civil legal services to those in need.

A Message From The Executive Director and Board President

People. Who we are. Those we serve. Those partners who share in that service. Those within the court system who aim to improve access for all every day. Those in the judiciary who make the hard decisions when reasonable people disagree, and who call out the wrong-doers when it's clear a wrong has been done.

Our advocates – who are exceptional in their zealous advocacy for the most vulnerable citizens of the Florida Panhandle. Our Board Directors – who guide us with strong governance and support within the community. Our partners – the human services agencies and other institutions who work with us to meet the needs of our clients that the law cannot. Our donors and investors – who believe in the cause of justice and the law as a tool to make our communities better. Most of all, our clients – whose bravery to seek out help against the injustice that they face and to work with LSNF to advocate and move to a better, more stable place in our communities.

We are grateful everyday for the People who make LSNF's mission possible. This report aims to give you an overview and some snapshots of what our people do everyday to bring equal access to our courts and legal systems to our most vulnerable neighbors. In 2017, LSNF's advocates, including pro bono attorneys, provided no-cost legal assistance to 5,290 clients, resulting in more than \$1.5 million in one-time financial benefits, and nearly \$1.6 million in annualized benefits to our clients.



In 2018, we look forward to continue growing the family of People who share in our vision and are better for having been a part of it. It is the People who give Legal Services of North Florida our direction. Who power our work toward our vision of Hope and Justice For All. Thank you for being one of them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leslie Powell-Boudreaux".

Leslie Powell-Boudreaux, Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Renee Gordon".

