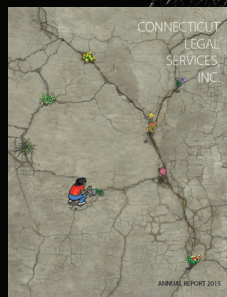
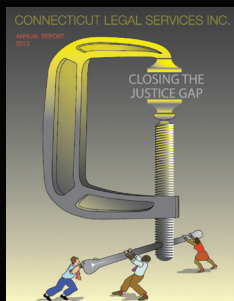
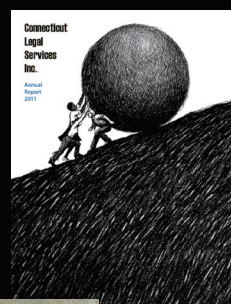
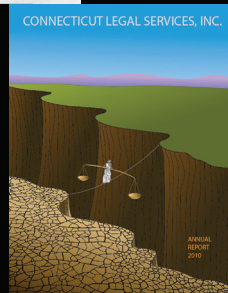
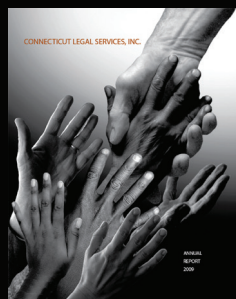
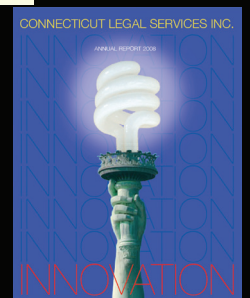
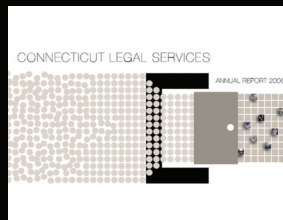
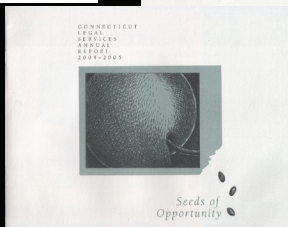
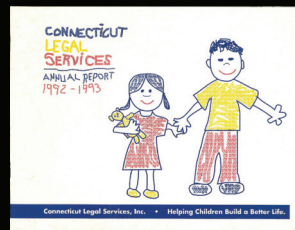
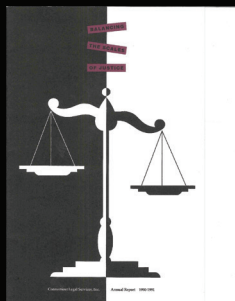
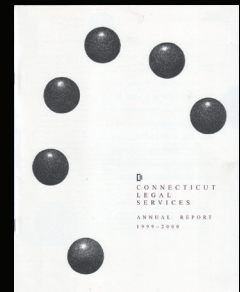
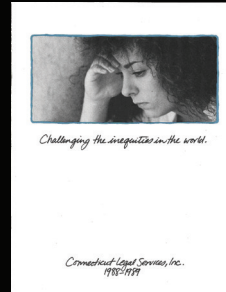
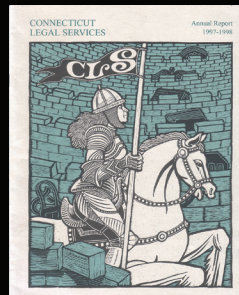
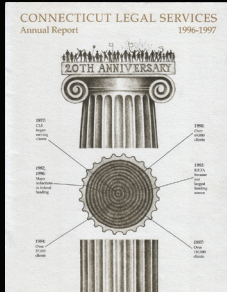
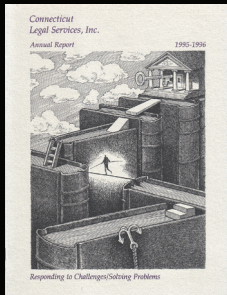


CONNECTICUT LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

1977-2017



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YEARS
OF SERVICE

CLS TIME LINE 1977–2017

1876: Birth of Legal Aid

The first legal aid agency in the United States is established to represent low-income German immigrants in civil rights cases. The agency later expands its services to all low-income people in need.

