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The Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) is the statewide membership organization for over 100 nonprofits funded through IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts) grants by the State Bar of California. LAAC advocates for more funding and better laws for legal nonprofits, coordinates between organizations, trains in core substantive areas, analyzes best practices, and works to increase access to justice for all Californians. This includes working strategically to support rural and small programs and to meet the needs of underserved populations.

LAAC's three core program areas are:

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Advocacy, which focuses on increasing funding to support legal services.

Training and Coordination within the California IOLTA community, consisting of in-person conferences (Traveling Trainings, Directors of Litigation and Advocacy Meetings, Family Law and Self-Help Conference, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and Pathways to Justice Conference), online trainings, statewide meetings, and online resource sharing.

Member Services, including discounts on trainings, software, and interpretation services.

LAAC staff maintains three statewide websites:

- **LAAConline.org:** LAAC's own website features updated legislative advocacy information, archived online webinars, a training calendar, a listing of California public interest job opportunities, and other important information.
- **LAACdirectory.org:** LAAC staff maintains a listing of advocates at all IOLTA-funded organizations. The site is password-protected for only IOLTA-funded organizations' use.

LawHelpCA.org: LawHelpCA.org provides Californians with easy online access to basic legal resources and contact information for their local legal aid organizations and courts.

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https://www.laaconline.org/coordination

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Services Offered

Consultation: CANHR Staff is available to answer questions and written requests for services are answered promptly. Services include technical assistance, consultation on individual cases, research, and brief bank. Contact: Staff Attorneys or Advocates.

Information Services: In addition to free subscriptions to CANHR's quarterly newsletters, "The CANHR Advocate" and "The Legal Network News," CANHR offers electronic copies of attorney training manuals to qualified programs. Copies of fact sheets can be downloaded from the website.

Representation: Includes consultation with and/or representation of individual clients referred by programs, collaboration on individual cases, and assistance with administrative and judicial appeals. CANHR will initiate litigation on specific issues at the request of programs.

Training: CANHR provides training to legal services programs in estate planning for long-term care, Medi-Cal eligibility including spousal impoverishment rules, eviction and transfer/discharge rights, long-term care litigation, nursing home laws, elder abuse, healthcare decision-making, representing clients with diminished capacity, and residents' rights. **Legislative/Administrative Advocacy:** CANHR develops and/or supports corrective legislation and participates in administrative advocacy at the state and national levels to clarify or develop regulations and policies related to long-term care and elder abuse issues.

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation provides public policy advocacy, litigation support, technical and legal assistance, and community outreach and education for California's rural poor. CRLAF targets its work in the areas of agricultural workers' health and safety, civil and human rights, education, employment, immigration, labor, pesticides, and rural housing.

CRLAF's substantive areas of expertise include:

- The Labor & Civil Rights Litigation Unit provides technical assistance, consultation, cocounseling, and class representation on cases involving low-wage or immigrant workers. CRLAF represents workers in cases involving: wage theft; violation of workplace safety standards; sexual assault and harassment in the workplace; discrimination and retaliation; pesticide exposure. CRLAF represents clients regardless of their immigration status and brings class action cases that can help hundreds of workers at a time.
- Labor and Employment: The project carries out policy-oriented research and farmworker field surveys, conducts legislative and administrative advocacy in the wage & hour, unemployment insurance, and farmworker law areas, both at the state and federal levels, and provides training, technical assistance and advocacy support to California legal services program.
- The Pesticide and Work Safety Project works to shed light on and reduce agricultural work hazards and pesticide exposures faced by California's agricultural workers and other rural residents.
- The Project maintains an ongoing dialog with Cal-OSHA and local, state and federal pesticide regulatory officials to encourage more thorough investigations and stricter enforcement of existing laws and regulations, improvements in regulations, and increased use of safer and more sustainable pest control alternatives. We also provide technical assistance to legal services programs and community organizations on developing outreach materials, accessing and understanding pesticide and work safety laws and regulations and public records and responding to pesticide poisoning incidents. We collaborate with members of other non-profit organizations to educate policy makers, agency officials and the public about heat stress, pesticide exposure and other work and environmental health and safety hazards affecting California's farmworkers and other rural poor.
- Citizenship & Immigrant Project provides informational services, high quality legal assistance, advocacy support, and community capacity building to provide immigrants the opportunity to be a part of the decision-making process that affects their families and community.
- Attorneys provide training to community advocates on immigration and naturalization law and provide direct assistance to immigrant communities with applying for citizenship, VAWA, T visas, U visas, DACA, family-based immigration relief, and relief for unaccompanied minors (asylum and SIJS). The project also provides full scope removal defense assistance, as well as operates the Attorney of the Day program at the immigration court in Sacramento.

California Women's Law Center

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

As a support center, the California Women's Law Center's primary purpose is to provide support services to qualified legal service projects (QLSPs) throughout California in the form of legal training, technical assistance, and advocacy support, all without charge. Our work focuses on addressing gender discrimination in athletics, assisting women in overcoming homelessness and poverty, advocating to end gender violence in our homes, schools and workplaces, and protecting the health and reproductive rights of low-income women and pregnant and parenting students.

Within each of these substantive areas, we (1) prepare educational materials and conduct trainings, (2) engage in policy advocacy on behalf of legal services organizations and their clients and (3) cocounsel on impact litigation and appeals with QLSPs and other organizations. We consistently monitor new developments and analyze their implication for low-income women and girls. All of our projects are designed to assist QLSPs and their clients.

Services Offered

Training: On site and via webinar

CWLC conducts statewide trainings for legal services programs, pro bono attorneys, and communitybased organizations on the scope and application of laws governing women's and girls' rights. Recent training topics include: gender discrimination in athletics in K-12 schools and colleges, sexual assault on campus, housing discrimination and eviction defense, the rights of pregnant and parenting students, and domestic violence restraining orders. If your organization is interested in receiving any of the trainings listed above, or if your organization is interested in being trained in another CWLC area of expertise to assist in your provision of services for indigent clients, please contact us and we will do our very best to accommodate your request.

Information Services: Website and materials

CWLC produces training materials, resource guides, and advocacy primers, and maintains a website at <u>www.cwlc.org</u>. CWLC's information services are designed to make the legal system more accessible to women and girls, and to provide information to QLSPs and pro bono attorneys about CWLC programs.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and representation (selected cases)

CWLC co-counsels with QLSPs and pro bono attorneys on impact cases focused on eliminating gender discrimination and barriers that keep women and girls in poverty. CWLC also writes and/or participates in the drafting of amicus curiae briefs in state and federal appellate courts.

Consultation: Telephone, email, and mail

CWLC staff members are available for consultation on issues affecting low-income and indigent women and girls who reside in California. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CWLC staff members may be working remotely, so email is the best option to initially contact a staff member. Voicemails and mail are regularly monitored.

Center for Gender & Refugee Studies – California

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**To request technical assistance in an asylum case, please visit our website, and fill out a request form at <u>www.cgrs.uchastings.edu/assistance/request</u>. If your request is urgent, please indicate any upcoming deadlines in the assistance request form.

Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Center for Gender and Refugee Studies - California (CGRS-California) is the California-focused arm of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) based at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. By providing free expert consultations, resources, and trainings to attorneys and organizations in California, CGRS-California helps obtain the best possible outcomes for individual asylum seekers. Additionally, CGRS-California undertakes strategic impact litigation on behalf of refugees, engages in policy development, research, and in-country fact-finding, and uses international human rights instruments to address the root causes of persecution.

Services Offered

Tailored Technical Assistance: CGRS-California provides free technical assistance for asylum and related humanitarian claims, including a focus on claims involving domestic violence and other gender-based harms, child abuse, fear-of-gang, and LGBT. Our attorneys provide tailored, one-on-one litigation assistance including: consultation on legal strategies and procedural or evidentiary concerns; review of briefs and other legal documents; help evaluating types of relief available to a

client; and guidance for working with children and other clients who have experienced trauma as well as working with expert witnesses.

Trainings on Legal Skills, Asylum and Related Law, and Working with Survivors of Trauma: Our attorneys offer in-person training and workshops as well as webinars on a wide range of topics such as asylum law and procedure, and strategies for gender, gang-based, LGBT, and children's asylum claims. In addition to trainings on substantive law, CGRS-California trainings include practical skills such as working with trauma survivors, secondary trauma, interviewing skills, writing effective declarations and briefs, trial advocacy, and many others. Knowledge in these areas is important not only to attorneys providing immigration legal services, but also to those serving immigrant populations more broadly and who wish to provide critical triage and referral support.

Litigation Resources: CGRS-California provides attorneys with litigation support materials that can make a critical difference in their cases. Recently developed resources include a comprehensive manual focused on gender-based asylum claims. Because country-specific evidence is essential to a successful asylum claim, CGRS-California prepares comprehensive country conditions reports on the underlying social conditions and the legal systems in countries of origin, as well as develops relationships with well-respected in-country experts, with whom we craft country- and issue-specific declarations attorneys can submit in their cases. CGRS-California makes these litigation resources available to those who access our technical assistance program, and prioritizes the development of new resources responsive to the specific needs of California-based attorneys.

Advocacy Work and Impact Litigation: CGRS-California advances pro-refugee laws, policies, and procedures through advocacy and education of local, state, and national government contacts, the legal community, immigrant and refugee communities, and the general public. By tracking and monitoring asylum, withholding of removal, and Convention Against Torture claims, we use the information collected in our searchable database to assist attorneys in crafting successful claims and to inform our policy advocacy activities. Through strategic impact litigation, CGRS-California is involved in influential cases involving cutting edge refugee law issues as counsel, co-counsel, or amicus curiae, and by providing expert consultation to other attorneys, advocates, and organizations.

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Center is a state-wide support center with recognized expertise in complex federal and state litigation and in the substantive law relating to immigrants and refugees. The Center's current (October 2021) support service priorities include the following:

- Defending the rights of children and youth detained pending deportation or removal to appropriate placement and services.
- Minimizing the detention of immigrant and asylum-seeking children, youth and families.
- Protecting detained immigrant and asylum-seeking children and families from COVID-19.
- Advocating for state and local measures to counter discrimination against Californians based on federal immigration status.
- Defending migrants' access to international protection, including asylum and refugee status.
- Ensuring the full rights of immigrant survivors of crime, human trafficking, and domestic violence to lawful immigration status.

The Center will also undertake work in other areas of law and policy deemed priorities by qualified legal services providers (QLSPs).

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, appointment, and email. The Center offers technical assistance to QLSP staff in the areas of expertise described above. QLSP staffs desiring support are encouraged to contact Peter Schey or Carlos Holguín.

Information Services: Website, practice manuals and technical bulletins. The Center publishes information relating to its litigation and related legal developments on its several websites, all of which are accessible at www.centerforhumanrights.org. The Center also offers a number of legal practice manuals and technical bulletins free of charge to QLSP staff.

Advocacy support: Policy analysis and advocacy, impact litigation, and individual representation. The Center is available to assist QLSP staff with policy analysis and advocacy. The Center is also available to co-counsel with QLSPs on complex individual litigation and class actions.

The Center provides direct legal representation from time to time to selected clients referred by QLSPs.

Training: On-site and webinar. The Center is an approved MCLE provider and offers MCLE-approved trainings, both periodically and upon QLSPs' request, on topics within its expertise. Information regarding the Center's trainings is periodically mailed to QLSP directors and is also available on the Center's web page.

Child Care Law Center

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Child Care Law Center educates, advocates, and litigates to make child care a civil right.

We are experts in child care law and policy. We provide technical assistance to policymakers, government agencies, legal aid attorneys and advocates about child care:

- Children living with resource families (foster care) or in the child welfare system
- Families facing homelessness or landlord/tenant problems
- Children with disabilities or special health needs
- Immigrant families
- Publicly-funded child care programs such as CalWORKs and Head Start
- Equity and discrimination issues

We support child care professionals, advocating for housing rights, fair zoning and health and safety laws. We support parents and caregivers who need child care financial assistance. We are the only organization in the country devoted exclusively to the complex legal issues that affect child care.

Services Offered

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Services, Technical Assistance and Support to Legal Aid Attorneys: We provide technical assistance to IOLTA-funded legal services attorneys who are helping their clients.

Community Legal Education: We offer community education workshops for child care providers, attorneys and advocates. We publish manuals, legal updates, and policy papers, which we disseminate via email. Publications are available free of charge on our website: www.childcarelaw.org.

Contact us via email, phone, or visit our website and enter your question at the "Get Help" button.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. (CCWRO) is a statewide nonprofit organization that provides back-up services to qualified legal service field programs funded by the Legal Services Trust Fund Program.

CCWRO provides consultation, information, training, and representation on issues relating to public benefit programs, such as: CalWORKs (formerly AFDC or TANF), Refugee Assistance, Medi-Cal, Welfare Employment Programs/Welfare to Work, Food Stamps, General Assistance, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), and SSI.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, appointment (in person), email, and mail CCWRO staff is available for consultation Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CCWRO responds to all telephone calls/emails immediately, and no later than the next working day. Call Kevin at his cell number.

Publications: Public Assistance table, "Welfare News", and "Legislation Tracker"

Public Benefits Informational Services We will provide an immediate response to questions from legal services programs regarding public benefit programs, laws, and regulations. CCWRO maintains current information on the status of pending or recently enacted state and federal legislation and regulations that we have identified as being important to our clients, members, and associates. CCWRO collects and disperses statistical information and analysis on the CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Child Care, and Welfare Employment Programs.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation. CCWRO provides consultation and co-counseling on issues relating to public benefit programs, such as: CalWORKs, Food Stamps, General Assistance, SSI, child care, child support, and the Welfare Employment Programs. CCWRO will also do welfare hearing Administrative Writs (CCP §1094.5) that will be filed in Sacramento

before judges who are more familiar with the administrative process than judges in many other counties around the state.

