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FY 2006 - 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai`i

Helping the people of Hawai`i since 1950

Kānāwai Māmalahoe

E nā kānaka,
E mālama 'oukou i ke akua
A e mālama ho'i i kānaka nui
a me-kānaka iki;
E hele ka 'elemakule,
ka luahine, a me ke kama
A moe i ke ala
'a'ohe mea nāna e ho'opilikia.
Hewa nō, make.

The Law of the Splintered Paddle

"O my people,
Honor thy god;
Respect alike (the rights of)
men great and humble;
See to it that our aged,
our women, and our children
Lie down to sleep by the roadside
Without fear of harm."



LEGAL AID SOCIETY
OF HAWAII

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i has built a legacy predicated upon the mission to provide legal services to low-income individuals and families. Since our humble beginnings over 55 years ago as a one-attorney office in Honolulu, focusing on limited civil representation for the poor, we have grown to a statewide operation of 10 offices with a multitude of diverse programs all aimed at providing high-quality legal assistance to low-income residents.

Legal Aid is dedicated to the elimination of barriers faced by our low-income residents. A landlord illegally discriminates against a tenant on the basis of the tenant's disability. Someone offers to help a homeowner from possible foreclosure but in reality engages in predatory lending and improperly transfers title to the property to themselves. The Social Security Administration fails to obtain all necessary medical records and then unreasonably denies our client's claim for disability benefits. Medicaid is denied to a client who is clearly entitled to it under Federal law. A domestic violence survivor is prevented from seeing her child in violation of a court order. In these and other cases, Legal Aid helps bring justice to our communities.

In fiscal year 2006-07 we provided legal assistance to over 10,000 individuals and families. Yet the need for legal services far outpaces our resources. We are only able to serve a fraction of those who are in need of civil legal services in crisis situations. In order to expand our services, next year we will embark on a new fundraising campaign. The Legal Aid Justice Campaign will seek donations from attorneys, law firms, corporations and the public, so that we can assist those who otherwise may be deprived of a basic human need as a result of the lack of legal representation.

Legal Aid is committed to helping make Equal Justice for All a reality in Hawaii. This annual report chronicles our continued efforts to eliminate the barriers our clients face.

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WHO WE ARE

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i is the state's largest public-interest law firm, operating nine offices on the six primary islands. Since 1950, Legal Aid has been committed to helping the low-income community with their civil legal matters. The services we provide often mean the difference between housing and homelessness, life and death for our clients.

We help women in abusive relationships achieve stability. We help children obtain secure and nourishing environments. We protect tenants from slumlords. We ensure that families avoid homelessness. We protect the elderly in consumer scams. We help parents resolve child custody and support issues. We help the disabled receive income and health care. Each Legal Aid neighborhood office also works with its community to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and respond to the particular community's legal needs.

OUR MISSION

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i is a community-based, non-profit law firm dedicated to empowering low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families through:

- High quality representation
- Systemic advocacy
- Community education outreach

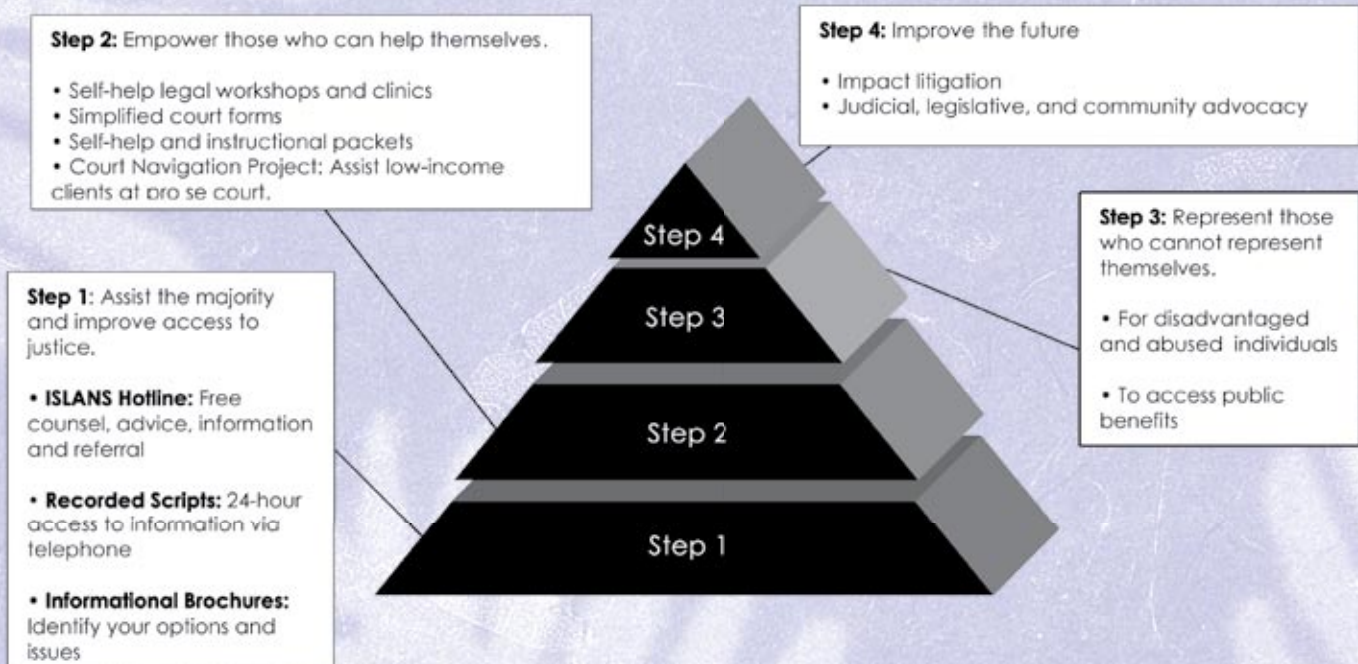


FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Over the past decade, Legal Aid has faced substantial reductions in state and federal funding coupled with a significant increase in requests for services. Each year an average of 19,000 requests are answered with advice and counsel services, full-representation services, referrals or practical advice to assist with these individual's legal and other needs.

While Legal Aid provides full representation whenever possible, we have committed ourselves to providing some level of legal assistance to all those who have no other alternatives. To this end, Legal Aid has been improving access to justice by training clients to handle legal matters on their own -- through seminars, workshops, self-help materials and on-site assistance.

This pyramid illustrates different levels of client services which are provided to eligible applicants in our quest to achieve substantial justice for our clients.



HIGH QUALITY REPRESENTATION

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i provides high quality representation to its clients through a myriad of projects designed to address the needs of specific client populations. From full representation to our programs, Legal Aid is reaching out to assist an ever-increasing number of Hawai'i's low-income, working low-income and other vulnerable residents.

Our programs to improve access to justice are known nationally for their quality and focus on five major areas of law affecting our clients: family, public benefits, housing, consumer and issues concerning the elderly. Each year, Legal Aid responds to an average of 19,000 inquiries for assistance of which over 10,000 individuals and families receive brief service, counsel and advice or full representation assistance.

OUR CLIENTS - DEMOGRAPHICS

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population. (This census is updated every 10 years).

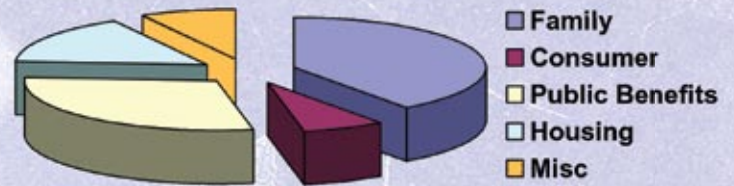
The latest U.S. Census Bureau figures show an approximate 3% increase in the poverty population in Hawaii, since 1990. Approximately 10.7% of the population qualify for Legal Aid services. An additional 110,000 individuals further qualify for the Affordable Lawyers project. **Currently, about 25% of Hawaii's population qualifies to benefit from Legal Aid.**

	Total Hawaii Population	Number of People in Poverty
TOTAL	1,178,648	126,154 (10.7% of the populace)

From 1990 to 2000, there was a **3% increase in the number of impoverished citizens** in Hawaii bringing the total number of poor to 126,154 people, roughly 10.7% of the populace. Since the latest 2000 census, Legal Aid has closed over 83,000 cases for the elderly and poor, affecting 176,434 people and counting.