1967: Congress Enacts LSCA

The Legal Services Corporation Act mandates the effective, efficient delivery of legal services to the poor. The regional office of the Legal Services Corporation leads an initiative to form a statewide law firm to represent the poor in Connecticut.

1977: The Incorporation of CLS

Fairfield County Legal Services, Legacy, the Legal Aid Board of New Britain, the Middlesex County Legal Assistance Association, the Tolland-Windham Legal Assistance Program, and Waterbury Legal Aid and Reference Services incorporate into Connecticut Legal Services, led by Roger Koontz.

1964: War on Poverty

Congress passes the Economic Opportunity Act, the beginning of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. For the first time, Congress makes federal money available for the poor.

1981: CLS Faces Revenue Reductions

In response to Reagan-era budget cuts, CLS closes several offices and reduces staff by 30 percent. CLS also redirects its focus to three fundamental areas of need: protection of clients' essential rights to income, shelter, and health.

1989: IOLTA Funding Becomes Mandatory

The state legislature passes a bill to make IOLTA contributions mandatory. CLS revenues are projected to quadruple.

CLS Helps Boy Running for His Life

Jorge*, a minor, found his way to the United States after fleeing Honduras because his life was in danger. In Honduras, Jorge's cousin had shot their grandmother in the head while Jorge sat next to her. Jorge's cousin then turned the gun on him, shooting him in the arm and the leg. While Jorge was on the floor, his cousin pressed the gun to Jorge's forehead and pulled the trigger, but, miraculously, no bullet was ejected, although police confirmed that there were bullets in the gun and that the gun had not jammed. Jorge's grandfather, who was in his room sleeping at the time, woke up and intervened before Jorge's cousin could try again. The police arrived, and Jorge gave them a full statement about what had occurred. Jorge's cousin threatened to kill him, and Jorge was put on a gang hit list; gang members were told to kill Jorge on sight. This is significant because this gang is one of the fastest growing gangs in the world and has been deemed an international gang with members in multiple

countries, including Guatemala and El Salvador. That meant Jorge did not have the option of fleeing to these neighboring countries.

Jorge's cousin served less than two years in prison before escaping. She immediately started harassing and threatening Jorge. He was so scared that he stopped going out and stopped going to school. He then decided to escape to the United States. When he arrived, he was threatened with deportation and was referred to Connecticut Legal Services for assistance. CLS represented him in his removal proceedings and filed a defensive asylum application on his behalf. Because of our advocacy, Jorge was granted asylum, and the removal proceedings were terminated. He is now safe in the United States and no longer fears for his life.

*Names and identifying information in CLS client stories were changed to protect clients' confidentiality.

Service Area, Offices, and Staff

Connecticut Legal Services is a private, not-for-profit law firm dedicated to improving the lives of low-income people by providing access to justice.

In the CLS service area—all of Connecticut except the Greater Hartford and New Haven areas—more than 200,000 people are financially eligible for services (2010 census).