Legislative Assistance: CCWRO also represents legal service programs and their clients before the California State Legislature relative to public benefit legislation.

Administrative Advocacy: CCWRO facilitates and participates in meetings with state and local public benefit agencies relative to public benefits, such a CalWORKs, Employment Services, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Child Care, IHSS and other programs. For dates and times, including agendas and call-in-numbers for Legal Services Advocate Meetings, check the upcoming events calendar at our homepage, www.ccwro.org.

Training: CCWRO will provide training free of charge upon request and based upon availability of time. Please contact CCWRO for training in any aspect of public assistance. The trainings include (1) State Hearings Trainings, (2) Administrative Writ Training, (3) Welfare-to-Work Sanction Defense Training, (4) California Public Benefits Cutting Edge Issues and New Developments, (5) Introduction to Public Benefits Advocacy at the Local and State Level, (6) IHSS, (7) CAPI, (8) Local and State Welfare Administrative and Legislative Advocacy, and (9) Child Support Training.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF) is a national law and policy center dedicated to advancing and protecting the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities. DREDF addresses disability-based discrimination in all contexts. We invite contact on any disability civil rights issue, including special education issues.

Current General Priorities: DREDF will enter a new priority-setting cycle for 2022-2025 (currently in process), which may generate priority changes. As of fall 2021, we are still operating under DREDF's 2019-2022 priority-setting cycle, which includes: (1) Education; (2) Access to government benefits and services; (3) Health care/Long-term services & supports (LTSS); (4) Housing; (5) Technology access; and (6) Transportation. Additional priorities are (7) Employment; and (8) Family law.

Current Specific Priorities and Interests:

(1) Addressing COVID-related disability rights issues, including health care access rights, and rights to accommodations in disaster preparation and response, employment, health care, housing, government services, and other contexts;

(2) Addressing a range of technology access issues in a world where the pandemic has accelerated the increasingly important role of the Internet and other new and emerging technologies in all aspects of society;

(3) Preservation and development of the Section 1557 nondiscrimination mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) (often called as "Obamacare");

(4) Enforcing the *Olmstead* community integration mandate by advocating for home and community-based service options that enable people with disabilities to live independently in their communities;

(5) Enforcing the right to nondiscriminatory health benefits and insurance coverage under disability rights laws implemented in California; this includes equitable access to durable medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs and hearing aids) and a range of other disability-related supports and services that enable people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities;

(6) Promoting access to affordable accessible housing, including in shelters and temporary and transitional housing;

(7) Training and supporting legal services and fair housing advocates on the front-lines of eviction defense and habitability work, including with technical support on reasonable accommodations in housing;

(8) Ensuring appropriate educational rights for students with disabilities, including issues at the intersection of race and disability such as restraint and seclusion, disproportionate discipline, and the school to prison pipeline;

(9) Ensuring the safety and nondiscrimination rights of students with disabilities in accessing appropriate independent study, synchronous learning and/or in-person instruction in the context of the pandemic;

(10) Addressing the rights and needs of people with disabilities in government systems that have significant oversight and enforcement powers, including law enforcement, family courts, and child and adult welfare agencies;

(11) Ensuring safe and nondiscriminatory access to the California court system and representation services, as the pandemic has accelerated the increasingly important role of the Internet and other new and emerging technologies in access to justice.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, and mail. Consultation on disability civil rights law and policy may include individual technical assistance, case review and strategy development, provision of sample pleadings, law and policy updates, review of written case materials, and other related support as needed. Contact the front desk by telephone (510) 644-2555 or <u>info@dredf.org</u> for appropriate internal referral.

Information Services: The DREDF website (<u>https://dredf.org/</u>) provides extensive information about available DREDF resources, services and current activities. All IOLTA offices are on our mailing list to receive DREDF's free eNews and eAlerts. DREDF also disseminates "This Month in Disability," which is a monthly electronic digest that provides timely legal resources, news and information to California legal services providers.

To add individual names to our mailing list you may contact the DREDF front desk or subscribe at <u>https://dredf.org/</u> by clicking on "News" on the top banner. DREDF actively participates in various

electronic communities (such as Listservs and Google Groups) that link DREDF staff to members of other IOLTA Support Centers, as well as to virtually all QLSP offices throughout California. These include several electronic Venues supported by the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC).

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation. In addition to consultation and advice, DREDF usually has five to ten open litigation cases. Litigation cases often involve representation of eligible clients referred by IOLTA offices and cases co-counseled with IOLTA offices.

Training: Periodic, as relevant or requested. On-site convenings may or may not be possible in 2022, given pandemic restrictions. But DREDF has always done a significant amount of webinar training. DREDF often partners with the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) and other legal services offices to offer webinar trainings specifically designed for legal services attorneys and advocates are available in archives. Archived trainings can be found using keyword search terms "DREDF" (<u>https://www.laaconline.org/train/filter/?fwp_search_box=DREDF</u>) or "disability rights" (<u>https://www.laaconline.org/train/filter/?fwp_search_box=disability%20rights</u>). DREDF's training calendar for special education topics can be found in the special education section of DREDF's website <u>https://dredf.org/calendar/?mcat=1</u>. California legal services offices are invited to contact the DREDF front desk at (510) 644-2555 or <u>info@dredf.org</u> for appropriate internal referral, if you would like more information about planned or archived trainings or to inquire about options for new trainings.

Family Violence Appellate Project

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Family Violence Appellate Project ("FVAP") is the only organization in the state dedicated to domestic violence appeals and appeals relating to sexual assault, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking restraining orders. We facilitate a statewide delivery system of free appellate representation to survivors and provide training and technical assistance to qualified legal services projects ("QLSPs") and others.

Our areas of expertise include:

- California civil domestic violence laws (as codified primarily in the California Family Code, but also in the Welfare & Institutions Code, Civil Code, and Probate Code)
- California appellate procedure
- Housing and employment laws that impact domestic violence survivors
- Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Certain aspects of California family law more generally, particularly child custody and support issues
- Civil harassment and elder abuse restraining orders

Services Offered

Advocacy Support

- **Representation:** Co-counseling and full representation. FVAP analyzes cases referred by QLSPs and others for possible appeal. FVAP is available to co-counsel an appeal with the referring agency or represent the client in the appeal.
- Amicus Briefs: FVAP facilitates a coordinated statewide effort to identify domestic violence ("DV") cases of broad importance, draft amicus briefs in collaboration with legal services and other stakeholders, and submit amicus briefs to the appellate courts on behalf of statewide stakeholders.

- **Case Publication:** FVAP facilitates a coordinated statewide effort to identify unpublished DV cases of broad importance, draft requests for publication in collaboration with legal services and other stakeholders, and submit requests for publication to the appellate courts on behalf of statewide stakeholders.
- Legislative Advocacy: We work in partnership with legal services and domestic violence service providers to amend California's domestic violence statutes.