Legal Aid's Closed Cases FY 2007



Family – 40%

Child/spouse abuse, custody/visitation, support, restraining orders, paternity, guardianship, child snatching, powers of attorneys, divorce, and other similar matters.

Consumer – 7%

Bankruptcy, debt collection, debtor's rights, foreclosures, garnishments, repossessions, public utilities rate setting and terminations.

Public Benefits – 29%

AFDC, GA, AABD, Social Security, SSI/SSDI, Veteran's Benefits, Medicare and Medicaid Benefits

Housing – 16%

Evictions, repairs, lockouts & utility shut-offs for private and public housing; affordable housing preservation and creation; return of security deposits.

Miscellaneous – 8%

Unemployment benefits, worker's compensation, wrongful termination, job discrimination, individual rights, health, children, & others.



"It is impossible to capture adequately on paper the high energy and creativity of Legal Aid's staff as well as the impact of its significant achievements in the client community. What is unique about Legal Aid is that the Values that are part of its Mission Statement permeate the organization and are the guiding principles for the myriad of activities conducted by Legal Aid's staff.

Without prompting, staff members would refer to the leitmotif of 'building a just society' as the compass for their work with clients. The idea that the mission is a living and breathing guidepost, and not a statement tucked away in a document, may be the most telling sign of Legal Aid's strength as an advocacy organization.

We were impressed and inspired by the work we observed being done on a daily basis by the employees and board of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Legal Aid can proudly take its place among the top rank of LSC-funded legal services programs nationally."

-- Excerpts from the July 2003 Report of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) on its Review of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i

HIGH QUALITY REPRESENTATION (con't)

Administrative Advocacy

Legal Aid actively represents clients in administrative hearings and advocates for them by working with various agencies throughout the state. As a member of the Financial Assistance Advisory Council, Legal Aid provides feedback and comments to the Department of Human Services on programs and policies affecting the poor. In 2006, Legal Aid also worked with the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i, to institute rules requiring hearings in cases where landlords make allegations of damages before terminating Section 8 vouchers and to place homeless individuals at the top of public housing waiting lists.

Legislative Advocacy

Each year, Legal Aid monitors proposed legislation and, if requested by a legislator, acts as an advocate for the rights of the low-income population. Legal Aid has worked with the legislature on bills concerning welfare reform, domestic abuse, consumer protections, patients' rights and affordable housing.

Judicial Advocacy

Legal Aid works with the Hawai'i Judiciary to offer solutions to existing barriers that prevent unrepresented users from accessing the justice system. Legal Aid has worked with judges and committees to simplify existing court forms, to make new court forms, and to make the forms more user-friendly. Legal Aid also comments on court rule changes to ensure that the public's interests are served.



Impact Litigation and Court Activities

As a public-interest law firm, Legal Aid has always been an active participant in court cases and litigation proceedings. In addition to countless hearings, only six years after its charter was issued, Legal Aid had already brought one case, *Hollinrake v. Hollinrake*, to the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Since then, participation in court cases to enforce and protect the rights of disadvantaged persons has been a vital part of Legal Aid's day-to-day activities.

In a 1997 case against Hawaiian Electric Company, Legal Aid challenged unfair filing and collection practices by HECO. The case resulted in more equitable procedures for all customers.

In *Arquette v. Chandler*, a suit filed on behalf of four state general assistance recipients, Legal Aid successfully challenged the state Department of Human Services' practice of using invalid administrative rules to calculate benefits in a way which reduced benefits to General Assistance recipients.

In 1998, Legal Aid received national attention for *Morris v. North Hawai'i Community Hospital*, a suit filed on behalf of a quadriplegic client who was denied continued home health care due to the care provider's erroneous definition of "homebound." Legal Aid won a preliminary injunction, restoring his home health care services, with the judge ruling that the plaintiff could be considered homebound under the Medicare definition. This case significantly

impacted Medicare home health coverage and how the definition of the term "homebound" is applied.

