

*KLS leading the way in expungement clinics across the state...*



Special thanks to the Kansas Bar Foundation for funding, and partners Topeka Bar Association, Riley County Bar Association and Wichita Bar Association.

# KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Message from the Executive Director

I am happy to take this opportunity to highlight some of the events that allowed us to move our mission forward in 2019.

*KLS is able to divide the services we provide into three categories:*

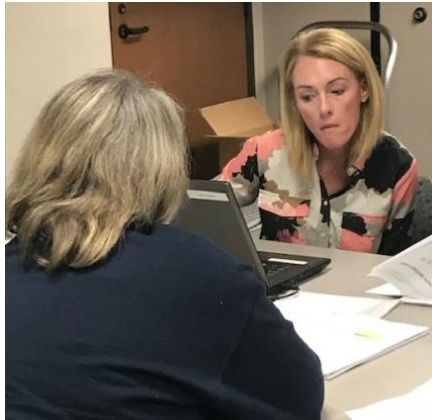
- Representation by KLS staff or volunteer attorneys
- Advice provided to assist a person move their legal issue toward a solution
- Creation of forms by self-represented persons through resources developed/maintained by KLS.

A small increase from Legal Services Corporation and other stable funding allowed KLS to meet some urgent needs in 2018. Advice services are most effective when it is provided soon after the person asked for this information. Without legal advice, they often proceed, either voluntarily or under time pressure, to take actions that may not apply a legal solutions to this problem.

During 2018, KLS was able to focus the efforts of two part time attorneys to increase our ability to quickly respond to those applicants who will only receive advice from KLS. This new activity meets a gap in our services that I have long recognized. While we previously provided this service, it was done by each local office and competed for time against all the other pressing client matters. By focusing this effort, this new advice unit provided services to nearly 2,000 persons in six months and served as a triage to determine those cases that needed further representation.

Late in 2018, we were able to devote more efforts toward a problem of growing community recognition, physical abuse and financial exploitation of seniors. Directed by Alex English, the Elder Rights Project will address the legal needs of persons over 60 who are victims of actions that could be considered a crime. We estimate that more than 400 of our most vulnerable seniors will be served by this project.

Another exciting new project was the collaboration between KLS and the local bar associations in Topeka, Manhattan and Wichita to provide expungements of over 550 arrests or convictions. Some of these events brought together volunteer attorneys, prosecutors and Judges to allow same day completion for some participants. This effort has sparked interest in similar events in other locations in 2019.



Volunteer attorney Kitra Schartz helps out in the Manhattan expungement clinic.

These exciting developments join many other types of legal services provided by our staff. Please review this 2018 Annual Report to see all the solutions our staff was able to bring to our clients lives in 2018.

We are also excited to share that Kansas Legal Services will be a field site for a research project conducted by Harvard Law School's Access to Justice Labs. We will be looking at the outcomes on the lives of Kansans who qualify for the sealing of their criminal records through expungement. We hope to have real data as proof that an expungement is a benefit to the individual and their family.

If you have questions or thoughts about KLS, please reach out to me at [harpm@klsinc.org](mailto:harpm@klsinc.org). Thank you for joining us in our pursuit of equal access to the justice system.

Marilyn Harp, Executive Director

## **WHAT WE DO. . .**

KLS helped a mother of two children, “Jen.” Jen and her children were living in an isolated rural area and KLS helped them relocate through a PFA order protecting all three from their abuser. We helped Jen obtain a divorce and develop a parenting plan that will protect the children. This family’s life has been changed by not having to be dependent upon the abuser for transportation and support. The family located to a more populated area and has been able to reconnect with relatives, obtain a residence and Jen was able to find employment.



**Family is Safe from Abuse**

“Gayle,” a 75-year-old woman living in subsidized housing, decided to terminate her lease and move in with a friend because both were having health problems and could assist each other. She gave 14 days written notice to her landlord and moved out by the end of the month. When Gayle asked for her security deposit, the landlord informed her it was “forfeited” because she had “only” given 14 days instead of 30 days’ notice. The landlord acknowledged there was no actual damage to the property but was still retaining the security deposit. KLS was able to negotiate a settlement with the landlord. Gayle received her \$547.00 security deposit back as well as additional damages. In total, she received \$957.25 in damages



**Senior Woman Gets Deposit Back**

“Mary” is a 73-year-old woman who had owned her home for over ten years. She struggles with poor health and cares for her adult, disabled daughter. She defaulted on her mortgage following a decline in her health. Her attempts to cure or modify the mortgage on her own were unsuccessful and a foreclosure action was filed. She did not respond to the foreclosure case and a default judgment was entered against her.