Training

FVAP provides training on issues pertinent to domestic violence appeals. We can train programs statewide in person or via webinar, and recordings of our trainings are available free to QLSPs via our website. Our current training curricula include the below, plus more:

- How to Lay a Record for Appeal
- Introduction to Housing & Employment Justice Project
- California's Statutes Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence and Their Children in Family Court, and the Science Behind Them
- Recent Domestic Violence Appellate Cases
- Statements of Decision
- What Evidence Supports Extending a Domestic Violence Restraining Order: Lessons from Cueto v. Dozier
- How to Help Domestic Violence Survivors Lay a Record for Appeal in Their Family Court Cases: A Training for Domestic Violence Advocates and Non-Attorneys
- Post-Trial Remedies: Motions and Writs
- Recent Cases and Trends Regarding Domestic Violence in Dependency Appeals
- Seeking Safety in America: The Nuts and Bolts of Representing DV Victims as Respondents in International Child Abduction Cases
- Family Law Appeals Raising Domestic Violence Issues
- Confidentiality, Privilege, and Mandated Reporting for Domestic Violence Advocates

We also have developed a series of short training modules available through the Pro Bono Training Institute focused on domestic violence restraining order practice. These modules include:

- DV-101: Basics of Domestic Violence; DV and California Law (forthcoming)
- Applying for a DVRO: Making the Request; Safety Before and After a DVRO; Mutual Restraining Order Requests; Writing Declarations; Youth Applicants
- Presenting Your Case: Basics of Presenting the Case and Prepping for Court

We are interested in hearing from the field about additional trainings that would be helpful. Please contact us with suggestions.

Technical Assistance

FVAP is available to consult with you on matters related to domestic violence and restraining order appeals. This includes both cases at the trial level (e.g., where an appeal is anticipated, or a question arises about how to lay a record for a possible appeal) and cases on appeal.

FVAP provides brief services, in-depth consultation, and research support, as well as legal analysis of cases referred to us to identify the existence and strength of legal issues for possible appeal.

Informational Materials

We have developed a series of tip-sheets and tool-kits that are available to QLSPs for free via our website, including:

- LGBTQI+ DV Primer
- 2021 Case Annotated Compendium of CA Domestic Violence-Related Laws
- Toolkit: Custody, Visitation, and Family Code Section 3044
- How to Address Litigation Abuse
- What Can I Do to Change the Order After the Hearing Is Over? An Introduction to Post-Trial Motions
- Sample Letter Requesting the Court of Appeal Use Anonymous Names in Your case
- Model Legal Brief in Support of Sole Custody
- Model Legal Brief on Allowing New Evidence at Restraining Order Hearing
- Model Legal Brief Asking the Trial Court to Hear Your Case When the Other Side is Asking for Continuances
- How to Find Respondents for Service of Process
- Getting a Court's Reasons for Making a Family Court Order
- Statement of Decision Request Template
- Custody and Visitation Toolkit for LGBTQI+ DV Survivors
- FVAP's 2016 Survey of CA DV Service Providers
- Housing Toolkit: Helping Survivors Move Safely
- Template Letter: Qualified Third Party Verification of Domestic Violence for CCP Section 1161.3 Unlawful Detainer Defense

We also regularly publish new case alerts, monthly housing and employment facts, and resource highlights.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) provides various types of technical assistance, training, and advocacy support on immigration law and procedure to qualified legal services providers that are part of the Legal Services Trust Fund Program (IOLTA). Additionally, ILRC offers technical assistance on immigrant organizing, policy and advocacy, and leadership training projects.

Services Offered

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Consultation: ILRC has an "Attorney of the Day" who will respond to email requests for consultation services on immigration law and procedure from attorneys and legal staff of nonprofits. San Francisco Bay Area nonprofits and all California-based IOLTA legal services programs receive consultations at no cost.

Information Services: Website and materials. ILRC produces manuals on various aspects of immigration law, including asylum, removal defense, SIJS, U visas, T visas, VAWA, naturalization, FOIA, family-based immigration, hardship, public charge, DACA, inadmissibility and deportability, motions to suppress, parole, and more. ILRC also creates practice advisories for legal service providers. Many materials can be downloaded for free from ILRC's website at www.ilrc.org. Materials not available for

free on the website can be ordered by contacting ILRC by phone or through our website. Materials are offered to nonprofit agencies and IOLTA legal services programs at no cost or at reduced costs.

Representation: Co-counseling. The ILRC is available to provide litigation support or serve as cocounsel with other legal services projects on a limited number of cases, selected for their potential impact on the development of the law or because of their unusual complexity. Contact ILRC by email if interested.

Advocacy Support: Ongoing. The ILRC provides advocacy support to, with, and on behalf of qualified legal services projects on the city, county, state, and federal level on immigrants' rights, including consultation on advocacy issues and campaigns, administrative advocacy, legislative advocacy, and other advocacy.

Training: Periodic. The ILRC provides more than 100 trainings, including seminars, webinars, and workshop presentations, throughout the year on various aspects of immigration law. These trainings are announced through mailings and listservs. Registration for IOLTA legal services programs is free, other than the cost of reproducing the training materials.

ILRC Mission: ILRC works with and educates immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to continue to build a democratic society that values diversity and the rights of all people.

To further that goal, ILRC:

- Educates and inspires immigrants to advocate for justice for themselves and their communities;
- Promotes civic participation and mutual respect for all groups;
- Provides support, training, and information about immigration law and policy to immigrants and their advocates in an effort to increase the quantity and quality of legal assistance available to low-income persons;
- Collaborates with immigrants, community organizations, and government agencies to create innovative and constructive solutions to issues involving immigration policy; and
- Promotes public awareness of the contributions new Americans make to our society and the challenges they face.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Class Action Specialists. Our mission is to provide grants, advocacy support, and education to support impact litigation on behalf of vulnerable communities seeking economic, environmental, racial, and social justice. Impact Fund provides technical assistance, funding for litigation expenses, practical skills training, and co-counsel services in complex civil rights cases. We have particular expertise in procedural issues arising in impact litigation, including class action strategy, class action alternatives, unfair-competition claims (Business & Professions Code § 17200), attorneys' fees applications, federal court procedure, and settlement.

Services Offered

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Pro Bono Consultation: We are always available to answer short or long questions, look into knotty legal issues, and participate in strategy sessions in impact cases. We can also help find resources, i.e., co-counsel, experts, or other legal programs that have worked through similar issues. All legal inquiries should go to Lindsay Nako or Jocelyn Larkin. Peer-to-peer network available via closed Google group of approx. 700 practitioners.

Information Services: <u>Practitioner Blog</u>, <u>Social Justice Blog</u>, <u>website</u>, research papers, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Annual Report</u>.

Representation: Co-counseling, full representation, amicus, and limited-issue representation (e.g., handling class issues, mediation, or settlement sessions).