In 2002, Legal Aid's Hilo Office sued on behalf of Connections New Century Charter School. The suit was prompted when the DOE withheld some \$400,000 to Connections in the middle of the school year. A year and a half of discovery and settlement negotiations resulted in a confidential settlement between parties. According to Connections school board chair Larry Jackson, "if Legal Aid had not represented us in this lawsuit, Connections would have been forced to close . . . Some of our issues were rectified to the benefit of all Hawai'i State Public Charter Schools."

Legal Aid prevailed in a Supreme Court appeal on behalf of birth parents in early 2006. In *In re Doe*, born 07/03/95 and 10/18/96, Legal Aid attorneys along with co-counsel Derek Kobayashi and Mihoko Ito of Goodill Anderson Quinn Stifel argued successfully that the family court could not deny a motion of birth parents to intervene to enforce visitation rights provided by a permanent custody order rather there was a right to intervention and a determination on the merits as to visitation.

Community Education & Outreach

Legal Aid is dedicated to helping disadvantaged persons escape the cycle of poverty and learn to protect themselves and their families through the law. Community education is a proactive approach to preventing legal problems. With this in mind, Legal Aid has implemented a variety of educational programs to empower individuals confronting legal, social, and economic difficulties. Legal Aid also works directly with a number of social service agencies, community advocates, legislators and the media to foster outreach. This helps to insure that providers throughout Hawai'i are aware of our services so that we can work together to provide holistic services to the low and moderate-income populations across the islands of Hawai'i.



Legal Aid staff meeting with LSC representatives.

*"The foundation of justice is good faith."
- Cicero*

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Adoption/Guardianship Project

This project serves low-income families who wish to provide permanent, healthy homes for children in the Child Protective Services (CPS) foster care system and children whose parents are unable to raise them effectively.



Guardian Ad Litem Project (GAL)

The GAL Project provides for Legal Aid advocates to be appointed as guardians ad litem in Child Protective Services cases.

Kid's Social Security Disability Project

This project aims to serve children who may qualify for social security disability benefits and assists children who qualify for SSI disability benefits by providing representation starting at the initial SSI application stage through the hearing stage. When appropriate the project also focuses on outreach to disabled children and families with disabled children who may qualify for disability benefits.

Legal Advocacy for Families and Children

Legal Advocacy for Families and Children is intended to help children less than 18 years of age and their families/caregivers living in Hawai'i who are experiencing hardship and who require legal assistance to ensure safety, stability, and economic self-sufficiency.

FOCUS ON SENIORS

Senior Title III Project

Our Seniors Project provides legal advice, counseling, and representation to Maui and Hawai'i County seniors regardless of their income or assets.

SUPPORTING HAWAI'I'S FAMILIES

Affordable Lawyers Project

Our Affordable Lawyers Project provides individuals who are above 125%, but below 250%, of the Federal Poverty Guidelines low-cost legal services.

Domestic Violence Project

This project provides legal services to domestic violence victims who are eligible to receive cash welfare benefits and are exempt from the welfare-to-work requirements.

Homeless Holistic Civil Legal Services Project

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this project provides holistic legal services to homeless individuals and families. Providing holistic services to homeless persons during their transition from homelessness to independent living is crucial.

This project focuses on four major areas:

- 1) Getting and keeping a steady source of income;
- 2) Getting and keeping shelter;
- 3) Protecting personal safety;
- 4) Improving personal and family relationships

HUD Homeownership Counseling Project (HCP)

HUD HCP addresses legal and financial issues facing renters, home buyers and homeowners defaulting on their mortgages, regardless of their income and assets, and provides for Renter's Assistance or Homeownership Counseling.

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Project

LITC provides free tax preparation assistance, legal tax representation and outreach and education on taxpayers' rights and responsibilities. The project especially focuses on low-income and English as a Second Language (ESL) communities and allows them to obtain the tax benefits to which they are entitled.

Social Security Advocacy Project

This project assists disabled and elderly individuals who are receiving cash assistance from DHS to apply for and/or appeal their claim for SSI and Social Security benefits.