After learning about the judgment, Mary contacted Kansas Legal Services for assistance. We entered our appearance and had the judgment set aside. We assisted Mary with a loan modification, which reduced her monthly payment to an amount she could afford. The foreclosure action has been dismissed and Mary, with her disabled daughter, is able to remain in her home with an affordable monthly mortgage payment.



**Woman and Disabled Daughter Stay in Home**

**Cover photos:** Expungement clinics in Manhattan, Topeka, and Wichita.

## OVERVIEW – KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES

In our 42<sup>nd</sup> year as a statewide legal services organization in Kansas, Kansas Legal Services (KLS) continues to provide legal services as it seeks to eliminate the burdens of poverty on low income Kansans. KLS has eleven legal services field offices and two mediation offices located across the state. KLS works with the Kansas Bar Association and its members to supplement staff resources by involving private attorneys in legal work on behalf of low income Kansans.

### GOALS

Kansas Legal Services has progressively focused its efforts on special needs individuals, such as victims of domestic violence and crime, the homeless, children in foster care, consumers with housing and debt disputes, the elderly, those with disabling conditions, individuals seeking access to public benefits, and those seeking mediation services.

## LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

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### FAMILY LAW

Through Access to Justice, Legal Services Corporation, United Way, Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) and other funding sources, KLS represents thousands of low income persons each year in domestic law matters. The demand for legal assistance in family law matters continues to far exceed the capacity of KLS to provide direct representation. Priority is placed on cases of spousal or child abuse and protection from abuse orders.

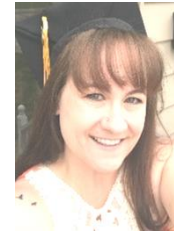
**Access to Justice (ATJ)** funding has increased the number of family law clients KLS has been able to serve. Due in large part to ATJ funding, KLS assists many low income Kansans with domestic law matters.

The **Guardian Ad Litem Support Center (GALSC)** is a statewide program that provides technical assistance, advice and other supportive services to guardians ad litem, those who represent children in court proceedings. KLS GALSC staff attorneys also provide direct advice and representation in child welfare cases. The **Foster Care Helpline** is part of the GALSC.

**Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA)** is administered by the Governor's Grants Office to assist all victims of crime in Kansas, with priority given to legal services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

## WHAT WE DO

An abused wife moved to Kansas from another state. She



sought a protection from abuse order, but she needed a lawyer's help to correct

major jurisdictional problems so that Kansas could enter final orders protecting her.

With guidance and sound legal advice from a KLS attorney, the wife obtained final orders through the Kansas court system. Not only were orders obtained, the attorney also negotiated and obtained financial support from the abuser. This mother was able to go back to college, secure safe housing and feed her children. She also no longer has to live in fear.

She wrote in an email to her KLS attorney a year after we helped her:

"I want to thank you so much for all you did to help me get my life back. I am a different person now (at least that is what everyone keeps telling me). I find myself smiling most of the time now.

"I graduated from college with my bachelors of science in nursing a couple weeks ago and finally own my own home. The boys and I are still settling in! Hope you are doing well."

**Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV)** is a statewide program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women. The purpose of this project is to provide legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, with a major focus on persons in rural areas, vulnerable elderly, immigrants and victims of human trafficking.

## PUBLIC BENEFITS AND DISABILITY LAW

The primary goal of KLS public benefits advocacy is to assist low income individuals in accessing state and federal public benefits programs. KLS has committed resources ensuring that applicants get benefits to which they are entitled. The **Children’s Social Security Advocacy Project** seeks to obtain SSI for disabled children. The project is focused on children who are receiving services from the Department for Children and Families. Obtaining SSI cash and medical benefits for children often makes home placement possible.

