



FRANKLIN COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES

each case matters

ILLUMINATING LIFE THROUGH LAW
ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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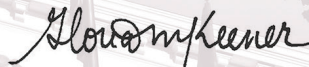
It is with great enthusiasm that we share with you highlights of Franklin County Legal Services from the past year. Franklin County Legal Services celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2017!

Since 2002, FCLS has been providing education, advice, and representation to low-income people with civil legal problems in both Franklin and Fulton Counties. Providing equal access to justice means that we are here to help when someone's family, home, livelihood, or basic human needs are at stake due to a civil legal issue.

We are extremely grateful for your support which enables our attorneys and staff to engage in this life-changing work every day. Along with the clients of Franklin County Legal Services, we thank you for being part of the effort to make the promise of "equal justice under law" a reality.



Philip S. Cosentino
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Franklin County Courthouse Photo by Elchick

SUMMARY OF 2017 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$116,565
Fundraising Events (Net).....	\$40,094
Fees for Services.....	\$16,063
Other.....	\$1,116
Total Revenue.....	\$173,838

EXPENSE

Program Services.....	\$172,573
Administration.....	\$7,756
Fundraising.....	\$1,111
Total Expense	\$181,440

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$118,949
Other.....	\$22,906
Total Assets	\$141,855

LIABILITIES

Payroll Withholdings and Accruals	\$5,393
Total Liabilities.....	\$5,393
Total Net Assets.....	\$136,462

*Franklin County Legal Services' complete audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017, are available upon request.

MEETING BASIC NEEDS THROUGH IMMIGRATION LAW

OUR WORK INCLUDED:

- Assisting a refugee family re-settle through obtaining permanent residence.
- Representing a young man in obtaining work authorization and protection from deportation through DACA.
- Filing a petition for a child to protect him from having to return to an abusive and neglectful situation in Guatemala.
- Representing a battered woman in becoming a legal permanent resident.
- Defending a father in a deportation case so that his family can stay together.
- Obtaining employment authorization for a Haitian immigrant so that he can provide for his family.
- Helping a married couple stay together through filing a waiver so that the husband does not have to be separated from his family for years in another country.

PRESERVING MEANINGFUL FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

OUR WORK INCLUDED:

- Helping a mother enforce a custody order so she could see her child.
- Obtaining a custody order for grandparents raising their grandchild which helped them enroll the child in activities, counseling, and medical appointments.
- Defending a mother who was sued for custody.
- Giving advice to a recently-single parent about how custody law works.
- Helping a father see his children.
- Educating, advising, and providing forms to an individual for self-representation in court.
- Stabilizing the home of an unaccompanied minor from Central America through a custody order.
- Helping a domestic violence victim maintain custody of her child while moving to another state to live near supportive relatives.

ENSURING STABLE AND DECENT HOUSING

OUR WORK INCLUDED:

- Restoring water and electric to a family after the landlord unjustly turned off their utilities to force them to move out suddenly.
- Defending a single mother after her landlord initiated eviction procedures against her because she would not sign an unreasonable update to her current lease.
- Giving advice to a tenant about how to move out before the lease term expired when her landlord was not making necessary repairs.
- Resolving a pending eviction of a family by negotiating with the landlord on their behalf.
- Getting an eviction case dismissed on behalf of an elderly couple after negotiations resolved the problem with the landlord.