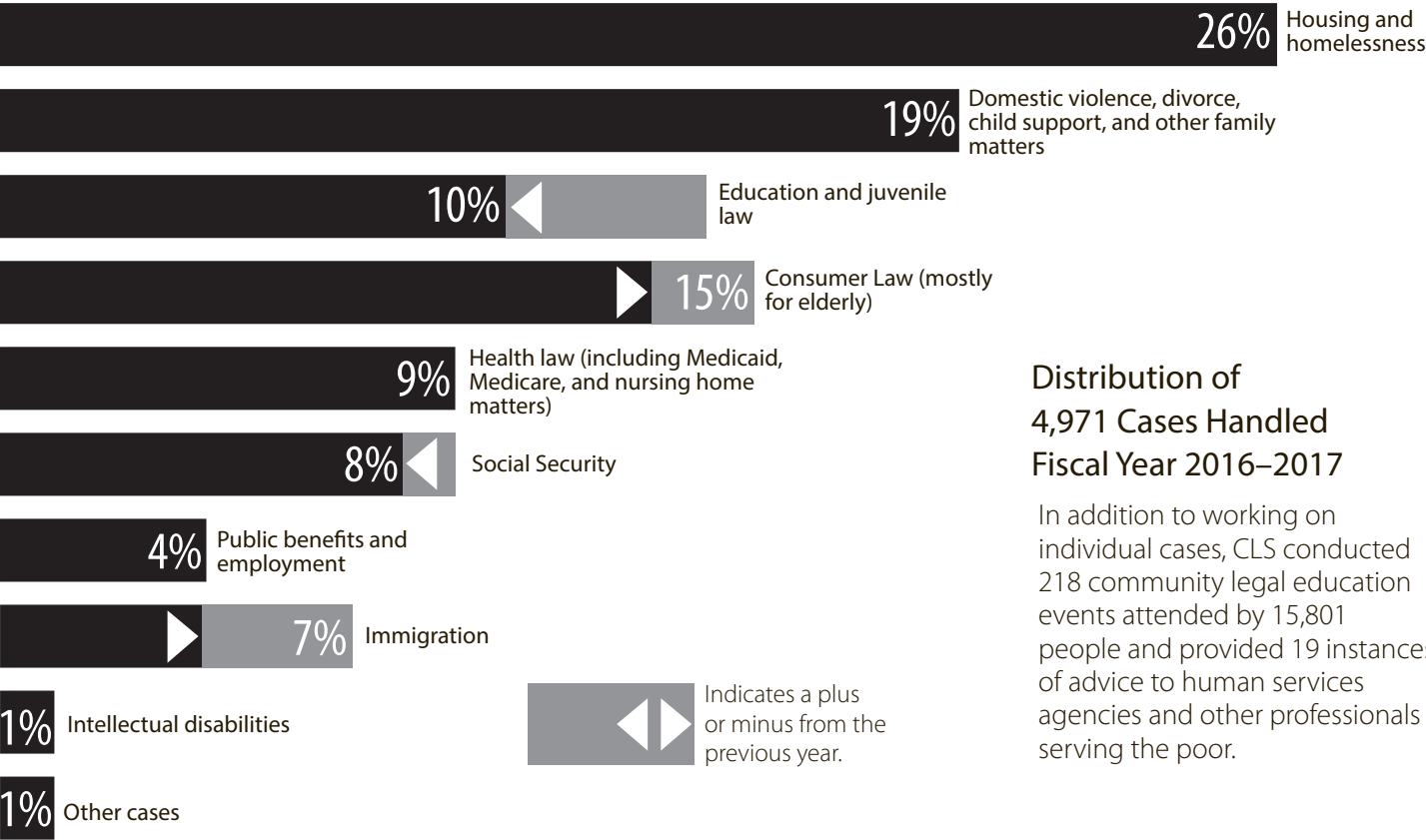
CLS has six full-service offices, three satellite offices, and one administrative office.

On June 30, 2017, the CLS staff consisted of
42.87 FTE lawyers
2.00 FTE paralegals
11.72 FTE legal assistants
.55 FTE child welfare advocates
8.00 FTE administrative staff.



Distribution of Cases

In 2016–2017, Connecticut Legal Services received approximately 15,813 requests for service. We responded by opening 2,932 new cases for legal representation and counseling. We also worked on 2,039 cases opened in previous years. CLS's work in these 4,971 cases benefited approximately 11,600 household members.



Distribution of 4,971 Cases Handled Fiscal Year 2016–2017

In addition to working on individual cases, CLS conducted 218 community legal education events attended by 15,801 people and provided 19 instances of advice to human services agencies and other professionals serving the poor.

1990: CLS Expands for the First Time in Ten Years

After a decade of slow growth, CLS expands its services to low-income people and adds 14 attorneys, one paralegal, and six secretaries to the CLS ranks. CLS also partners with other legal services programs to launch the AIDS Legal Network of Connecticut.

