

Celebrating Local Legal Aid in Bristol

Bristol Open House | May 13, 2025

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THANK YOU TO HATBORO FEDERAL!

<u>Hatboro Federal</u> proudly donated \$100,000 to Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) through the <u>Neighborhood Assistance Program</u>. **Hatboro**

Federal's support provides legal services that help Lower Bucks County residents improve their housing and financial stability, by helping them avoid homelessness; improve opportunities for jobs, education and housing; manage debt; and access benefits for which they are eligible.

LASP is profoundly grateful for this support!

LASP staff joined Hatboro Federal's team March 26, 2025. From left: **Rhonda Sherrod**, LASP Bristol Managing Attorney; **Shawn Boehringer**, LASP Executive Director; **Linda Roehner**, Hatboro Federal CEO/President; **Thomas Kenvin**, Hatboro Federal CFO/COO; and **Randi Riefner**, LASP Paralegal.

BUCKS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Protection from Abuse (PFA) court in Doylestown. Choose any Wednesday(s).
- **Eviction court** in Morrisville. Choose any Thursday(s). (See story at right.)
- Simple wills, no-asset divorces, Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

GET HELP

877-429-5994 lasp.org/apply

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LEGAL AID IMPACT: 2024 Bucks County Snapshot



LASP handled 2,036 cases that benefited 4,502 adults & children.



LASP obtained 353 Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders, increasing individuals' safety.



LASP preserved or improved housing for 325 adults & children.



LASP cleared 64 records through expungements, Clean Slate / sealing, & pardons.

Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunity: Eviction court in Morrisville

Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Magisterial District Court 07-1-11 in Judge Corryn Kronnagel's courtroom 31 E. Cleveland Ave., Morrisville 19067

Learn more: lasp.org/pro-bono
or email probono@lasp.org

Evictions can have devastating short- and longterm impacts on renters and their families, including homelessness, negative health outcomes, and limitations on future housing opportunities.

The Bucks eviction prevention program launched July 27, 2023 and is a partnership between the <u>Bucks County Bar Association</u> Pro Bono Committee, LASP, and the <u>Bucks County Opportunity Council</u> (BCOC), with support from the Bucks County <u>Dept. of Housing & Community Development</u>.

Expungement Clinic in Bristol helps 20+

BRISTOL - The <u>Bucks County Community College</u>
<u>Paralegal Studies Program</u> partnered with LASP to
present an Expungement Clinic Saturday, April 26,
2025 at the Gene & Marlene Epstein Campus, next
door to LASP's Bristol Office. Paralegal students,
working under supervision of LASP Community
Engagement Unit attorneys, **helped 20+ area**community members get started on a second
chance. Record-clearing helps people improve
opportunities for jobs, education, and housing.



Front row: Chris Little Simcox, BCCC Professor & attorney at Begley, Carlin & Mandio. Back row (from left): Mary Snyder, BCCC Paralegal student; Noelle Gambale, LASP CEU Staff Attorney; Diane Henderson, BCCC Paralegal student; Laurel Anderson, LASP CEU Staff Attorney; Erica Briant, LASP Director of Community Engagement & Training; Melissa Bredbenner, Penn Carey Law student; & Emily Nhan, BCCC Paralegal student.

LASP outreach in Levittown for people experiencing homelessness

LEVITTOWN - Every other week, LASP attorneys hold an outreach in Levittown for people experiencing homelessness. Held at the shelter operated by <u>Family Service Association of Bucks County</u>, LASP helps people with a wide array of civil legal aid issues, including custody, Social Security appeals, record clearing, ID documents, benefits, and more.



LEGAL AID SERVICES

BRISTOL OFFICE

1230 Veterans Highway, Suite F-13, Bristol 19007 215-781-1111

Housing issues including eviction, landlord-tenant, Section 8, mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, benefits (Unemployment Compensation, SSI, SSDI, TANF, SNAP, Medicaid); elder law, utilities, & more.

DOYLESTOWN OFFICE (NEW location)

70 W. Oakland Ave., Doylestown 18901 215-340-1818

Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders, custody, dependency & family law issues.

LASP REGIONAL UNITS & SERVICES

LASP's regional units help Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery County residents with **mortgage foreclosure**, **tax sales**, **record-clearing**, **veterans benefits** and **discharge upgrades**. LASP also helps people with legal problems caused by **Hurricane Ida**.

Learn more: <u>lasp.org/services</u>



BRISTOL TEAM

BRISTOL - LASP's team based in Bristol, Bucks County met Jan. 15, 2025 with Shawn Boehringer, Executive Director.

From left: **Durene McCarty**, Bristol Office Manager; **Shawn Boehringer**; **Randi Riefner**, Paralegal; **Jill Duffy**, Staff Attorney; **Rhonda Sherrod**, Bristol Managing Attorney; and **Robert Kim**, Staff Attorney.

Sam Jones joined LASP April 28 as Staff Attorney.