## KLS Website Popularity Still Growing

Research shows that 91 percent of U.S. households have access to the internet through a phone, tablet or computer. The KLS website, [kansaslegalservices.org](http://kansaslegalservices.org), has continued to grow in size and popularity. In 2018, 296,267 persons visited the website, a 16% increase over 2017. For the first time, over 50% of our users now access us from their phones.

*In 2018, self-represented litigants created 10,136 documents through our document assembly forms on the KLS website.*

Kansas Legal Services developed a website exclusively for pro bono attorneys, [klsprobono.org](http://klsprobono.org), to make volunteering for KLS easy and convenient for busy attorneys.

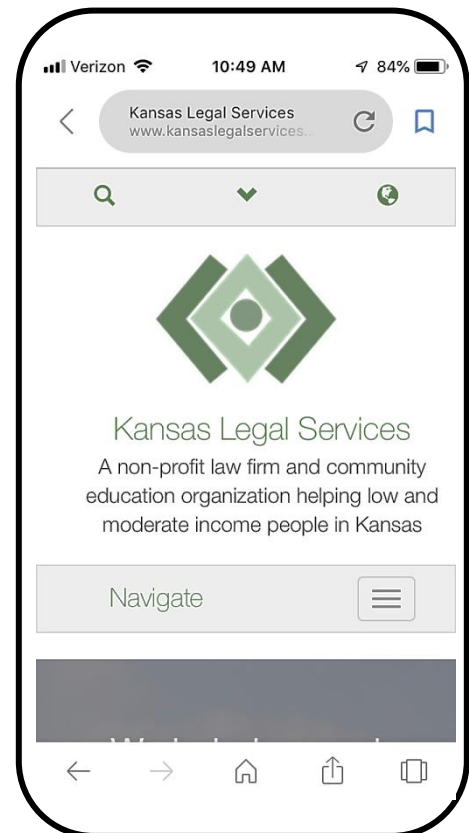
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## ELDER LAW

KLS cooperates with local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services as a legal service provider in the state aging network. Older Americans Act funds are combined with Legal Services Corporation and other private funds to address this growing area of need. Senior Citizen Law Project (SCLP) provides services in a wide range of civil legal issues to persons age 60 and older. Its objective is to target the more vulnerable elderly population who are in the greatest social and economic need.

One point of access is the Elder Law Hotline, a program that links KLS staff and private attorneys to provide the broadest possible range of legal advice and information.

**(888) 353-5337**  
**Kansas Elder Law Hotline**



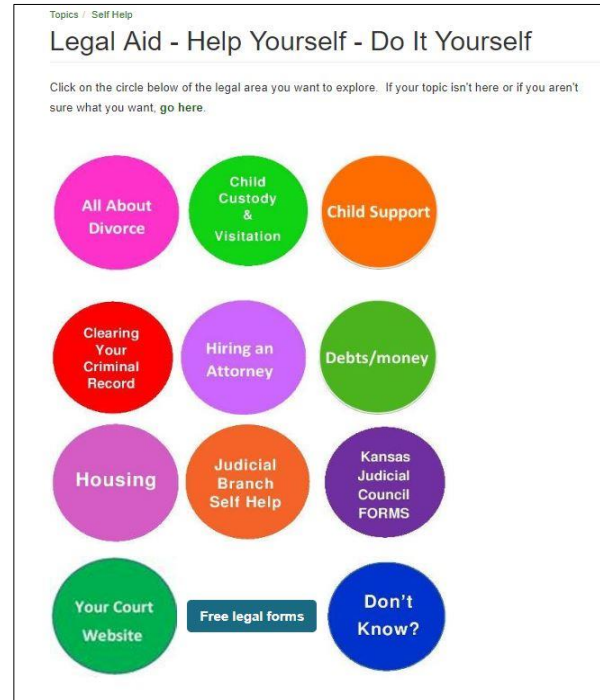
# Notable Projects in 2018

## Courthouse Self-Help Centers

In 2018, over a dozen Kansas Courthouses set up Self-Help Centers for self-represented litigants to access legal information and forms. Each self-help center features a computer workstation that has a homepage like the one on the right, designed by Kansas Legal Services, with links to information, forms and other resources.

One reason for creating self-help centers is to ease the jobs of Court Clerks who are prohibited from giving legal advice and can give only limited direction to self-helpers. KLS is happy to help give equal access to justice for the many Kansans we have to turn away, by helping courts with a valuable resource.