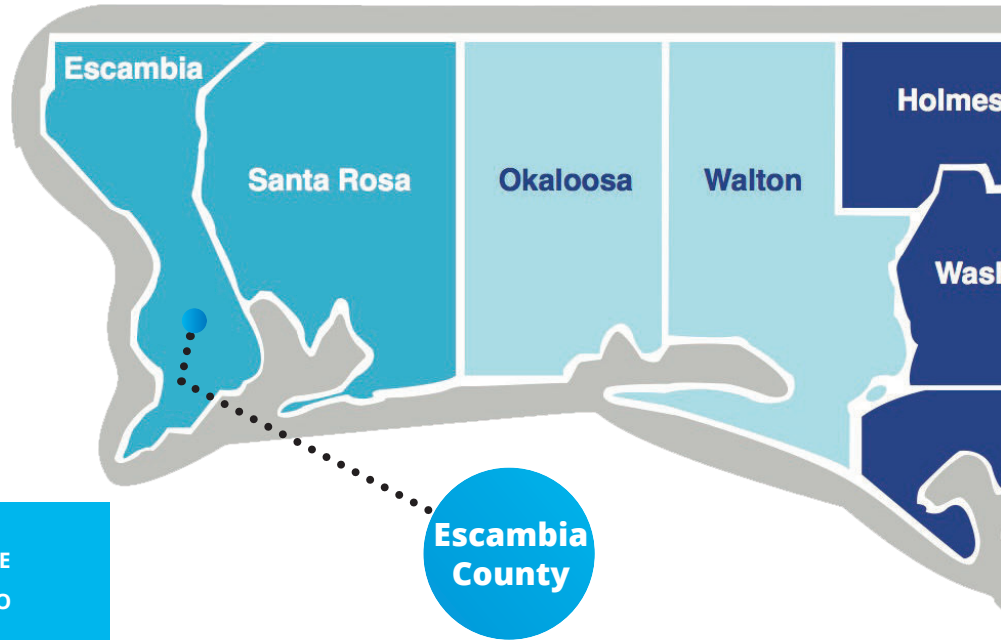
Renee Gordon, Board President

OUR CLIENTS

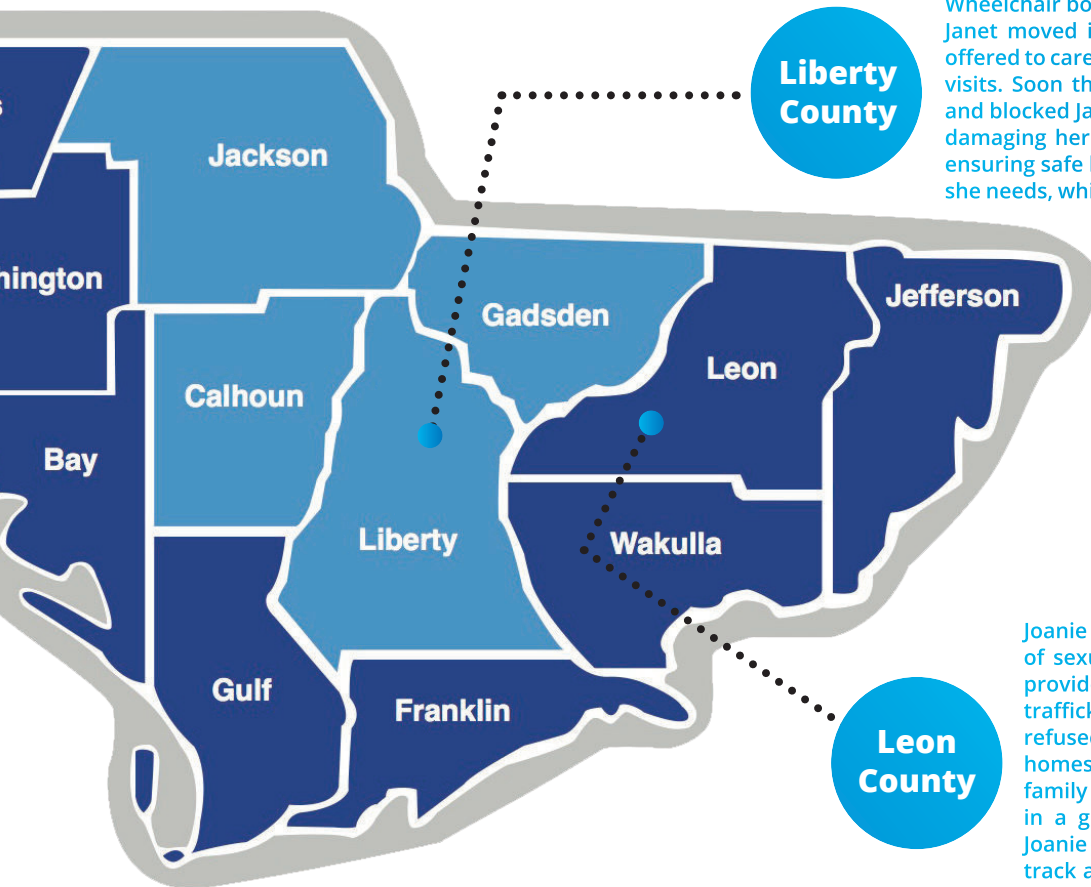


THESE STORIES ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING THE BEST QUALITY SERVICE TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND SECURING JUSTICE FOR THEIR UNTENABLE SITUATIONS.

*Names of clients have been changed



A grandfather caring for his grandchildren lost the child support in his wife's name after she passed away. After some time he was able to change child support payments to be made to him but not what had accrued since her death. LSNF expedited a hearing and successfully advocated that he be paid the money needed to support the grandchildren.



Liberty County

Wheelchair bound and living with a terminal illness, Janet moved into a property with a landlord who offered to care for her needs, from phone to doctor's visits. Soon the landlord charged unexpected rent and blocked Janet from the outside world, including damaging her property. LSNF advocated for Janet, ensuring safe housing and the community supports she needs, while stopping the abuse of her landlord.

Leon County

Joanie came into foster care with a history of sexual abuse by a family member. When providers incorrectly labeled her as a human trafficking victim, many family foster homes refused to take her in, leaving only group homes. Joanie felt she would benefit from a family environment and did not want to be in a group home. Through LSNF advocacy, Joanie participated in counseling, got back on track at school, and the family is considering adopting her.



WHO DO WE SERVE?

Clients are normally limited to an adjusted income of 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, with several of our grant sources having other income guidelines. All cases must be civil in nature and adhere to our priorities.