“Justice denied anywhere, diminishes justice everywhere.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

PROGRAMS (con't)

"Please use your liberty to promote ours." - Aung San Suu Kyi

OUR DELIVERY OF GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

AmeriCorps Project

AmeriCorps is a national service program patterned after the Peace Corps. Members of AmeriCorps do various types of community service, depending on the project to which they apply. Members in this project are placed at various sites around the state. Both full-time and part-time members strive to improve the access of low-income individuals to legal, social, and economic justice in the community. Since its birth in 1997, members in our project have: 1) Assisted over 33,000 low-income with advice or referral on their civil matter; 2) Created over 350 self-help materials to instruct users on their legal rights; 3) Distributed over 60,000 self-help brochures to low-income individuals; 4) Assisted over 4,200 individuals in 1,241 self-help clinics and workshops.

Brown Bags

Brown Bags strives to provide monthly forums that educate both social workers and interested private bar attorneys on various legal and social work topics affecting Hawai'i's low-income community.

Center for Equal Justice (CEJ)

Our CEJ was opened in November 1990, at our Downtown Honolulu office, as a one-stop shop for justice that strives to empower unrepresented individuals to resolve their legal issues. Services include: counsel and advice; assistance in compiling forms/letters; self help informational brochures and materials; how-to legal workshops; 24-hour telephone information tapes; internet computer tutorials. Our second CEJ was opened in 2006 on Kauai.

Family Courthouse Advocacy Project (FCAP)

FCAP is a collaborative project between the Family Court of the First Circuit and Legal Aid. Services can include immediate counsel and advice, assistance drafting court orders and forms, assistance calculating child support, and help negotiating with the other party.

General Legal Services

Legal Aid provides free general legal representation through the generous financial support of the federal Legal Services Corporation (LSC), the State of Hawai'i and Aloha United Way. Advocates represent clients in four primary areas of law: housing, family, public benefits and consumer.

ISLANS Hotline

(Information System for Legal Aid Network Statewide)

is a toll-free statewide telephone system that provides callers with free and immediate counsel and advice on a variety of legal issues.

Teamsters/Allied Legal Services Project

This project is funded through a contract with the Trustees of the Hawai'i Teamsters and Allied Workers. Under the program, some members of Local 996 Teamsters/Allied workers are eligible for services.



Legal Aid's Center for Equal Justice - Honolulu Office

CLIENTS' PERSPECTIVES (con't)

GRACE A. PERKINS, AGE 72

Senior Identity Theft

"Legal Aid helped me with a problem that I was having. Creditors had been bugging me for money for a debt that I did not owe. They kept calling and calling and threatened me to pay it back or they'd take me to court and hold me responsible. I don't have money and I didn't owe them money. I've never even had an account with that company. Because Legal Aid helped me, I was able to fix my situation."

DAVID NAHOOPII, AGE 40

Child Custody

"Legal Aid staff attorneys assisted us in acquiring legal guardianship of my 14-year old nephew. He had always lived with us, separate from his parents, under the Hawaiian custom of "hanai." This ancient custom and tradition is not recognized by the D.O.E. and medical systems. [Your staff] was very professional, efficient, patient, and understanding. I have nothing but compliments about Legal Aid's services. Mahalo!"

KIYOSHI WATANABE

Various Issues

"I would like to thank The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i on Moloka'i for all the help they have given me when my problem started. First, when my wife was on the verge of Alzheimer's disease, they came to my house to help me make a Power of Attorney. Second, a person with the same name as me ran up a bill about \$10,000. The finance company called me about it. After explaining to this company that I am not that person, they kept on calling me. I did not know what to do until I went to Legal Aid. They took over the matter and helped solve the problem. Third, the ambulance service that took my wife from my home to the hospital and from the hospital to the airport, sent the bill to the insurance company but somewhere there was a misunderstanding. The ambulance company insisted that I pay the \$450 bill. Fourth, I needed to make a living will. They also made a Finance Power of Attorney. You don't know how grateful I am to Legal Aid [on Moloka'i]. ...You don't know how much they help the senior citizens until you become a senior yourself and need help. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family."