The Kansas Supreme Court Equal Access to Justice Task Force hopes to have a central self-help website for District Courts across the state to offer in their Self-Help Centers. Work on this goal is in progress.



Judge Keven O'Grady of the Tenth Judicial District introduces the videos.

## KLS Creates Two Videos, with More to Come!

In 2018, KLS wrote and directed two short videos to help self-represented litigants navigate the court process. Titled, "Getting Ready for Court" and "Going to Court," the videos are linked to our website and on our YouTube channel, KLS Pro Se, <https://bit.ly/2ZgNMa0>

The videos were made possible through funding from Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiative Grants Program. The videos are a production of BradAss Films, with special thanks to Brad Johnson and his crew.



KLS staffer Allison Perez stars in the videos. Here she discusses whether or not to take children to court.

## Kansas Bar Association Recognizes Pro Bono Service

During the 2018 Annual Meeting, the Kansas Bar Association recognized attorneys for their service to low income Kansans.



Kansas Legal Services' own Wonder Woman, Executive Director Marilyn Harp, was given the **2018 Distinguished Service Award** by the Kansas Bar Association on Friday, June 15. Ms. Harp was honored for her progressive work and promotion of technology to further equal access to justice for all Kansans.

***We congratulate Marilyn and appreciate her work for KLS and Kansas.***

The KBA also recognized **Everett Fritz II, Jerome P. McAndrews** and **Joy A. Springfield** with **Pro Bono Certificates of Appreciation**. A special **Pro Bono Award** was given to **Douglas Greenwald**.

Left: Greg Goheen, President of the Kansas Bar Association, presents the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to Marilyn Harp, Executive Director of KLS.

### *KLS Thanks All of Our Pro Bono Attorneys!*

KLS recruited private attorneys to provide legal assistance to **701** clients in 2018. These attorneys provided **1,256** hours of legal services at no cost.

**1,544** hours were contributed by 17 law student volunteers to advance the legal needs of **827** KLS clients. Helping others and preparing new attorneys to continue to give back during their careers on a pro bono basis is a win – win for all.

KLS Pro Bono Director **Christine Campbell** started in January, 2018. With support from the Kansas Bar Foundation, Kansas Legal Services was able to assign Christy full-time to recruiting and supporting private attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients.

## KLS – Kansas Bar Foundation Expungement Project

The KLS Volunteer Lawyer Program partnered with three local bar associations to conduct expungement clinics in Manhattan, Topeka and Wichita. KLS staff, bar members and other volunteers educated and screened potential participants. Eligible participants were matched with volunteer lawyers.

The benefits of the program are that expungements help low income Kansans compete for better jobs, and the clinics enhance the benevolent community reputation of each local bar. The effort turned out to be a terrific success! KLS plans to continue the clinics into 2019 and beyond.

### Highlights:

- **Topeka** held a **one-day expungement event** (with two days of hearings 60 days later) which resulted in the participation of 40 volunteers, 362 petitions filed for 140 people, and 211 expungements granted.
- **Wichita** opted for an **expungement drive** (that began in August, 2018 and finished the end of February, 2019) rather than a one-day event. They did host an Expungement-Palooza event to allow pro bono attorneys to gather and get assistance with drafting the petitions as well as help with the remaining petitions. The Wichita Area Legal Assistants sent 14 paralegals to the event and six additional attorneys attended to help draft pleadings. Volunteers included two pre-screening attorneys, three law students helping to draft, and 30 attorneys took full pro bono cases, including 21 attorneys from Koch Industries. By the end of February, pro bono attorneys completed 59 cases for 38 individuals and 293 total cases have been filed (214 in district court). A total of 235 individuals were advised on expungements and either did not come pay the \$20 for a KBI background check or were advised they did not yet qualify.
- **Manhattan**, like Topeka, opted for a **one-day expungement event**. The volunteers totaled 13 attorneys, 12 pre-law students from K-State, a Judge, five county attorneys, clerks and two IT professionals! At the end of the day, 11 city expungements and 49 county expungements were filed.

We thank the **Kansas Bar Foundation** for their generous support of this program!