BENEFITS TO CLIENTS

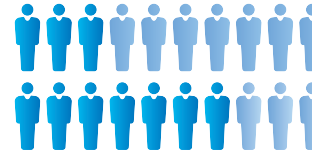
- \$1,519,089 million in one-time benefits awarded to clients
- \$1,538,662 million in annual benefits for our clients



HELP PROVIDED

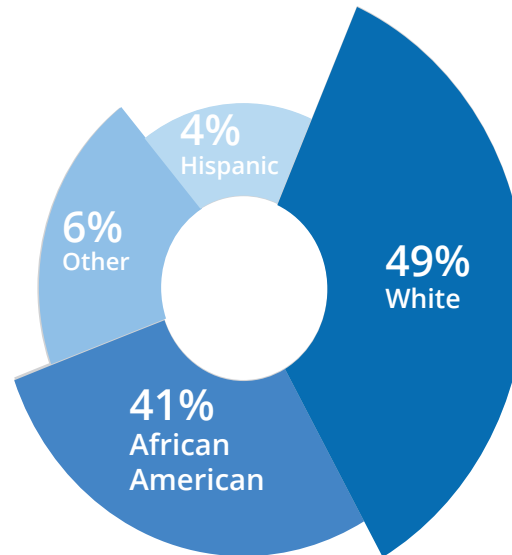
- Helped 1,191 families to stay in their homes by defending unlawful evictions, negotiating reasonable terms, and providing legal counsel
- Prepared 344 wills and advanced directives

CLIENTS & SERVICES



Male 26%

Female 73%



CLIENTS & SERVICES



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Providing specialized service to veterans experiencing homelessness
- Obtaining financial relief for residents of public housing
- Resolving tax controversies for low-income taxpayers



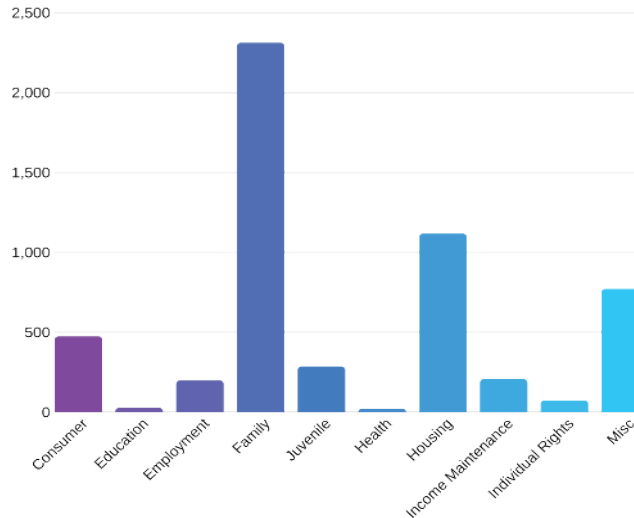
LEGAL SOLUTIONS PROVIDED

- 5,290 clients served
- 375 injunctions for protection obtained
- 73 dissolutions of marriage for victims of domestic violence completed



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Recovering social security benefits for clients with disabilities
- Representing children in the foster care system



NOTE

**TOTAL NUMBER OF
CLIENTS SERVED:
5,290**

PRO BONO ENGAGEMENTS

LAW DAY CELEBRATION

In May 2017, LSNF hosted its annual Law Day Pro Bono Recognition event, with the Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee and the Florida State University College of Law. Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga provided the keynote address, inspiring the crowd on the importance of stepping up to help meet the legal needs of our community. This event honored over 1,000 area attorneys for their contributions of time and support of pro bono legal services. Awards were also presented for professional and judicial excellence.

The Joy Aukema Taps Children's Advocate Award
Anne L. Swerlick, Esq.

The Parks and Crump, Thurgood Marshall Judicial Excellence Award
Judge Ronald W. Flury

The Richard W. Ervin Equal Justice Award
Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr.

The 2nd Circuit Pro Bono Service Award
David H. Abrams, Esq.

