NEW MEXICO LEGAL AID SOLICITING NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Mexico Legal Aid is a non-profit civil legal services program governed by a Board of Directors- by federal regulation at least 33% of Board members must be attorneys. **The Board periodically has vacancies on the Board and is seeking applicants to serve on the Board now, or in the future.** Board must reasonably reflect the interests of eligible clients and support the delivery of quality civil legal services to low-income individuals and families. **If you are interested in serving on the Board of New Mexico Legal Aid, or have any questions about the appointment process, please send an email to Karen Meyers, Board Chair, at kj.meyers@comcast.net. Anyone who indicates an interest will receive further information about the application process . Thank you.**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: WHAT IS LEGAL AID?

New Mexico Legal Aid is a civil legal advocacy organization dedicated to opening the door to equal access to justice for all disenfranchised and low-income people and communities throughout New Mexico by providing outreach, training, education, and quality representation.

Legal aid programs help people who live in households with annual incomes at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. Almost a half a million residents in New Mexico live in poverty. Clients represent every ethnic and age group and live in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Legal assistance is necessary for addressing many issues that affect low-income individuals and families, including:

- Access to Benefits
- Consumer Rights
- Employment and Income Maintenance
- Family Law and Domestic Violence
- Housing, Foreclosure, and Landlord/ Tenant issues

OUR MISSION

The mission of New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. (NMLA) is to be the voice, defender, and advocate for poor people who are seeking justice in all forums, particularly in the communities in which they live. NMLA is committed to helping poor people in their struggle to access food, shelter, security, and to preserve their unique cultural heritages.