## Supreme Court Rules Support Pro Bono Programs

KLS supported the revision of Rule 217, allowing attorneys with a single employer license to participate in pro bono programs. We welcome attorneys with this type of Kansas license.

KLS supervises 11 Emeritus attorneys. In 2018, four new Emeritus attorneys were recruited. KLS will continue publicizing this opportunity to eligible Kansas attorneys and find ways to incorporate those attorneys in the existing or new volunteer opportunities.

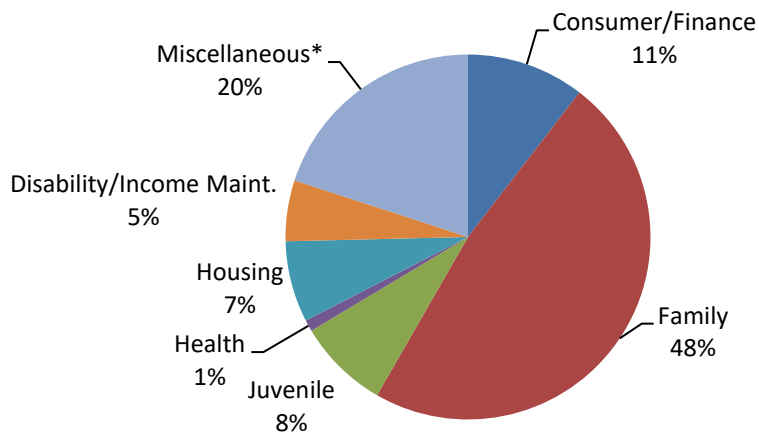


## CASE TOTALS

|                          |                        | 2018          | 2017          | 2016          | 2015          | 2014          | 2013          |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Consumer/Finance         | Advice & Brief Service | 1,301         | 1,261         | 1,358         | 1,627         | 1,958         | 2,037         |
|                          | Representation         | 226           | 201           | 200           | 160           | 115           | 173           |
|                          | Other Service          | 790           | 757           | 637           | 621           | 795           | 957           |
|                          | Mediation              | 0             | 2             | 0             | 1             | 1             | 3             |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,317</b>  | <b>2,221</b>  | <b>2,195</b>  | <b>2,409</b>  | <b>2,869</b>  | <b>3,170</b>  |
| Family                   | Advice & Brief Service | 3,921         | 4,107         | 4,430         | 5,185         | 5,755         | 5,610         |
|                          | Representation         | 3,224         | 3,232         | 3,258         | 2,998         | 3,008         | 3,410         |
|                          | Other Service          | 3,323         | 3,902         | 4,451         | 4,529         | 4,852         | 5,022         |
|                          | Mediation              | 138           | 106           | 143           | 125           | 132           | 133           |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>10,606</b> | <b>11,347</b> | <b>12,282</b> | <b>12,837</b> | <b>13,747</b> | <b>14,175</b> |
| Juvenile                 | Advice & Brief Service | 240           | 226           | 240           | 326           | 368           | 248           |
|                          | Representation         | 1,089         | 955           | 1,135         | 1,101         | 1,208         | 1,680         |
|                          | Other Service          | 458           | 475           | 404           | 481           | 373           | 448           |
|                          | Mediation              | 11            | 7             | 2             | 6             | 7             | 3             |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>1,798</b>  | <b>1,663</b>  | <b>1,781</b>  | <b>1,914</b>  | <b>1,956</b>  | <b>2,379</b>  |
| Health                   | Advice & Brief Service | 154           | 222           | 230           | 231           | 249           | 250           |
|                          | Representation         | 31            | 24            | 23            | 2             | 3             | 5             |
|                          | Other Service          | 40            | 47            | 36            | 30            | 46            | 44            |
|                          | Mediation              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>225</b>    | <b>293</b>    | <b>289</b>    | <b>264</b>    | <b>298</b>    | <b>299</b>    |
| Housing                  | Advice & Brief Service | 1,021         | 930           | 1,098         | 1,342         | 1,509         | 1,376         |
|                          | Representation         | 351           | 305           | 314           | 41            | 64            | 62            |
|                          | Other Service          | 220           | 166           | 97            | 85            | 127           | 162           |
|                          | Mediation              | 3             | 0             | 3             | 1             | 5             | 2             |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>1,595</b>  | <b>1,401</b>  | <b>1,512</b>  | <b>1,469</b>  | <b>1,705</b>  | <b>1,602</b>  |
| Disability/Income Maint. | Advice & Brief Service | 159           | 207           | 247           | 400           | 503           | 492           |
|                          | Representation         | 724           | 696           | 721           | 693           | 585           | 843           |
|                          | Other Service          | 313           | 258           | 229           | 158           | 185           | 157           |
|                          | Mediation              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>1,196</b>  | <b>1,161</b>  | <b>1,197</b>  | <b>1,251</b>  | <b>1,273</b>  | <b>1,492</b>  |
| Miscellaneous*           | Advice & Brief Service | 1,427         | 828           | 988           | 2,313         | 2,380         | 2,368         |
|                          | Representation         | 2,152         | 1,894         | 1,978         | 669           | 821           | 786           |
|                          | Other Service          | 700           | 645           | 414           | 371           | 598           | 584           |
|                          | Mediation              | 150           | 135           | 121           | 130           | 156           | 143           |
|                          | <b>Total</b>           | <b>4,429</b>  | <b>3,502</b>  | <b>3,501</b>  | <b>3,483</b>  | <b>3,955</b>  | <b>3,881</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL CASES</b>       |                        | <b>22,166</b> | <b>21,588</b> | <b>22,757</b> | <b>23,627</b> | <b>25,803</b> | <b>26,998</b> |