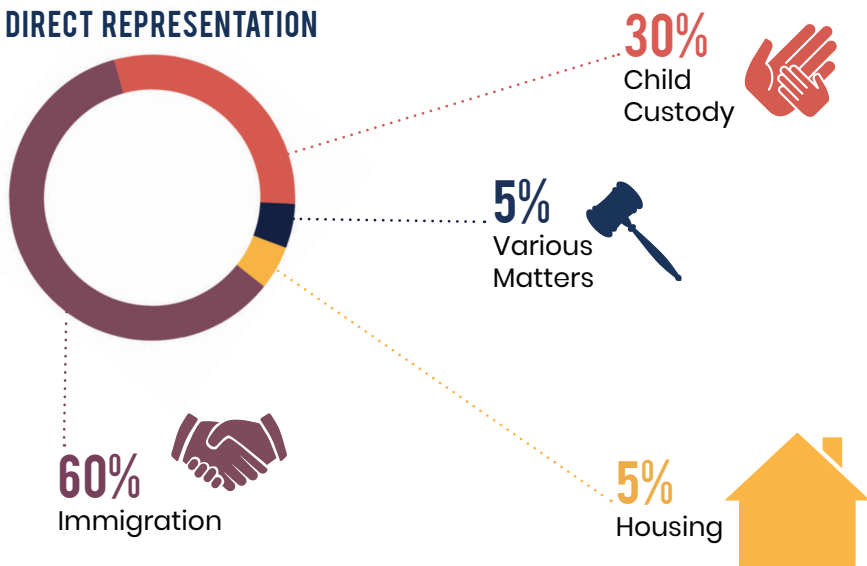
OVERCOMING OTHER CRIPPLING LEGAL ISSUES

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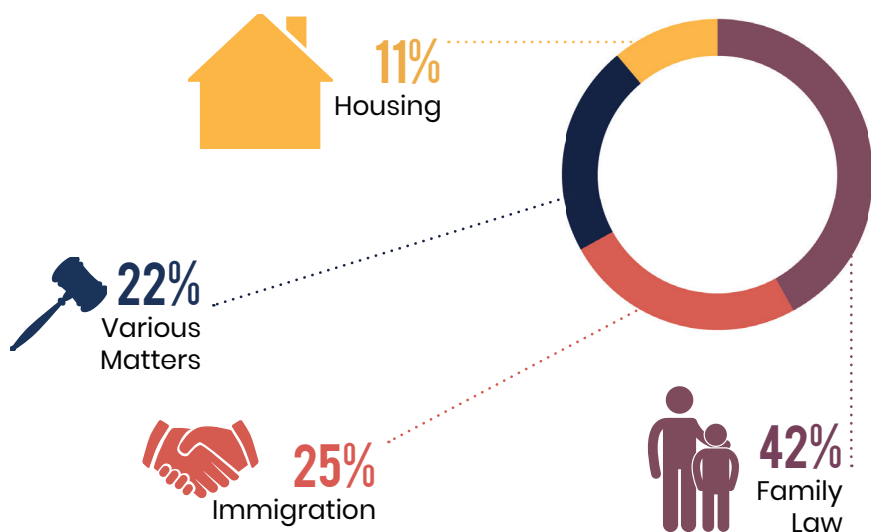
- Helping a client on a fixed-income get her security deposit back which was due to her.
- Referring a family to a pro bono attorney for help with name changes of their minor children whose names had severe clerical errors which needed to be fixed so the mistake would not cause problems for them later in life.
- Helping an individual with bankruptcy who had lost all of his savings in a fire and whose creditors were threatening him.
- Referring someone to a pro bono attorney for the preparation of Power of Attorney, Will, and Living Will.
- Helping an individual obtain access to an attorney to defend her in a civil lawsuit after she was sued for her deceased relative's debt.
- Providing a referral for a victim of domestic violence to a pro bono divorce attorney to help her re-gain financial stability and freedom.

SERVICES WERE PROVIDED IN 581 MATTERS IN 2017

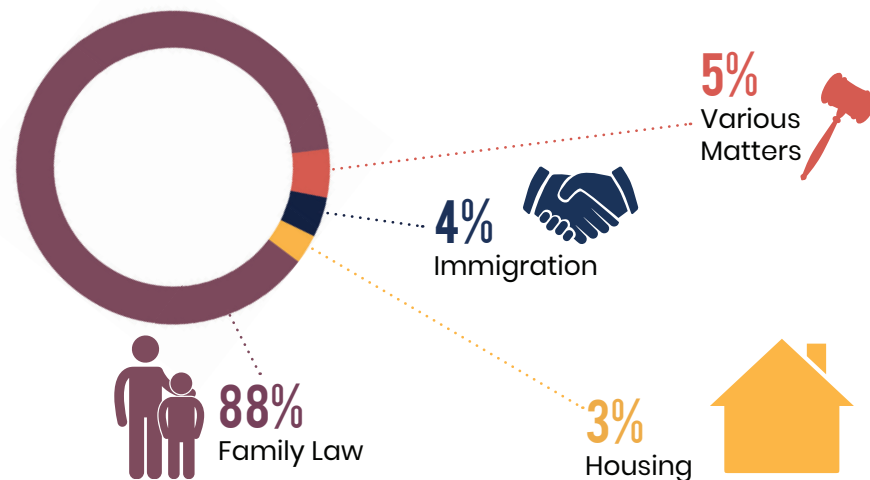
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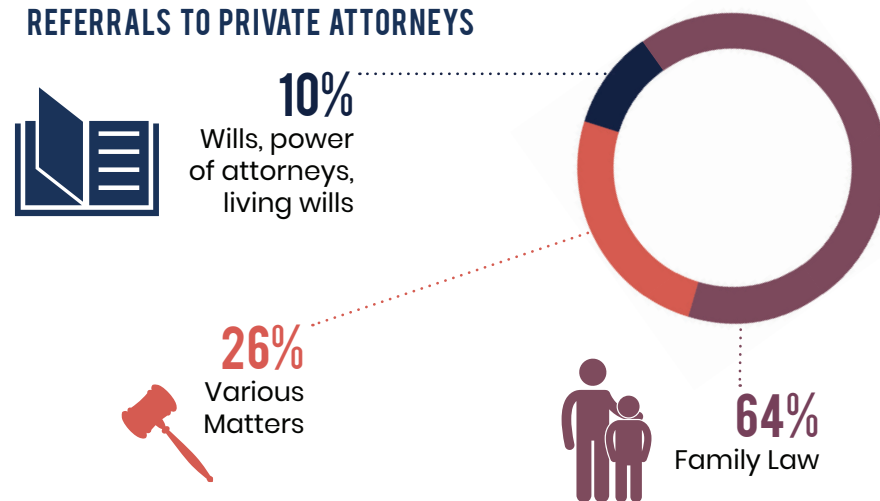
ADVICE ONLY



SELF-REPRESENTATION EDUCATION, ADVICE, AND ASSISTANCE



REFERRALS TO PRIVATE ATTORNEYS



Statistics reflect matters which we began working on in 2017. Since we are still working on some of these matters, please note that the statistics are current as of 2/23/18 and could change if it is determined that an "advice only" matter should receive a different level of assistance as the case develops.

THANK YOU!

We gratefully acknowledge the following financial supporters who generously provided funds and cash equivalents in 2017 and made our critical work possible.

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IN THE WORDS OF A DONOR

“Franklin County Legal Services watchword says it all: *Each case matters*. I donate to FCLS because of its **commitment to people** and to our community.”

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“They helped me with **getting back to work.** Franklin County Legal Services worked very hard for me to get Employment Authorization. Thanks!”

“FCLS helped me **keep my children safe,** and in my primary custody.”

“We needed to make a will, a living will, and medical power of attorney. **We are very grateful** and thankful for your assistance.”



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Friday, May 18, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 20, noon – 4 p.m.

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Chambersburg, PA