

What equal justice looks like.



The Legal Aider

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***The Legal Aider* is Legal Aid Society's monthly newsletter. Here we share highlights from our programs, introduce you to our stellar staff, update you on events and volunteer opportunities, and hopefully inspire you!**

A Message from our Executive Director, Neva Scott

Your Legal Aid Society is open and pursuing justice.

While our physical office is closed to the public, we are up and running in a virtual environment. Clients are still calling with questions related to what matters most: their homes, incomes, and families. Our staff is working remotely to ensure that our clients receive the legal advice and representation they need now.

Like many of you, our standard routines and schedules have been interrupted. In this challenging time it has been inspiring to witness the depth of creativity, skill, and compassion that the staff of Legal Aid Society has demonstrated in order to continue to serve our clients and our mission.

It is hard to say where we will be in a day, a week, or even a month; but Legal Aid Society will be here working to ensure that those most vulnerable know their rights and pursue them.

Wishing you peace and health!

Neva Scott
Executive Director



New Website, New COVID-19 Resources

In March, Legal Aid Society launched a new website, www.yourlegalaid.org. User and mobile-friendly, the website also features a variety of new [COVID-19 related resources](#) for our clients and the community. These resources are being updated in real time and more will be added as rules, regulations, and needs evolve over the course of the pandemic.

Resource List

[Frequently Asked Questions: Unemployment and Employee Rights](#)

[Top Five Things to Know if you Rent your Home](#)

[Top Five Things to Know about Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Top Five Things to Know if Experiencing Domestic Violence](#)

TOP FIVE

Things to know about your Legal Aid Society during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1** Your Legal Aid Society team is working! To request our help, call (502) 584-1254 or apply online at www.yourlegalaid.org.
- 2** We are a non-profit civil law firm that provides civil legal services to clients who qualify for our services.
- 3** We handle a variety of civil legal matters that impact the home, income, safety, and family of our clients.
- 4** We serve the Kentucky Counties of Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Jefferson, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, and Washington.
- 5** Our services are always free.

While our office is closed to walk-ins, you can apply online for our services at www.yourlegalaid.org or call (502) 584-1254.



2020 Brush, Bottle, and Barrel Postponed

The Seventeenth Annual Brush, Bottle, and Barrel of the Bluegrass, originally scheduled for April 24, 2020 at Atria Senior Living has been postponed. It is our hope to reschedule later in the year as the event is important to our overall fundraising efforts, raising critical unrestricted resources to serve our clients.



Want to support Legal Aid: Become a Torchbearer!



Legal Aid Society invites you to become a Torchbearer! The Torchbearer Society a sustaining giving society for individuals making a minimum monthly contribution of \$10 to Legal Aid Society. By joining the Torchbearers, you are an active participant in equal justice. A monthly donation to Legal Aid Society ensures that everyone has access to the justice system, not just those who can afford it.

Become a Torchbearer

Volunteer Attorneys Needed: A Phone Call Can Save a Life

While most court processes are suspended during this period, domestic violence cases continue to be filed and heard. We are serving clients with domestic violence cases right now. Legal Aid Society's Domestic Violence Advocacy Program provides representation to individuals seeking protective orders and is in need of volunteer attorneys to provide legal advice only to our clients. We are NOT asking volunteers to go to court in the midst of a pandemic. However, WE NEED YOU to help serve these victims of violence with an advice phone call so we can help them on their path to safety and stability.

This "advice only" approach usually involves a one-time phone conversation with a client that can last from 10 to 60 minutes.

Interested volunteers should email Beth Robinson-Kinney, Senior Attorney of Legal Aid's Personal Safety Unit at brobinson-kinney@lasou.org. Beth will provide you with the training and tools you need to make sure those experiencing domestic violence during this pandemic know their rights and pursue them.

Volunteer Today: Email Beth



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On behalf of our staff, board, and the thousands of

clients we serve each year, thank you for your support.