\*includes education, employment, individual rights, Indian/Tribal law, wills, criminal/juvenile defense.

## CASE DISTRIBUTION



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## CLIENT PROFILES IN 2018

| GENDER       |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Female       | 10,967        |
| Male         | 5,040         |
| Transgender  | 7             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>16,014</b> |

### AGE/ETHNICITY

| Ethnicity                  | Age Group    |              |              |              | Total         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                            | Under 18     | 18-35        | 36-59        | 60 & over    |               |
| Asian                      | 3            | 52           | 46           | 18           | 119           |
| Black                      | 234          | 697          | 796          | 371          | 2,098         |
| Hispanic                   | 150          | 564          | 382          | 93           | 1,189         |
| Multi-Racial               | 7            | 242          | 122          | 35           | 406           |
| Nat Haw/Other Pac Islander | 2            | 15           | 9            | 1            | 27            |
| Native American            | 7            | 77           | 79           | 33           | 196           |
| Nat Amer/Alaskan Native    | 0            | 7            | 6            | 10           | 23            |
| Other Race                 | 24           | 57           | 89           | 35           | 206           |
| White                      | 1,353        | 3,971        | 3,580        | 2,844        | 11,748        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>1,780</b> | <b>5,676</b> | <b>5,109</b> | <b>3,440</b> | <b>16,014</b> |

## 2018 Elizabeth Ferguson Award Recipient: ALEX ENGLISH

Alex English is assistant managing attorney for the Kansas City office of KLS so she juggles administrative tasks, mentoring and training new attorneys, manages the domestic case team, and handles her own case load, including elder law clients. She advised multiple pro se applicants at the Johnson County District Court Help Center and does site visits to advise the elderly with legal issues. I observed while she worked on multiple cases for one client in particular, spending hundreds of hours on paternity and other domestic work only to be personally sued by the adverse party in federal court. Alex cares deeply and takes personally her dealings with clients and those she deals with in the courtroom.

Right: Top – Alex and Brad English, bottom – Sons Everett and Emmett.



A former KLS employee asked us to add this to Alex’s nomination: Alex English is an accomplished lawyer



Alex and her parents, l – r, Tom Lasley, Alex, and Carolyn Lasley.

and a tremendous human being. I would not be the lawyer that I am today without her guidance and support. Alex and I acted as co-counsel on a particularly difficult case against a litigant who has sued everyone involved with the case, from the lawyers involved to the Court to helping professionals assigned to provide him support. Through all of that, Alex maintained her poise and professionalism at the highest levels while also managing a full caseload and providing guidance and leadership within the KLS Kansas City office. Alex has a strong moral compass and a clear vision of what legal services should be for our community, and she deserves to be recognized for her hard work and dedication to legal aid, a segment of the legal services community

that too often goes unsung. I am proud to add my support to Alex’s nomination for the Elizabeth Ferguson Award and hope that through this award she may receive the accolades she so deserves.