Training: Impact Fund offers MCLE-certified project-specific training on class/litigation/fee/impact issues. Past trainings from our <u>Summer Webinar Series</u> are available online. We host the annual <u>Impact Fund Class Action Conference</u> (February) and the annual <u>Impact Fund Class Action Training</u> <u>Institute</u> (September). All Trust Fund projects receive notice of and special pricing for training programs. Contact Lindsay Nako for more information.

Litigation Grants: Funding is available via our <u>Grant Program</u> for out-of-pocket litigation expenses in cases advancing economic, environmental, racial, and social justice. Letters of inquiry are reviewed four times a year. All grant inquiries should go to Amy Daniewicz.

Justice in Aging

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Justice in Aging is a nonprofit organization whose principal mission is to protect the rights of lowincome older adults. Through advocacy, litigation, and the education and counseling of local advocates, we seek to ensure the health and economic security of those with limited income and resources, and access to the courts for all. Through a contract with the Administration for Community Living, Justice in Aging also leads the National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER), a training and technical assistance program for legal and aging professionals. Areas of expertise include:

- Health Care: Medicare and Medicaid, Cal MediConnect, Duals Special Needs Plans, Medi-Cal Long- Term Services and Supports, Medi-Cal, Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare Part D, Assisted Living, and Oral Health.
- Housing
- Income and Economic Security: Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants), CalFresh.
- Elder Justice: elder abuse and financial exploitation.
- Language and Disability Access: in federal and state programs.

Services Offered

Consultation: We encourage advocates to contact us for assistance by telephone, email, or mail. Advocates can also request case consultation assistance for NCLER by e-mailing ConsultNCLER@acl.hhs.gov.

Information Services: Website (<u>www.justiceinaging.org</u>), free monthly newsletter ("In Review"), and free Health and Income Network Alerts. Daily tweets (@JusticeinAging) on related activities and topics of interest. You'll see announcements of new releases on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/JusticeinAging. Publications and practical tools for advocates can be found in the Resource Library under "Advocate Resources" on our website, and also in the sections dedicated to specific areas of work under "Our Work".

You can sign up for our newsletter or any of our free alerts under "Subscribe" on our website. Justice in Aging also maintains listservs for advocates on federal rights, Dual Eligibles (Cal MediConnect), Medicare Part D issues, IHSS issues, and for *Martinez v Astrue* or *Clark v Astrue* updates.

Justice in Aging prepares and disseminates written materials on issues affecting people eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare in California, and presents regular webinars for advocates. Check the dual eligibles section of the Justice in Aging website to find duals-specific work. Past webinars can be viewed on our Vimeo page: www.vimeo.com/justiceinaging.

Representation: Advice (for attorneys/advocates), co-counseling, and full representation (selected cases). Justice in Aging provides advice, co-counseling, and full representation in litigation concerning low-income seniors in California, as well as on related issues of persons with disabilities. Justice in Aging is also engaged in federal and state administrative and legislative advocacy, where appropriate.

Training: Periodic, as needed, and on-site available. Justice in Aging regularly participates in the Senior Legal Services Provider Section of the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) and in LAAC Traveling Trainings, as well as in legal services trainings throughout the country. Additional training materials are also archived at http://ncler.acl.gov.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

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Founded in 1978, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) was one of the first legal services organizations to address the civil legal needs of people in prison, formerly incarcerated people, their children, and their families. Our mission is to organize communities impacted by the criminal justice system, and to advocate for the release of incarcerated people, the restoration of human and civil rights, and the reunification of families and communities. We build public awareness

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of structural racism in policing, the courts, and the prison system, and we advance racial and gender justice in all our work. Our strategies include legal support services, advocacy, public education, grassroots mobilization, and developing community partnerships.

LSPC's primary areas of substantive/procedural expertise are: prisoner rights law, clean slate remedies, challenging excessive fines and fees, family and juvenile dependency law, probate guardianships, restoration of civil rights for formerly incarcerated people (including aspects of employment law, housing, benefits, and voting), parole and criminal law, and legislative and administrative advocacy.

Services Offered

Consultations and Technical Assistance: LSPC provides legal advice and technical services to California legal services offices on an as-needed basis. Areas include civil legal issues concerning incarcerated parents and their children, conditions of confinement, challenges to excessive fines and fees, and reentry issues affecting formerly incarcerated people and their families, including criminal record clearance, employment, housing and benefits discrimination, family unity, and voting rights.

Information Services: LSPC provides information services to California legal services offices on the rights of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, including parents and their children, and related civil legal matters. We produce legal manuals, reports, fact sheets, pamphlets and pocket guides covering family law, civil rights, benefits, and conditions of confinement. These publications are available on our website, prisonerswithchildren.org

Legal Representation: LSPC is available to file litigation and amicus briefs upon request in areas which impact currently/formerly incarcerated people, their children and families. LSPC serves as cocounsel on impact litigation related to our mission at the request of California legal services offices in several areas: challenging exorbitant fines and fees imposed on low income Californians, limiting the use of solitary confinement, and advocating on behalf of disabled prisoners in county jails.

Training: LSPC provides legal trainings upon request to California legal services offices on issues affecting incarcerated parents and their families, and formerly incarcerated people. Recent topics include how to advocate for incarcerated people with COVID, how to take advantage of recent occupational licensing, fines and fees, and ban-the-box in employment legislation, and webinars on visiting rights in California prisons.

Policy Advocacy: LSPC partners with California legal services offices and other organizations to sponsor and advocate for legislation that challenges discrimination against, and allows for service provision to, formerly incarcerated people and that support the release and rights of people in jail and prison. We also work in coalition with legal services offices to oppose legislation and local policies that will be harmful to people in prison, formerly incarcerated people, and their families. We provide administrative and legislative advocacy support services to legal services offices upon request.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The National Center for Youth Law has deep legal expertise on the ways in which public systems prevent vulnerable children and youth from achieving their potential, including immigration, juvenile justice, foster care, education, child welfare, and health care systems. We support Qualified Legal Support Projects (QLSPs) by partnering on litigation and policy advocacy efforts, as well providing training and consultation on legal issues impacting vulnerable children and youth.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, mail, appointment, and website.

- Adolescent Health: Contact Rebecca Gudeman for assistance with consent, information sharing, and confidentiality issues involving health care for youth, as well as mandated child abuse reporting.
- Abused and Neglected Children and Children in Foster Care: Contact Poonam Juneja for assistance with cases involving child abuse or neglect, foster care or youth leaving foster care for independent living.
- Foster Children on Psychotropic Drugs: Contact Jean Strout for assistance with cases involving foster children on psychotropic drugs.
- **Juvenile Justice**: Contact Michael Harris for assistance with cases in which youth are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, unnecessarily placed in secure detention or facing harsh, inappropriate sentences.
- Educational Needs of System-Involved Youth: Contact Dan Senter for assistance with cases in which system-involved youth are not receiving adequate or appropriate educational opportunities.
- **Mental Health**: Contact Rachel Velcoff-Hults for assistance helping children gain access to mental health care.
- **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)**: Contact Kate Walker Brown for assistance with cases involving CSEC survivors.
- **Immigrant Children**: Contact Neha Desai for assistance with cases involving immigrant children and their families.
- **Civil Rights of Students**: Contact Atasi Uppal for assistance with cases involving possible violations of a student's civil rights at school.