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education. We successfully advocated with DCF to get the children
therapy to help them overcome what they had lived through. Happily,
the children were adopted by an aunt and uncle, reside safely in
another state, and are appropriately cared for and loved.

1992: Legal Services Agencies Found LARCC

CLS and other legal services agencies in Connecticut jointly
found—and fund—the Legal Assistance Resource Center of
Connecticut, Inc. to manage staff training, client education
materials, and the legislative representation of clients.

Letter from Executive Director and Board Chair

Dear Friends,

This year, Connecticut Legal Services celebrates 40 years of changing and improving lives by helping people access
justice. That's 40 years of helping individuals and families achieve stability amid crisis and 40 years of using the legal
system to help

- Victims of domestic violence find safety
- Children achieve appropriate education plans rather than enter the criminal justice system
- Families find and hold onto warm, safe housing
- People of all ages access life-sustaining and life-saving health care
- Elderly people regain the dignity and sense of security they lost as victims of illegal debt harassment
- Immigrants understand and enforce their rights
- People with intellectual disabilities live their lives with appropriate safeguards
- Countless low-income people fight injustice.

Many of our staff members have been with CLS since its infancy. They selflessly saw CLS through harsh economic times,
taking salary reductions to avoid layoffs when funding was especially low. The men and women of CLS put in countless
hours advocating for their clients and for policies that affect their clients. They log another number of countless hours
on various internal committees, always striving to help CLS be the best advocate for justice possible. Our volunteers and
board give generously of their time and services.

We are optimistic going forward, even in these particularly hard times for our clients. With your support, we will
continue to be a force for justice and continue to be a place low-income people can turn to when they have nowhere
else to go.

Thank you for supporting CLS and the work we do.

Sincerely,



Deborah
Witkin

Deborah R. Witkin
Executive Director



Kevin J. Rasch

Kevin J. Rasch
Board Chair

1992: Lawyers Raise Funds for CLS

CLS kicks off its first Campaign for
Justice to raise funds from private
attorneys to help fund CLS attorney
salaries.

1995: LSC Restrictions Lead to Creation of New Service Delivery

Congress attaches new, crippling restrictions to Legal Services Corporation funds.
Threatened with the loss of major funding, legal services agencies redefine their priorities
and create Statewide Legal Services to receive LSC funds and conduct centralized intake and
referrals. The CLS workforce drops to a low of 38 advocates as many staffers move to SLS.

CLS Helps Neglected Kids Begin New Lives

The Connecticut Legal Services child protection team represented
three chronically neglected children living in a violent home. The
mother had a prior conviction for leaving the children unattended in
a car with the keys in the ignition while she was in a store. She also
let one child leave another store without paying for items. The father
had arrests for domestic violence assaults. Neither parent was able to
appropriately care for the children.

Two children were school-aged, but their parents had not registered
them for school. When they finally were enrolled, the teachers noticed
that their clothes were dirty and did not fit. They fell asleep in school
because they were up at night preparing formula for their baby
brother, changing his diapers, and doing housework. There was little
food in the house. An eye doctor could not complete the children's eye
exams because the children could not read numbers or letters. The
school nurse had to teach them how to brush their teeth because they
did not know how and had no toothbrushes or toothpaste at home.

The children were removed from the home, placed with foster
parents, and referred to CLS for help. CLS advocated for and obtained
evaluations and the appointment of an educational surrogate for
all three children, one of whom was identified as needing special