# 2018 KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2018, Kansas Legal Services provided life changing services in the following manner:

- 1,758** Victims of domestic violence obtained a Final Protection from Abuse order, through the representation of a KLS advocate and funded by a variety of sources, including the Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) funding
- 122** Adults received steady monthly income from Social Security or SSI disability benefits, putting over \$2.5 million in the Kansas economy
- 3,124** Kansans completed divorce forms through the Free Legal Forms page on the KLS website, which has 28 sets of legal forms available
- 1,407** Veterans or their families, including 206 Servicemembers deployed since 9/11, sought legal advice or representation
  - 66** Clients received legal assistance for expungement of criminal conviction or arrest, 345 used online forms for self-representation in expungement process
- 302** Cases were mediated, involving employment or family issues
- 40** Kansas families got a fresh financial start from a bankruptcy filed by KLS offices, resulting in \$3 million in debt relief
- 220** Families met their child's special needs, due to successful Children's disability and Medicare benefit claims, funded by the Kansas Department for Children and Families
- 1,256** Hours of legal services provided at no cost to 701 clients from 79 private attorneys, through KLS pro bono program
- 757** Parents received child support orders in divorce and paternity cases, represented by KLS staff, for 1,483 children
  - 62** Attorneys and paralegals provide high quality, effective legal advocacy for low income Kansans
- 1,544** Hours were contributed by 17 law school volunteers to advance the legal needs of 827 KLS clients, preparing them to continue to give back during their careers on a pro bono basis
- 8,255** Clients received timely legal advice as they faced family law, housing, consumer related or other crises in their lives
- 32,684** Applicants for KLS service, including 24,329 handled by the Central Intake Unit
  - 8,074** Applicants completed the online application form to make an initial request for services, a 30% increase over 2016
  - 2,202** Self-represented persons had questions answered through the Live Chat feature on the KLS website
- 291,267** Unique visitors to the KLS website (each counted once) with 843,725 page views on [www.kansaslegalservices.org](http://www.kansaslegalservices.org)

### What is mediation?

Mediation is a voluntary process in which a trained mediator facilitates communication and negotiation between parties in dispute. The goal of mediation is to facilitate greater understanding between parties in dispute, and attempt to reach an agreement that settles the dispute in a mutually satisfactory manner.

Mediations are conducted at a neutral location and in an informal and non-threatening environment. During the process, all participants have the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the matter in dispute. With the mediator, all individuals collectively create an agenda, identify the issue in dispute, define each individual's interests and create mutual agreement resolving the dispute as determined by the parties.

### MEDIATION SERVICES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The KLS mediation program has eight approved mediators providing civil rights, employment, domestic, juvenile permanency, insurance and other mediation services throughout the state. Mediation services complement the work of KLS by providing a non-adversarial dispute resolution method for appropriate cases.

- **Access to Justice (ATJ) Mediations** are funded by the Office of Judicial Administration under the direction of the Kansas Supreme Court. ATJ funding enables parties' access to KLS offices for mediation services at no cost to participants who qualify. Most ATJ mediations involve post-divorce custody and parenting time issues.
- **Human Rights Mediations** offer voluntary mediation to individuals involved in employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination claims filed with the Kansas Human Rights Commission.
- **For Fee Mediations** are offered to parties in domestic matters on a sliding fee basis when neither party is ATJ-eligible, and is available to parties in some civil matters at a reasonable hourly rate.

**For More Information, Please Call  
785-232-5348**



### KU – Washburn Law School Trivia Night is a Big Success!

Washburn Law had the winning side in the Law School Trivia Night Contest on October 18, 2018. The event was sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association to raise money for Kansas Legal Services. Thanks, KBA, KU, Washburn and all the contestants!

**The next Trivia Night Contest to raise money will be held October 2, 2019 with locations in Topeka and around the state. While the KU/Washburn rivalry will continue in Topeka, watch for other rivalries to be encouraged in other locations!**

Left: The winners of the Trivia Contest – Washburn Law School Alumni and students.