The Blaise N. Gamba Outstanding Pro Bono Award
Ellie Goralnick

LSNF works closely with private attorneys throughout our 16-county service area to give legal assistance to low-income and vulnerable individuals. Through the Private Attorney Involvement Program (PAI), this cooperation takes several forms including coordinating volunteer attorney resources of time and/or financial support.



PRO BONO ENGAGEMENT

PRO BONO WEEK CELEBRATION



In October 2017, LSNF, along with the Okaloosa and Walton County Bar Associations, celebrated Pro Bono Week, with a keynote address from the Florida Bar President, Michael Higer. The event honored hundreds of area attorneys and presented 7 local attorneys with the LSNF 2017 Pro Bono Challenge Coin. Judge Pat Maney shared the importance of the coin under military tradition and inspiring words on the importance of pro bono service.

PRO BONO RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

LSNF, in partnership with the local voluntary bar associations and the Florida Supreme Court, honors attorneys who volunteer their time to provide free legal services to low-income individuals. Annually, LSNF submits nominations for The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award, for the First, Second and Fourteenth Judicial Circuits. The following attorneys received awards at ceremonies held before the Florida Supreme Court for their commitment to pro bono service in 2017:

AWARD WINNERS

1st Judicial Circuit
Joseph Lorenz

2nd Judicial Circuit
David Abrams

14th Judicial Circuit
Steven Applebaum



INVESTING IN LSNF

Planned Giving: Leave a lasting legacy by naming LSNF as a beneficiary in your will.

Endowment Fund: Sustain LSNF's services well into the future by helping our endowment grow.

Founders of Justice: Pledge or give \$5,000 or more to LSNF and you can become a Founder of Justice.

Partners in Service: Members of The Florida Bar can meet their pro bono goal by contributing to LSNF.

Sponsor An Event: Sponsor our fundraising events throughout the year.

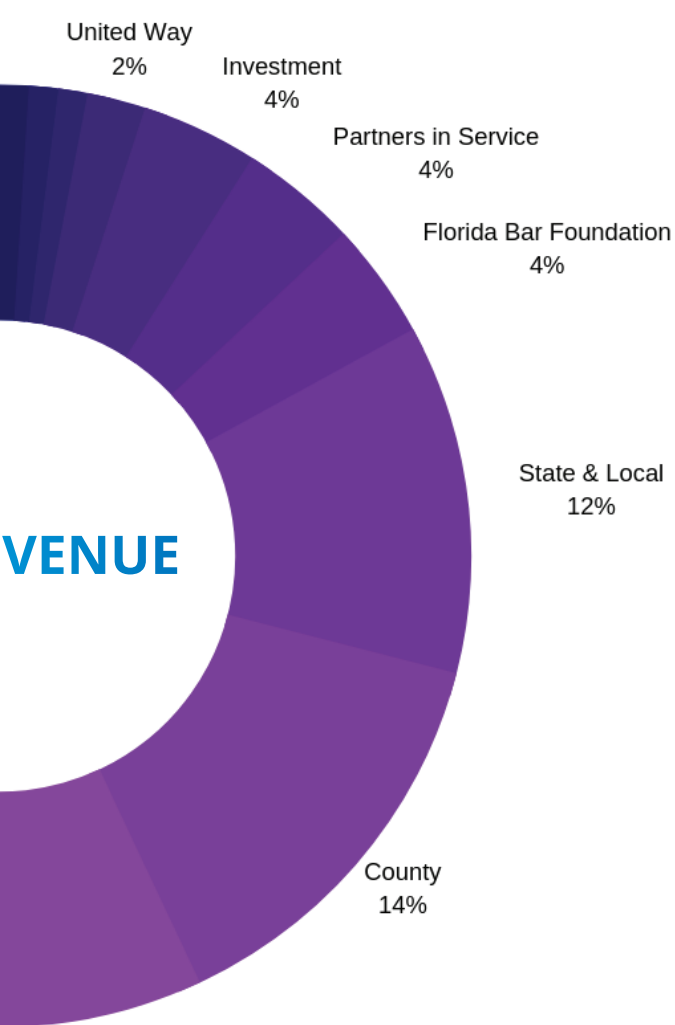
Support one of our many in-kind gift giving programs.

