

LAWYERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to the support of National, State, Local organizations like the Legal Services Corporation, State of Arizona, the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, the Arizona Equal Justice Campaign, Pima County, City of Tucson, United Way, Pima Council on Aging, and private individuals like you, SALA was able to provide direct legal aid to meet the fundamental unmet civil legal needs of more than 16,221 individuals.

Services included: safety and protection for children and women who are victimized by domestic violence; preservation of shelter for those wrongfully evicted or facing foreclosure from their homes; access to food stamps for people who are hungry and unable to obtain services from the Department of Economic Security; access to long-term health care for those denied services; and a means to survive for disabled persons who are unable to obtain benefits from the Social Security Administration.

CASES & MATTERS HANDLED IN 2016:

Consumer:	996
Domestic:	3,456
Housing:	1,366
Public Benefits:	308
Immigration	198
Native Am Issues:	150
Wills/Estates:	167
Others:	864

Total Resolved: 7,475

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM (VLP)

- * 863 Volunteer Lawyers and 68 Volunteer Law Students
- * New Cases Accepted – 1,831
- * Completed 1,895 Cases which benefited over 4,112 Persons
- * 5,416 hours of free legal aid valued at \$1,083,200 were donated

OUTCOMES:

- 91% received counsel, advice or limited action services such as counseling concerning legal rights and responsibilities; help in a pro se clinic, or preparation of court or other legal documents;
- 9% were assisted with extended services such as obtained a court decision, negotiated an agreement on more complex civil legal matters, representation in Administrative Hearings or Court Proceedings;
- SALA raised community awareness of legal rights and responsibilities through outreach; by teaching prevention and self-help methods, making presentations and distributing brochures and self-help materials to over 1,554 individuals;
- The Arizona Statewide Website, administered by SALA, www.AzLawHelp.org, received more than 183,019 unique visitors seeking legal information;
- SALA, through its VLP, conducted a variety of self-help clinics, i.e., divorce with/without children, paternity, bankruptcy and advice only on consumer issues assisting more than 2,945 individuals;
- The impact of services provided resulted in recovery of \$4,889,562 in homes saved, lump sum benefits and money judgments; \$462,920 in annual monthly awards and clients avoided annually \$1,031,291 in garnishments and court judgments. For every \$1 invested in Southern Arizona Legal Aid, \$7.92 of actual value is returned to the community.