Information Services: Legal journal, website, and other publications. "NCYL News" is the monthly online journal of the National Center for Youth Law. The publication features articles on critical children's issues written by NCYL attorneys and attorneys from related organizations. NCYL News also includes project updates, litigation developments, and other information about NCYL, as well as announcements of upcoming conferences and useful publications. Visit YouthLaw.org to sign up for the email edition.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation. As we do not receive funds from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), we do not have LSC restrictions on our work. We are, therefore, particularly interested in litigation that cannot be done by LSC recipients.

Training: We also provide training in our areas of expertise. Contact Rebecca Gudeman at rgudeman@youthlaw.org.

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The National Health Law Program (NHeLP) is a public interest law firm working to protect and advance the health rights of low-income and underserved individuals. NHeLP advocates, educates, and litigates at the federal and state levels. NHeLP provides technical support to direct legal services programs, community based organizations, the private bar, providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for low-income people. NHeLP works in coalition with other advocates to advance policies that increase access to care for those eligible for publicly funded health insurance programs.

Services Offered:

Key Staff*

Consultation: NHeLP provides brief advice, technical assistance and in-depth analysis for qualified legal service providers.

Information Services: Manuals, fact sheets, issue briefs, websites and listservs. NHeLP's *The Advocate's Guide to the Medicaid Program*, the *Medi-Cal Services Guide*, issue briefs, blogs and other materials provide important substantive legal resources for health advocacy. NHeLP's website, <u>www.healthlaw.org</u>, offers up-to-date information and guidance on major changes in law and policy that affect health care for low-income people. NHeLP provides information and updates on critical developments in health care law through state and national advocacy listservs. NHeLP supports states and state advocates to get and keep people enrolled in affordable health coverage and ensure that they get the access to health care services they need. We also publish coronavirus resources, including guidance on effectively using Medicaid to respond to COVID-19. See: https://healthlaw.org/coronavirus-resources/. NHeLP maintains and runs a California Health Advocates (Confidential) Listserv and convenes a monthly California health advocates conference call to provide information and updates for advocates on state and federal health care policy, including a legislative and budget update. The listserv is limited to advocates. To join the listserv, seek permission from any of NHeLP's California office attorneys.

Representation: Consultation and co-counseling. NHeLP provides litigation assistance to advocates in cases impacting Medicaid, health care reform, due process, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other laws affecting the health care interests of low-income people, and people with disabilities. NHeLP will co-counsel in select cases that have a systemic impact.

Training & Education: Upon request. NHeLP trains advocates on state and national substantive health law and developments. In addition to substantive training and education on health care reform and the Medicaid program, NHeLP provides education on other select health law topics.

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NHLP seeks to advance housing justice for poor people by increasing and preserving the supply of decent, affordable housing, by improving existing housing conditions, by expanding and enforcing low-income tenants' and homeowners' rights, and by increasing housing opportunities for groups who face a history of discrimination or special challenges in accessing affordable housing. NHLP works to achieve its mission through public policy advocacy and by providing research, legal assistance, training, publications, and technical assistance to a broad audience of housing lawyers and advocates.
Areas of expertise include: federal housing policy and the federal housing programs (including public housing, Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD), Section 8 vouchers, project-based Section 8, HUD-subsidized multifamily housing, Rural Development single-family and multi-family housing programs, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, multi-family rental housing preservation, fair housing and HUD's rules for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Section 3 economic opportunities related to HUD funding, housing programs, reasonable access and accommodation to housing for persons with disabilities, housing rights of persons with limited English proficiency, housing rights of persons formerly incarcerated, the foreclosure crisis' impact on tenants and low-income homeowners, including California's Homeowner Bill of Rights and state foreclosure law.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, and mail. For consultation, call 415-546-7000x3400 and leave a message, or email nhlp@nhlp.org.

Information Services: Practice Manual: "HUD Housing Programs: Tenants' Rights" (5th Ed., 2018) – See <u>https://www.nhlp.org/publications</u> for pricing. For more information on NHLP publications, call 415-546-7000 x3113 and leave a message or go to our website: www.nhlp.org.

The "Attorney/Advocate Resource Center" on our website <u>www.nhlp.org</u> contains articles, cases, statutes and regulations, and other useful practice materials.

NHLP also sponsors a Housing Justice Network (HJN) listserv that enables members to exchange information and seek assistance about housing cases. More than 1,000 advocates nationally participate in this very active listserv. Access to the listserv is limited to HJN members. Access an online application at www.nhlp.org/hjn-participation-form.

Representation: For advice, co-counseling, and full representation, call: 415-546-7000x3400 and leave a message.

Training: Upon request. NHLP staff is available for onsite training upon request. Call 415-546-7000x3400 and leave a message. NHLP participates in LAAC-sponsored training events and conducts a housing training track at the annual NLADA Substantive Law Conference and at the Housing Justice Network meetings held every 18 to 24 months. We also hold webinar trainings on timely topics.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Since 1979, the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) has undertaken litigation, advocacy, communications, and network-building efforts, using our unparalleled authority on laws and public policy to ensure that low-income immigrants in California and across the country can thrive and lead healthy lives. A core component of NILC's work involves providing assistance and support to legal aid offices, pro bono attorneys, and community groups throughout California and the United States. NILC's headquarters is in Los Angeles with a satellite office in Washington, D.C. Additionally, NILC has staff located in the San Francisco Bay Area as well as other locations across the country.

Policy Analysis and Advocacy. NILC analyzes legislative and regulatory changes to assess the impact that these changes will have on the lives of low-income immigrants. NILC distributes policy updates and alerts, convenes working groups of advocacy organizations and community agencies addressing these issues, and coordinates strategic responses to policy changes as they arise. NILC policy staff are also available to consult on the implications of proposed legislative language. Questions about legislative proposals and administrative policies should initially be directed to the Los Angeles office. Callers may be referred to policy analysts in other offices, as appropriate.

Impact Litigation. NILC co-counsels impact litigation with California legal services programs and other anti-poverty and civil rights groups. NILC's litigation focuses on issues that have broad impact on the rights of low-income immigrants, including, but not limited to, due process, employment discrimination or labor violations on the basis of immigration status and national origin, access to healthcare and other critical economic benefits, access to education, and immigration enforcement and detention. Recent cases have challenged, for example, a federal effort to expand the definition of public charge, immigration detention conditions, and an attempt to terminate the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. NILC does not generally provide direct representation to individuals.

Training and Educational Materials. NILC staff conduct trainings and webinar presentations in California to help build the capacity of legal services providers, advocates, and attorneys to respond to laws and policies affecting their immigrant clients. In an average year, NILC staff conduct 65-70 trainings and workshop presentations in California. Through these trainings, NILC helps build the capacity of legal services providers, advocates, and attorneys to respond to laws and policies affecting their immigrant clients. NILC also publishes policy analyses, articles, and community education materials for legal services advocates that provide information about changes in policy, legislation, and case law within the areas of expertise outlined above. Much of this material is available free of charge from NILC's website (www.nilc.org), or via email distribution lists that provide regular updates on the latest federal, state, and local developments on specific topics.