CLIENTS' PERSPECTIVES (con't)

WENDY ELISE DIEL, AGE 54

Filing for Bankruptcy

"Legal Aid helped me file for bankruptcy; after 10 years of trying to clear up my debts and affairs, I received a judgement for over \$12,000- on a debt that was originally \$4500. I was very afraid. From the moment I called and talked to [your staff], I had new hope...Because Legal Aid helped me, I am able to take care of my mom who is 83. She has Social Security but it's nowhere near enough. Many of the debts I incurred were from helping my dad in the last years of his life. Still he left my mom with nothing, the burden of those debts has made both our lives so much harder in the last few years. It's like a new lease on life without them. And, I have my self-respect thanks to Legal Aid. Mahalo nui loa."

DANYELLE GILBERT, AGE 13

Child Custody

"Because Legal Aid helped me, I am able to be with my grandparents and be cared for."

CHARLES K.

"They helped me by providing legal counsel concerning my social security application, confirmation of welfare benefits and allowing me to research using on the computers my legal problems concerning child custody and two of my children getting help because they had been abused by a third party. Through their services they also really helped me to continue with psychological treatment and medical treatment and also have a much better relationship with my ex-wife and children because we were with your help, able to successfully navigate through some serious legal problems."



Legal Aid staff attorneys at the 2006 Seniors Fair

ESER TAYLAN

"Legal Aid helped me regarding my landlord questions, and the contract that I have with my landlord, and the rental agreement also, I get information for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, which I'm still working on that. They do a great job helping people like us, that is a very big help and I'm very grateful for that [and] also thankful."

RECENTLY CLOSED CASES

CLIENT "The Green Family" (REAL NAME UNDISCLOSED)

Looking forward to spending more time with their son, the Greens moved from Kansas to Hawai'i. Upon arrival, they immediately began searching for a place of their own—finding what they felt to be an ideal location which allowed for the Green's therapeutic dog that had made the move with them. The Green's son called the realtor and his first visit confirmed his hopes that the unit was perfect for his parents; he explained that his mother capably walks for short time periods unassisted, yet the realtor expressed concern about her ability to climb the front stairs. Ultimately, even though the Greens were qualified to rent the unit, the duplex was rented to someone else. Convinced that the realtor's perceptions of Mrs. Green's disability prevented them from renting, the Greens called the Legal Aid's Fair Housing Enforcement Program for help. Their continued search for a pet-friendly unit close to their son soon failed, resulting in the Greens being forced to continue living with their son and euthanize their therapeutic pet. While devastated by this traumatic new life stage, Mrs. Green expressed hope that this case will be a lesson to housing providers that may try to deny persons with disabilities a unit for fear of a liability lawsuit. Legal Aid assisted the Greens in filing a successful complaint with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, who determined that the realtor was motivated in part by Mrs. Green's disability.

CLIENT (REAL NAME UNDISCLOSED)

Our Client, a 77 year-old woman, had amassed a large tax debt. After her husband died in 1997, the client owed money to the IRS on her 1997 tax return. She lives on a small pension and was unable to pay. She did not realize that she could change her withholding to prevent owing money at the end of future years. Every year, she would file her taxes, own money, and get letters from the IRS demanding her money. Finally, in 2002, she stopped filing altogether. The client was living on a friend's couch. She has difficulty getting around. She wanted to enter senior housing, but needed a 2004 tax return when she called Legal Aid. After filing her 2002-2004 tax returns, the client was able to enter senior housing. Through Legal Aid's help, the IRS agreed to settle the client's debt for \$147, originally set at \$6,274.20. Legal Aid contacted the holder of her pension and updated her address so that she would be receiving 1099s again. She had moved in 2002 and stopped receiving them. The withholding on her 1099s was corrected and she left our office with peace of mind and a clean slate. Legal Aid filed her 2005 taxes and then told her to make sure and bring us her 1099s in the future so that we could keep her taxes up to date.