Financial Supporters and Other Income Sources for 2016–2017

Government Based Grants

Agency on Aging, Senior Resources (Eastern Connecticut)	\$	44,587	Connecticut Health Foundation	37,500
Agency on Aging, Southwestern Connecticut Area		47,477	Connecticut Health Foundation–Health Equity Solutions	26,909
Agency on Aging, Western Connecticut Area		54,431	Financial Distress Research Project	104,373
City of Middletown		10,000	Frontier Employees Community Services Fund - Central Region	400
Community Development Block Grant Program—City of Waterbury		10,075	Health Equity Solutions	14,000
Community Development Block Grant Program—Town of Fairfield		4,006	Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Inc. (LawyerCorps Connecticut Fellowship)	69,563
Park City Communities		54,156	Jeffery P. Ossen Family Foundation	100,000
State of Connecticut Court Support Services Division—Family Matters Training Program		6,000	St. John’s Community Foundation	5,250
State of Connecticut Department of Aging		85,806	Vera Institute of Justice, Inc.	7,650
State of Connecticut Department of Social Services		715,560	The Kitchings Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County	10,000
State of Connecticut Judicial Branch		26,191	The Tow Foundation, Inc	50,000
State of Connecticut Long Term Care Ombudsman Program		10,385	The Workplace	20,000
State of Connecticut Office of Protection & Advocacy		125,950	The Xerox Foundation	15,000
State of Connecticut Office of the Chief Public Defender		30,000	United Way, Central and Northeastern Connecticut	42,000
State of Connecticut Office of Victim Services		1,554,833	United Way, Greater Waterbury	16,600
Town of Ashford		1,000	United Way, Greenwich	1,123
Town of Coventry		925	United Way, Meriden and Wallingford	21,500
Town of Ellington		2,200	United Way, Northwest Connecticut	6,250
Town of Groton		8,157	United Way, Southeastern Connecticut	28,595
Town of Mansfield		6,500	United Way, Southington	3,600
			United Way, West Central Connecticut	3,800
Total Government Based Grants	\$	2,798,239	Total Private Grants	\$ 9,414,454

Private Grants

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut - Immigration Project	\$	30,000
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut—Woman & Girls Fund–New London		2,500
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut—Woman & Girls Fund–Windham		2,500
Connecticut Bar Foundation (Interest on Lawyer’s Trust Account)		981,350
Connecticut Bar Foundation (Court Fees Grants-in-Aid)	\$	6,649,748
Connecticut Bar Foundation (Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid)		1,164,243

Connecticut Health Foundation	37,500
Connecticut Health Foundation–Health Equity Solutions	26,909
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Donations and Other Income

Attorney Fees	\$	195,069
Campaign for Justice		271,189
Donated Goods and Services		302,821
United Way Donor Designations		18,290
Other Income		630
Total Donations and Other Income	\$	787,999
Total CLS Income	\$	13,000,692

Statements of Financial Position—June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2016

ASSETS	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Current Assets			Liabilities		
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Operating Funds	\$2,124,200	\$2,185,562	Accrued Pension Liability	\$4,711,537	\$5,964,996
Cash in Escrow—Client Funds	1,051	2,912	Accounts Payable	323,696	80,963
Certificates of Deposit	749,743	249,995	Accrued Expenses	99,198	41,493
Receivables			Refundable Advances	376,485	60,717
Grants and Contracts Receivable	500,172	53,485	Accrued Annual Leave	452,733	451,997
Promises to Give	1,488,625	1,207,849	Client Trust Deposits	1,051	2,912
Other Receivables	27,833	44,759	Total Liabilities	\$5,964,700	\$6,603,078
Prepaid Expenses	90,139	65,721	Net Assets		
Total Current Assets	\$4,981,763	\$3,810,283	Unrestricted		
Fixed Assets			Undesignated—attributable to operations	607,042	780,972
Property and Equipment	\$810,607	506,858	Undesignated—attributable to pension liability	-2,616,277	-4,311,065
Building/Leasehold Improvements	1,149,380	818,520	Designated		
Total Fixed Assets Before Depreciation	\$1,959,987	\$1,325,378	Insurance Escrow	0	0
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-1,106,977	-1,058,607	Fixed Assets	853,010	266,772
Total Fixed Assets	\$853,010	\$266,772	Total Unrestricted Net Assets	-\$1,156,225	-\$3,263,321
Other Assets			Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	1,099,920	758,680
Security Deposits	\$73,622	\$21,382	Total Net Assets	-\$56,305	-\$2,504,641
Total Other Assets	\$73,622	\$21,382	Total Liabilities And Net Assets	\$5,908,395	\$4,098,437
Total Assets	\$5,908,395	\$4,098,437			

