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Annual Report

Mission Statement: The Legal Project believes that all people, regardless of income, gender, disability, race, religion, age, sexual orientation or ethnicity should have access to legal services. This belief reflects a deep commitment to fairness and equal justice under the law.

Based upon these beliefs, the mission of The Legal Project is to make the law more accessible to those in need, to increase the legal community's involvement in *pro bono* work, and to serve as a resource on legal issues and *pro bono* work. Further, we feel a special responsibility to women and others who may have difficulty obtaining legal services.

Projects and Services

The Legal Project addresses the need for non-criminal legal assistance by providing innovative, cost effective services that are collaborative in nature and that focus on unmet needs in the community. In 2014, in addition to our staff and over **225** *pro bono* attorneys we served a total of **3,620** clients.

Legal Representation:

- ◆ **The Domestic Violence Legal Connection** provides *pro bono* and reduced fee civil legal representation and free legal consultations both onsite and at domestic violence shelters. In 2015, **1,335** victims of domestic violence were served.
- ◆ **Homeowner Protection Project** provides *pro bono* legal representation to homeowners who are facing foreclosure. In 2015, **775** homeowners were provided with legal consultations and/or representation.
- ◆ **Affordable Housing Attorney Assistance (AHAA)** provides free and low cost legal representation to low income home purchasers. In 2015, **13** individuals and families were served.
- ◆ **Bankruptcy and Credit Program** provides free legal consultations and free and low cost legal representation to individuals and families struggling with debt. This program served **189** individuals in 2015.

Legal Advice and Information:

- ◆ **The Legal Clinic Program, which also includes specialized legal clinics focusing on veteran's issues, small business owners,** provided free, private, and confidential consultations with experienced attorneys at local community agencies to **381** people in 2015.
- ◆ **Uncontested Divorce Clinics** provide assistance with the preparation and filing of the necessary documents to low income individuals who are representing themselves in divorce matters. In 2015, **40** individuals were assisted.
- ◆ **Legally Speaking Workshops** offer free, custom designed education programs to community groups and organizations about any legal topic. In 2015, **705** individuals participated in legal workshops.
- ◆ **Immigration Legal Network** offers free, private, and confidential legal consultations with *pro bono* attorneys and educational programs on various immigration issues. In 2015, **182** individuals were served.

Services to Professionals:

- ◆ **Attorney Training** of local attorneys, in exchange for *pro bono* work, increases the availability of legal assistance with domestic violence, affordable housing, wills and bankruptcy matters.

Annual Financial Report 2015

Income:

Foundations & Corporations	4%
Government Grants	86%
Fundraising	10%
Other	>1 %

Expenses:

Personnel	79%
Program Direct Costs	16%
Administrative	4%