Technical Assistance. NILC provides technical assistance and advice within its areas of expertise, reviews advocacy and community education materials of other groups for technical and legal accuracy, and provides referrals to other immigrants' rights organizations as needed. We also support immigrant-led organizing by providing strategic support to state and local advocates across the country, and partner with groups in California and other select states to advance key advocacy initiatives or campaigns.

Strategic Communications and Narrative Change. NILC plays an important role in shaping effective messaging and communications strategies on immigration issues. NILC's communications efforts are deliberately integrated with its efforts to advance legal and policy victories, while also focused on shaping the public narrative on immigration issues for longer-lasting social change.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, and mail. Requests for technical assistance may be made by leaving a detailed message at 213-639-3900 X 9, or by sending an email to <u>technicalassistance@nilc.org</u>.

Information Services: Subscription newsletters, email updates, and website. To subscribe to NILC's email distribution list, visit our website at <u>www.nilc.org</u>. On our home page, you will find an email sign-up form. You may also use our website to access other publications, community education materials, and information.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation in impact cases. Inquiries about potential impact litigation, as well as requests by legal service providers for assistance with individual cases, should be directed to NILC's Los Angeles office at <u>technicalassistance@nilc.org</u>.

Training: Periodic and as needed. To find out about upcoming trainings and webinars, call 213-639-3900 X 9, or email <u>technicalassistance@nilc.org</u>.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

OneJustice provides technical assistance, trainings, and consulting in two program areas:

Pro Bono Justice ("PBJ")

PBJ builds *pro bono* bridges among legal services nonprofits, law schools, law firms, corporate inhouse counsel departments, and courts. This work includes the:

- Capacity Building and Best Practices Resources
 - o California Pro Bono Best Practices Guide
 - Pro Bono Training Institute ("PBTI")
 - Remote Clinic Toolkit
 - Small Claims/Back Rent Toolkit
 - Technical assistance and consulting

- Convenings and Sector Support
 - Annual Statewide Pro Bono Conference
 - California Joint Pro Bono Manager Forum (quarterly webinar)
 - Bay Area Pro Bono Managers
 - SoCal Pro Bono Managers
 - Joint SoCal Pro Bono Managers and Law Schools
 - Pro Bono Managers Anti-Racism Working Group
- Pro Bono Clinics and Projects
 - Justice Bus Network
 - o Inland Empire Small Business Project
 - Access to Asylum Project
 - Rural Justice Collaborative
 - IMPACT LA
 - Justice Bus Project

Healthy Nonprofits ("HNP")

HNP provides legal aid governance and capacity-building consulting, trainings, and technical support– as well as federal policy advocacy–to legal services organizations in California. Legal aid governance and capacity-building topics include sector (e.g. ABA and LSC) standards and effective strategies for:

- Board assessments, governance, and development;
- Executive director evaluations and coaching;
- Succession planning and change management;
- Strategic planning;
- Financial health analyses;
- Program planning and impact evaluation;
- Recruitment, retention, and supervision of legal aid staff;
- Fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- Conflict resolution; and
- Nonprofit compliance and legal ethics.

HNP's projects include, but are not limited to, the:

- Executive Fellowship Program (legal aid governance and management);
- Housing Law Programs (small claims/back rent working group and homelessness prevention technical assistance);
- Organizational Change Accelerators;
- Californians for Legal Aid (federal policy education and advocacy);
- Legal Services Human Resources Listserv (employment law and strategies);
- Bay Area Legal Services Development Professionals Group (fundraising law and strategies);
- Bay Area Legal Services Executive Directors Group (nonprofit law and strategies); and
- Pay and benefits survey for California's legal services organizations.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Public Interest Law Project (PILP) provides litigation, policy advocacy, consultation, and training support for local IOLTA legal services programs in California. We concentrate on housing, public benefits, healthcare, and civil rights. We strive to fulfill our mission of providing local poverty law programs with the capacity to engage in major litigation and other significant advocacy, particularly in the areas of land use [housing elements], fair housing, anti-displacement, affordable housing development and policy, and public assistance [general assistance, CalWorks, CalFresh].

Services Offered:

Key Staff

Advice, Consultation, Research and Other Technical Assistance: Telephone, email, and fax. We are available on a daily basis.

Information Services: With adequate notice, staff can provide review and analysis of state or local policies, laws, or regulations. Publications available online and upon request to IOLTA-funded programs include "California Housing Element Manual" (Fourth Edition, Jan. 2019), "Inclusionary Zoning Revitalized" (Jan. 2018), "Inclusionary Zoning—Alive and Well in California" (May 2010), "Increasing Access to Critical Benefits Through the Rural General Assistance Project" (May 2015), "Inclusionary Zoning: Policy Considerations and Best Practices" (Dec. 2002, with Western Center on Law and Poverty), and "Inclusionary Zoning: Legal Issues" (Dec. 2002, with WCLP).

Representation and Other Advocacy: Advocacy and co-counseling. We will co-counsel with local programs on impact cases and other advocacy within our areas of specialization in state and federal courts.

Legislative and Administrative Advocacy: We participate with other support centers in sponsoring and advocating for law reform in Sacramento on behalf of clients of local programs. We also assist in developing and implementing local and regional legislative and administrative proposals and strategies.

Training: On-site available. Staff will provide training to local program staff on site (as resources permit) or in conjunction with other state support centers on a regular basis.

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Working for and with poor communities, communities of color, legal services, and community organizations, Western Center combines high impact litigation, policy and administrative advocacy, and technical assistance and education to achieve transformative policy victories and improve the lives of millions of Californians living in poverty. Focusing primarily on four substantive poverty law areas (economic justice/public benefits, health care, housing, and access to justice), and recognizing that racial justice is core to our work, Western Center on Law & Poverty (Western Center) provides support in several areas, including: (1) co-counseling in impact cases, including class actions and writs, (2) providing technical assistance to legal services advocates on substantive law questions within Western Center's practice areas, (3) coordinating statewide task forces, (4) training on substantive law issues and skills development, (5) preparing and disseminating educational manuals and materials, and (6) legislative and administrative policy advocacy.

Services Offered

Day to Day Advice, Training, and Education: Our advocate staff answers hundreds of calls and emails each year, responding to questions from field programs and public interest advocates regarding substantive, procedural, and strategy issues on cases and other matters. Staff also delivers in-depth legal support, including technical assistance with research and advocacy strategy, on-site trainings, webinars and publications to support hundreds of legal aid attorneys in California.