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## FUNDING AND STAFF FIGURES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS 2015 - 2017

|                                     | 2018                      | 2017                      | 2016                      | 2015                      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Legal Services Corporation          | 2,861,021                 | \$2,633,406               | \$2,714,623               | \$2,623,776               |
| Department of DCF – State of Kansas | 206,094                   | 200,183                   | 181,100                   | 203,400                   |
| Access to Justice                   | 800,002                   | 794,300                   | 788,600                   | 788,600                   |
| Kansas Governor’s Grant Program     | 518,397                   | 533,933                   | 371,907                   | 126,382                   |
| IOLTA & Bar Sponsored               | 245,476                   | 322,625                   | 418,403                   | 516,271                   |
| Kansas Bar Foundation               | 298,200                   | 180,307                   | 69,355                    | 0                         |
| Lawyer Giving                       | 47,931                    | 45,098                    | 31,515                    | 35,076                    |
| City/County Grants                  | 729,809                   | 773,867                   | 742,711                   | 745,804                   |
| Area Agencies on Aging              | 300,388                   | 300,888                   | 272,240                   | 273,353                   |
| United Way                          | 143,582                   | 162,114                   | 185,130                   | 214,329                   |
| U.S. Department of Justice          | 193,310                   | 178,166                   | 23,714                    | 0                         |
| Low Income Taxpayer Clinic          | 43,815                    | 42,107                    | 40,000                    | 36,726                    |
| Mediation Contracts & Fees          | 115,000                   | 115,000                   | 115,000                   | 115,205                   |
| Medical-Legal Partnerships          | 119,332                   | 120,000                   | 82,575                    | 55,403                    |
| Independence Charitable Trust       | 160,889                   | 155,000                   | 156,637                   | 154,000                   |
| Court Awards                        | 333,716                   | 404,269                   | 306,252                   | 468,499                   |
| Cy Pres Awards                      | 5,504                     | 10,596                    | 0                         | 0                         |
| Interest Income                     | 7,725                     | 2,296                     | 1,370                     | 869                       |
| Farm Counseling                     | 4,908                     | 7,920                     | 9,767                     | 9,850                     |
| Other Miscellaneous                 | 84,368                    | 111,882                   | 122,108                   | 167,410                   |
| Computer Training                   | 1,900                     | 9,600                     | 9,400                     | 30,694                    |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>               | <b><u>\$7,221,365</u></b> | <b><u>\$7,103,557</u></b> | <b><u>\$6,642,407</u></b> | <b><u>\$6,565,647</u></b> |

### STAFF TOTALS

|                                       | 2018        | 2017       | 2016       | 2015      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Full-time equivalent employees</b> | <b>97.3</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>91</b> |

## EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015 - 2017

|  | 2018               | 2017               | 2016               | 2015               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries                               | \$4,622,230        | \$4,460,628        | \$4,242,168        | \$4,108,811        |
| Employee Benefits & Payroll Taxes      | 1,107,908          | 1,100,626          | 934,989            | 934,993            |
| Rent, Parking, Utilities & Maintenance | 590,174            | 554,034            | 507,878            | 531,373            |
| Equipment Rental and Maintenance       | 80,866             | 45,991             | 44,996             | 51,310             |
| Office Supplies, Printing & Postage    | 108,281            | 106,394            | 116,027            | 118,066            |
| Telephone                              | 116,584            | 109,009            | 107,556            | 110,443            |
| Travel                                 | 76,727             | 70,030             | 63,921             | 63,517             |
| Training                               | 49,542             | 41,115             | 41,421             | 36,190             |
| Electronic Research & Library          | 55,172             | 27,472             | 27,790             | 28,130             |
| Insurance                              | 40,966             | 37,454             | 37,903             | 42,915             |
| Litigation Expenses                    | 24,379             | 25,027             | 31,108             | 22,696             |
| Audit, Consulting & Contract Services  | 239,930            | 189,726            | 242,677            | 138,824            |
| Private Bar Involvement                | 46,701             | 48,509             | 42,864             | 41,967             |
| Depreciation                           | 33,387             | 48,037             | 51,296             | 55,616             |
| Other                                  | 79,757             | 77,703             | 70,858             | 64,662             |
| Total Expenses                         | <u>\$7,272,604</u> | <u>\$6,941,755</u> | <u>\$6,563,451</u> | <u>\$6,349,513</u> |

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