Attorneys and judges can consider designating Cy Pres Funds to LSNF.

LSC
37%

2017 RE

Other Federal
20%



PRO BONO INVESTMENT IN 2017



\$904,345 Worth of Legal
Services Donated by
Volunteer Attorneys

\$157,000 Contributed
through Partners
in Service



3,546 Hours of Pro
Bono Service

800 Pro Bono
Attorneys



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**ALL PROCEEDS FROM OUR
FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS
EVENTS HELP LSNF PROVIDE
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS
WHO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE THE
FREE CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES LSNF
PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY.**

JAZZ FOR JUSTICE



Jazz for Justice was back in a major way in 2017! For the past 20 years, Legal Services of North Florida hosted Jazz for Justice in Tallahassee, and for the past two years in collaboration with Foo Foo Festival in Pensacola. In 2017, LSNF combined the energy and history of both events into one sensational experience for our partners and attendees in downtown Pensacola.

*Jazz Pensacola has raised over \$525,000
for LSNF since launched!*



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Dean LeBeouf



JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD

Dina Foster



For the past 7 years, the American Lung Association in Florida hosted the Oxygen Ball/Dancing with the Stars, and in 2017 LSNF proudly continued this tradition, combining the energy and efforts into a magical experience for our 2017 partners and attendees. Dancing with the Stars Tallahassee is now one of LSNF's newest fundraising events. Thanks to the support of local businesses, law firms and organizations throughout North Florida, the inaugural LSNF Dancing with the Stars Tallahassee was one of the biggest local events of the year, raising \$60,000 for LSNF! In 2017, LSNF hosted the dance competition pairing local celebrities, media personalities, judges and attorneys with professional dancers from Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Congratulations to Dean LeBeouf for winning our People's Choice Award, and to Dina Foster for winning our Judge's Choice Award!

HONOR ROLL

\$1,000 - \$2,500

Robin H. Thompson &
Daniel H. Thompson
Carolyn T. LeBoeuf
Tony Brown
Scott Carruthers
Joan Anderson
Anna Foster
Stephanie Jones
Kathleen Villacorta &
Thomas A. Warren
Petra-Kate Califano
Thomas Pobjecky
Karen Asher-Cohen
Craig Goodson
The Lockwood Law Firm

\$350 - \$1,000

Robert C. Apgar
John Baker
David Barrett
Lisa Bernau
Travis Bright
Rocky Cabagnot
Nada M. Carey
Robert Cohen
Tara Collins
Richard E. Doran
Audrey Ehrhardt
Stephen Everett
C. Michael Evert
Jimmy Fasig
Bill Forbess IV
Frank Foster
David M. Frank
Lisa Freeze-Wall
Sally Gertz
Yolonda Green
James Gustafson
Steven K. Hall
Kathryn A. Hathaway

Loyd Hilton
Melanie A. Hines
Kali Iseman
Gene Johnson
Mary Anne Johnson Price
Theodore Littlewood
Robert M. Loehr
Teresa J. Lynch
Honorable June McKinney
Hannah Monroe
Wanda Morgan
Gregg R. Morton
Ross A. Nabatoff
Dale S. Recinella
Dr. James Renfroe
George Reynolds
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LSNF is grateful for the many local and national governmental entities, agencies and grantors who have embraced our mission of justice by supporting our work. On behalf of all we serve we thank our funding partners.

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 Bay County Bar Association
 Bay County Commission
 Calhoun County Commission
 Capital City Bank Group
 Chase Bank
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 Florida Attorney General's Office
 Florida Bar Foundation
 Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 Florida Coastal School of Law
 Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
 Florida Guardian ad Litem
 Franklin County Commission
 Gadsden County Clerk of the Courts
 Gadsden County Commission
 Gulf County Commission
 Holmes County Commission

Internal Revenue Service
 Jackson County Commission
 Jefferson County Commission
 Judicial Administration Commission
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 Leon County Commission
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Counties Served

Bay, Gulf, Holmes, Washington



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Counties Served

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