Co-Counseling on Litigation: Staff co-counsel with our local legal services partners in cases with broad impact on important issues identified by our partners. Examples of recent victories with our IOLTA-funded partners include: *Ortega v. Lightbourne* (co-counseled with Inland County Legal Services), which requires that the California Department of Social Services' reverse its previous denial of requests to replace CalFresh benefits that were electronically stolen; *Rivera v. Douglas* (co-counseled with Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Bay Area Legal Aid, Central California Legal Services, National Health Law Program, and Multiforum Advocacy Solutions), which requires timely processing of Medi-Cal applications; *Buena Vista MHP Residents Association v. City of Palo Alto* (co-counseled with Law Foundation of Silicon Valley), which stopped closure of a mobilehome park which serves 400 low-income, mostly Latino residents and is one of the last bastions of affordable housing in the Valley.

State Legislation: Western Center advocates before the state legislature and the Governor in our core issue areas. Staff is available to consult regarding problems that might be addressed by legislation, the budget, statutory interpretation, and legislative history. Regional in-person meetings are held with local program partners each fall to formulate policy goals for the following year. Staff also regularly updates field programs and other advocates about pending legislation and budget proposals and developments through Western Center's website, periodic reports, task force updates, publications, and case reviews.

Advice on Administrative Advocacy: Staff is available to discuss emerging issues, answer questions and counsel field programs and other advocates about addressing systemic issues through administrative advocacy relevant to poverty law issues. Staff partners with advocates in conducting administrative advocacy at state, local, and sometimes federal levels, including participation in state work groups related to our issue areas.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

Worksafe is a California-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing worker illness injury and death by bringing justice to the workplace. Worksafe promotes occupational safety and health through education, training, technical and legal assistance, and advocacy.

Low-income and immigrant workers are more likely to work in hazardous jobs and to become injured at work. Just as these workers are exploited through wage theft and other forms of economic injustice, they are also exploited by being placed in dangerous working conditions. If injured, workers often lose their jobs, cannot find a private attorney to assist them, become unable to support themselves and their families, and enter a cycle of poverty they cannot escape. Protecting workers' basic right to a safe and healthful workplace and the right to speak up about dangerous working conditions can help minimize these risks. Worksafe helps legal aid attorneys play an important role in ensuring that workers receive the protections they deserve, and trains them on using health and safety protections as a tool in preventing broader patterns of exploitation. Worksafe's programs and clinics provide injured workers with information about how to obtain the benefits to which they are entitled. Worksafe also advocates for strong laws and robust enforcement so workers can voice their concerns about health and safety in the workplace.

Our areas of expertise include occupational safety and health (OSH), including worker rights and protected activities under OSH laws; remedies for injured workers; and administrative, regulatory and legislative advocacy. We help build the capacity of legal service providers who directly serve California's most vulnerable low-wage workers to be able to assist their clients with occupational health and safety issues and workplace injuries and illnesses.

Services Offered

Advocacy assistance for litigation, legislative, regulatory, or policy advocacy: Our staff and board have decades of experience with litigation and policy advocacy in our substantive fields.

Training and technical assistance: Our goal is to empower legal services programs and increase their capacity to assist individual workers (including workers who are injured on the job), and groups (including worker centers and community based organizations) to:

- Use OSH laws and regulations to prevent injuries, illnesses, and deaths;
- Obtain workers' compensation benefits by both a) facilitating referrals, and b) creating self-help programs or clinics for injured workers with assistance from experienced workers' compensation attorney volunteers;
- Seek remedies for retaliation as a result of workers exercising their health and safety rights
- Strategize about providing assistance to undocumented workers with regard to health and safety issues;
- Address workplace toxics that harm workers, their families, and their communities, using existing OSH and environmental laws and regulations, and those that are emerging in connection with the Green Chemistry movement;
- Become involved in worker advocacy issues;
- Build strategic worker campaigns; and
- Engage in impact litigation.

Worksafe has developed materials for legal services providers, including occupational safety and health legal handbooks, fact sheets for workers, and model injured worker legal clinic materials. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about available materials.

Trainings and materials are available throughout California upon request.

Information Services: The Worksafe website, monthly newsletter, and e-news subscription.

Please visit the Worksafe website at www.worksafe.org for information about our legal support services, our current campaigns and projects, and other material. We also maintain an email subscription service to share information regarding proposed legislation, regulations, and other policy initiatives on the federal, state, and local levels that relate to worker health, safety, and remedies for injured workers. The subscription also provides information on conferences, meetings, and other events of interest to workers' rights advocates. All legal services program staff are invited and encouraged to sign up to receive updates at www.worksafe.org.

Worksafe is a certified MCLE provider.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise

The Youth Law Center (YLC) is a support center that advocates to transform the foster care and justice systems so that young people in those systems thrive. Areas of expertise include foster care, juvenile justice, public benefits, housing, health programs, conditions of confinement, education, and other issues that impact young people involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the child welfare or justice systems. YLC's Equal Access Fund project, Fostering Access to Supported Transitions to Adulthood, works to enhance access to supports and services and improve the early adulthood outcomes of young people at risk of involvement, involved, or formerly involved in the foster care or juvenile justice systems. Support for and challenges facing Transition Age Youth (TAY) is also the focus of the recently organized TAY Civil Legal Practice Exchange, a group of legal aid advocates that regularly meets, discusses, collects, and shares information on TAY issues. YLC provides a wide range of advocacy support on substantive and law practice issues impacting system-involved young people and their families.

Services Offered

Consultation: Telephone, email, and virtual appointments

Youth Law Center staff members are available to respond to questions from legal services advocates regarding children's rights and legal issues that affect children and families involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. YLC also provides in-depth consultation to legal services advocates involved in litigation and other advocacy efforts on behalf of children and youth.

Information Services: YLC fact sheets and other publications on issues frequently encountered by legal services advocates are available for download from the <u>resource library</u> section of the <u>YLC</u> <u>website</u>. Legal services advocates may also request hard copies of these materials. YLC provides fact sheets, pleadings, research memoranda, training materials, and other written resource materials

in response to requests from legal services advocates. YLC also responds to changes in the law and other developments by creating and distributing resource materials that will help to keep legal services advocates up to date on issues including not only cash benefits like AFDC-FC (foster care benefits), adoption assistance payments (AAP), kinship guardianship assistance payments (Kin-GAP), CalWorks and SSI for system involved young people, but also Medi-Cal, education, special education, housing, record sealing, and other services, supports, and rights of youth and families who are involved in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

Representation: YLC attorneys provide advice, co-counseling, amicus, and full representation. YLC co-counsels with and provides other advocacy support to legal services advocates on cases involving young people and families impacted by the child welfare or juvenile justice system. YLC will co-counsel in select cases that have a systemic impact, collaborate on individual cases, provide assistance with administrative and judicial appeals, and in limited circumstances provide direct legal representation to selected clients referred by QLSPs. YLC also advocates for law reform on behalf of clients of local programs and assists in developing and implementing local and regional legislative and administrative proposals and strategies.

Training: YLC will provide training on legal issues affecting children and youth upon request from legal services advocates. Training topics are tailored to the needs of the training audience, but may include public benefits, health care, and education for children in out-of-home care.

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