CLS Helps Mother Save Her Home

Mary, the mother of twin teenage boys, recently went through a very difficult divorce. One of the few assets she received was the mobile home in which she had lived with her family for more than 15 years. Mary owns her mobile home but pays a monthly rental fee to a mobile home park. After her divorce, she found paying her basic expenses difficult. Mary worked part-time while she applied for Social Security disability, but her income was so limited that she fell behind in her rent payments. She contacted Connecticut Legal Services during the final stages of her eviction case for nonpayment of rent. She had already signed an agreement in court with the mobile home park to make arrearage payments and had complied with the payment schedule. However, a few months after the agreement was signed, the mobile home park returned to court, asking that Mary be evicted for having an unauthorized occupant living in her mobile home, which would have been a breach of her rental contract. If the mobile home park proved that Mary had an unauthorized occupant living with her, she could have been evicted within days of her court hearing, and her mobile home could have been seized to cover the arrearage in full. CLS quickly responded to Mary’s request for assistance. We filed an objection to the mobile home park’s request to evict Mary and helped her file a motion asking the judge to allow her to exercise her right to sell her mobile home if she were evicted so she could recover



the equity she had in her home. Using the objection and motion as leverage, CLS was able to negotiate with the mobile home park’s attorney to restructure Mary’s stipulated agreement so she could continue making arrearage payments and stay in her mobile home indefinitely. In May 2017, Mary made her final arrearage payment under the court agreement. She is now able to live in her mobile home without the constant threat of losing her housing and the equity in her home.

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2005: State Funding Provides Critically Needed Revenue

Governor M. Jodi Rell adds a new funding line in the state budget to support Connecticut’s legal aid programs. CLS adds four attorneys and increases its service capacity by more than 400 cases per year.

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2006: IOLTA Rules Bring Increase in Funding

Superior Court judges, at the urging of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, implement new fairness rules for IOLTA funding, which produces a substantial increase in revenue.

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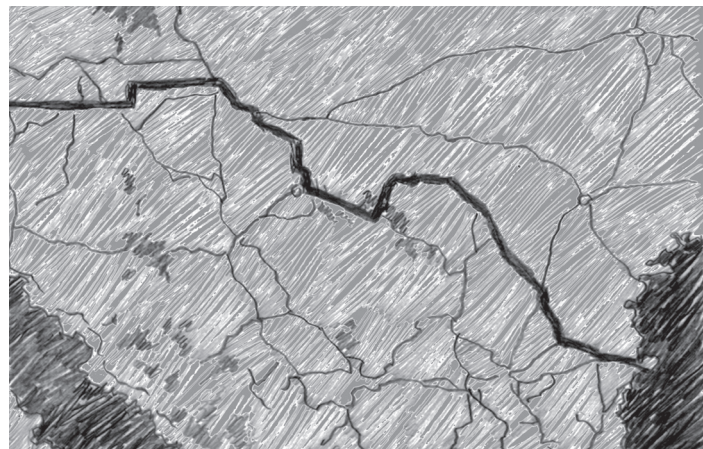
CLS Helps Homeless Man Find Shelter

Joe was homeless and lived in the woods, where he was at the mercy of nighttime critters. He had a respiratory condition so severe that he periodically had to be hospitalized because of shortness of breath. Joe was referred to Connecticut Legal Services because he needed help securing disability benefits so he could find appropriate housing. Joe’s attorney completed and filed the necessary paperwork, which resulted in a scheduled hearing. At the hearing, his CLS attorney was able to convince the administrative law judge that Joe was eligible for and entitled to benefits. He now receives \$735 per month, which has allowed him to secure appropriate housing. Joe no longer has to sleep in the woods and can continue to manage his health.

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CLS Helps Undocumented Worker Gain Legal Status

Carlos is an undocumented worker who came to Connecticut Legal Services because his employer systematically underpaid him. After repeatedly demanding payment of his unpaid wages, Carlos threatened to file a complaint with the Department of Labor. The employer responded by calling him names, telling him that he had no rights in the United States, threatening that he would get Carlos deported if Carlos filed a complaint, and threatening to call the police. The employer also destroyed evidence relating to Carlos's wage claim in anticipation that it would be used if Carlos sought legal help.

