

Eastside Legal Assistance Program Annual 2010 Report

Clients Served

In 2010 we provided legal services to 950 clients with 1216 cases (representing 2247 people) through clinics, self-help workshops, brief services and full representation. Many clients requested help from ELAP on more than one issue, so the number of cases is greater than the number of clients. Frequently the number of people living in a household is greater than one, so the number of people benefiting from ELAP’s services is substantially larger than the number of clients. Our clients received 1823 appointments with volunteer attorneys, our staff attorney, or our Program Director. Appointments at legal clinics were 1049 of these appointments. We also provided referrals to other agencies and organizations and conducted lectures for over 1100 people. Two hundred forty six of our clients were survivors of domestic violence.



Last year we started a **new clinic** we for general law at the Hopelink Kirkland site. Our faithful volunteer, Paula Miller, will be mentored the volunteer attorneys staffing the clinic and Jennie trained the new intake volunteer for the clinic. We now have two attorneys at the clinic, one Family Law attorney and one General Law attorney and the clinic meets twice a month.

After many months of work and relationship building we opened a new clinic at the Eastside shelter of Sophia’s Way. We have planned to open this clinic for quite some time and it will begin this month. We now have 3 clinics at three domestic violence shelters—EDVP, YWCA in Redmond and now Sophia’s Way.

In addition, we now offer the following clinics: Kirkland General Law Clinic, Redmond General Law Clinic, Issaquah General/Family Law Clinic, Bellevue Family Law/DV Clinic, North Bellevue Family Law Clinic, Multi-lingual Clinic (Spanish & Russian/Ukraine), YWCA Redmond Family Village Clinic, and YWCA Angeline’s Shelter Clinic. Clients receive a half hour appointment with a pro bono attorney to discuss their legal issue.

Legal Issues

For cases closed in 2010, almost 50% of the legal issues were family law issues. The following table shows the complete breakdown for all closed cases.

Legal Issue	2010		2009	
	Cases		Cases	
Family	417	49.94%	317	44.90%
Consumer	140	16.77%	97	13.74%
Misc.	87	10.42%	77	10.91%

Housing	63	7.54%	77	10.91%
Individual Rights	52	6.23%	60	8.50%
Employment	41	4.91%	35	4.96%
Income Maintenance	26	3.11%	29	4.11%
Health	7	0.84%	10	1.42%
Juvenile	2	0.24%	2	0.28%
Education			2	0.28%
Total	835	100.00%	706	100.00%

The top legal issue at the legal clinics was Divorce/Separation/Annulment at 17%. The following table shows the top ten legal issues for 2010 at the clinics with a comparison to 2009.

Specific Legal Issue Category	2010		2009	
	Cases		Cases	
Divorce / Sep. / Annul.	130	16.77%	123	19.59%
Custody/Visitation	92	11.87%	55	8.76%
Bankruptcy/Debtor Relief	60	7.74%	41	6.53%
Domestic Abuse	57	7.35%	35	5.57%
Support	52	6.71%	33	5.25%
Collect/Repo/Def/Garnsh	37	4.77%	24	3.82%
Immigration / Naturalization	35	4.52%	38	6.05%
Private Landlord/Tenant	34	4.39%	38	6.05%
Wills and Estates	33	4.26%	20	3.18%
Other Miscellaneous	32	4.13%	22	3.50%

Staff and Volunteer Attorneys

We experienced three staff changes this year. Stan Kehl was hired as our new Executive Director, Brandy Andersson was hired as our new DV Staff attorney, our Program Director resigned. (Judith Shoshana was hired early in 2011 as our new Program Director.) All three of ELAP's new employees are attorneys, so with Cynthia Klein our Clinic Coordinator, all of our office staff are attorneys.

Volunteer attorneys provided **5,864** hours of pro bono service in 2010. If billed at \$300 per hour, this would amount to a cost of **\$1,774,200**. Other volunteers, including paralegals, clinic intake support staff, rule 9 law students, and administrative support staff donated **3,076** volunteer hours for a total of **8,940** volunteer hours. The ELAP/EKCBA luncheon was held on May 13th and Joanne Lai was given the Volunteer of the Year award.

Finances

Our total income for 2010 was \$242,462 and our expenses were \$230,187. Board member contributions, fundraising efforts and grants allowed us to end the year in the black. We received funding from:

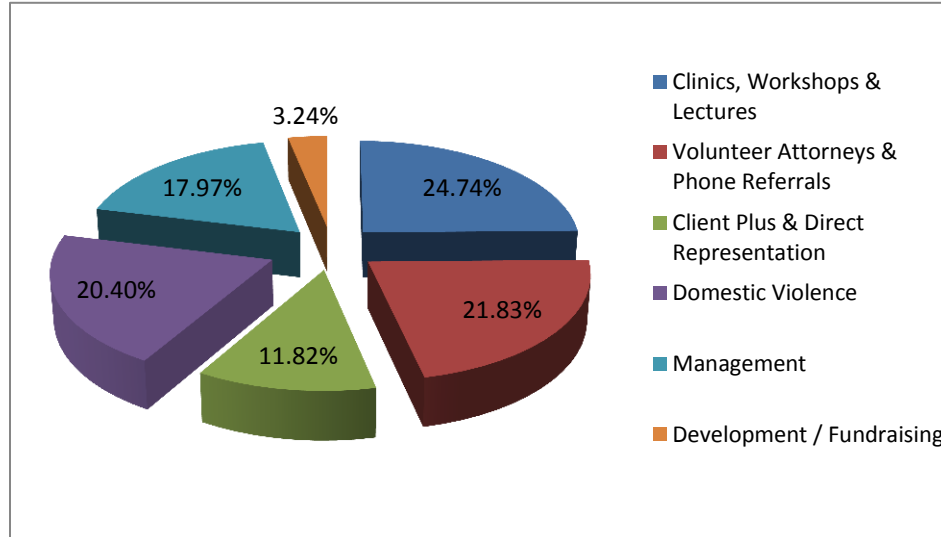
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Individual Donors

The following table shows a general breakdown of expenses.

2010 Expenses		
Programs	\$181,359	78.79%
Administration	\$41,362	17.97%
Dev. / Fundraising	\$7,466	3.24%

The following chart shows a breakdown by program categories.



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