"The first duty of society is justice." - Alexander Hamilton

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY 2006 - 2007

As state and federal financial support for the provision of general legal services has continued to decline, Legal Aid has persisted in searching for new partnerships that will help stabilize and expand our resources in order to provide comprehensive, high-quality civil legal services on issues critical to the low-income community.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2007 AND 2006

ASSETS	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents, including client escrow funds of \$56,160 in 2007 and \$71,188 in 2006	\$ 377,041	523,228
Receivables		
Grants and contracts	455,798	619,673
Contributions	629,351	588,622
Other	32,544	30,851
Prepaid expenses and other	37,766	40,042
Total current assets	<u>1,532,500</u>	<u>1,802,416</u>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>1,607,828</u>	<u>1,590,046</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,140,328</u>	<u>3,392,462</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,864	19,993
Accrued liabilities	237,861	200,719
Client trust deposits	56,160	71,188
Total current liabilities	<u>305,885</u>	<u>291,900</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	1,482,102	1,809,505
Temporarily restricted		
Legal Services Corporation - grant	582,288	568,248
Legal Services Corporation - property	250,464	269,362
Other	<u>519,589</u>	<u>453,447</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,834,443</u>	<u>3,100,562</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 3,140,328</u>	<u>3,392,462</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY 2006 - 2007 (con't)

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITY
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 AND 2006**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Unrestricted net assets		
Support and revenue		
Contributions	\$ 114,670	92,596
Grants and contracts – government agencies	2,993,804	3,088,763
Other income	<u>78,786</u>	<u>128,930</u>
	3,187,260	3,310,289
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>1,389,892</u>	<u>1,401,161</u>
	<u>4,577,152</u>	<u>4,711,450</u>
Expenses		
Program services - legal services	4,325,942	3,957,449
Supporting services		
Administration	570,669	665,225
Fundraising	7,944	-
Cost of special events	<u>-</u>	<u>5,257</u>
	<u>4,904,555</u>	<u>4,627,931</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	<u>(327,403)</u>	<u>83,519</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets		
Contributions	1,377,676	1,285,842
Grants and contracts	73,500	32,231
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(1,389,892)</u>	<u>(1,401,161)</u>
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>61,284</u>	<u>(83,088)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>(266,119)</u>	<u>431</u>
Net assets		
At beginning of year	<u>3,100,562</u>	<u>3,100,131</u>
At end of year	\$ <u>2,834,443</u>	<u>3,100,562</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY 2006 - 2007 (con't)

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(With Comparative Totals for 2006)**

	2007			2006	
	Program Services	Supporting Services		Total	Total
		Administration	Fundraising		
Salaries and wages	\$ 2,767,032	318,385	-	3,085,417	2,828,442
Fringe benefits	620,602	83,317	-	703,919	641,242
Consultants and temporary services	158,959	17,662	-	176,621	196,920
Travel	9,878	51,115	-	60,993	81,989
Space and utilities	230,884	25,654	-	256,538	246,873
Taxes	3,299	-	-	3,299	3,112
Equipment lease, repairs and maintenance	40,837	7,045	-	47,882	87,099
Office supplies and postage	65,172	16,709	-	81,881	91,179
Insurance and bonding	48,271	5,364	-	53,635	43,711
Employee development and recruitment	51,815	-	-	51,815	58,469
Litigation costs	67,725	-	-	67,725	50,456
Telephone	131,270	16,900	-	148,170	142,915
Publishing, printing and subscriptions	22,396	13,456	-	35,852	31,093
Depreciation and amortization	107,802	5,674	-	113,476	108,451
Miscellaneous	-	9,388	-	9,388	10,723
Mail campaign	-	-	7,944	7,944	-
Food, facilities and other direct costs of special events	-	-	-	-	5,257
Total expenses	\$ <u>4,325,942</u>	<u>570,669</u>	<u>7,944</u>	<u>4,904,555</u>	<u>4,627,931</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY 2006 - 2007 (con't)

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 AND 2006**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (266,119)	431
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	113,476	108,451
Decrease (increase) in receivables	121,453	(30,446)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and other assets	2,276	(5,475)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>13,985</u>	<u>(12,322)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(14,929)</u>	<u>60,639</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(131,258)</u>	<u>(18,137)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(131,258)</u>	<u>(18,137)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(146,187)	42,502
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>523,228</u>	<u>480,726</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 377,041</u>	<u>523,228</u>



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Legal Aid Waianae Office at the successful close of the Awong Trial
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