The employer, CLS argued, had obstructed justice and tampered with a witness in addition to committing wage theft. If Carlos assisted the prosecution, those qualifying crimes—obstruction of justice and witness tampering—could make him eligible for U visa certification. Carlos did work with the authorities, and CLS filed for a U visa on his behalf, which was granted. Carlos was also given authorization to work, which greatly lessens his risk of wage theft and victimization at the hands of an unscrupulous employer.

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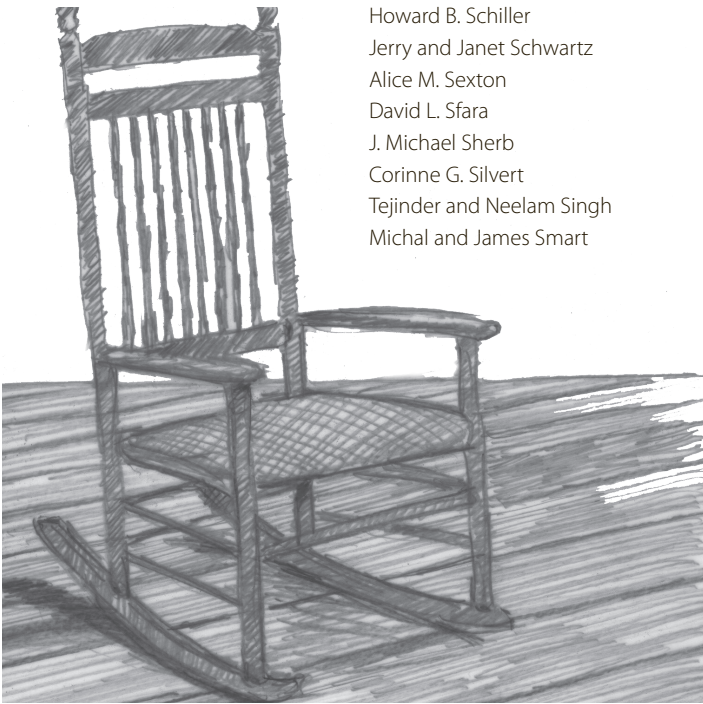
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CLS Helps Elderly Woman Access Necessary Living Support

Rosa, 86, lived in a nursing home, where she was assaulted by another resident. She was depressed and rapidly losing weight. She contacted Connecticut Legal Services seeking assistance in returning to the community. She had been a state worker for more than 20 years and had a huge loving family that could support her. Rosa's CLS attorney was able to access the Money Follows the Person program, which required that she create a pooled trust so that she would be income eligible for these necessary services. CLS created the trust for Rosa and persuaded the Department of Social Services to expedite the request because of her age. Rosa is now in her own home, living with the support she needs.

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CLS Helps Mother Overcome Effects of Violence

Joanna is a single mother of three young children. She was savagely assaulted, suffered serious injuries, and developed an anxiety disorder and depression. As a result, she missed a mandatory meeting with the Department of Social Services, which responded by slapping Joanna with a lifetime sanction against collecting cash benefits. Still suffering from the effects of her assault, she failed to appeal the sanction on her own and lost the cash benefits she and her children depended on to survive.

Joanna was referred to Connecticut Legal Services for assistance in another legal matter, and during our legal assessment, we discovered the problem with her benefits. CLS sought the reinstatement of Joanna's benefits, arguing that she had not been afforded due process before her cash benefits were terminated, and asked for a fair hearing on Joanna's behalf. At the hearing, DSS refused to lift the sanction. CLS prepared to appeal this decision to the Superior Court and notified DSS. Before CLS could file the appeal, however, DSS reversed Joanna's lifetime sanction, agreed to restore all her retroactive cash assistance, and deemed her eligible to continue collecting benefits.

2017: CLS Celebrates 40th Anniversary

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