

# C THE LAWYERS' CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL JUSTICE



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the Campaign?** The Campaign for Equal Justice is Oregon's annual statewide legal aid fund-raising campaign. Since 1991, the Campaign has raised over \$12 million, including \$7.3 million directly from attorneys.

**What is a "Major Donor"?** Anyone who contributes \$1,000 or more. Last year 236 attorneys contributed over \$376,000 as Major Donors. It only takes \$84 a month to be a Major Donor.

**What is a "Benefactor"?** Anyone who contributes \$2,000 or more (all Benefactors are also Major Donors).

**What does my donation fund?** Legal aid provides civil legal services to low-income Oregonians, operating offices in 16 communities statewide. Most common legal issues are housing, family law and employment issues. Two-thirds of legal aid clients are women, mostly mothers. Legal Aid provides access to the justice system for those in our society with the greatest need and the least means. Our legal system only works when both sides are represented fairly.

**"But I already donate to many other charities."** As do many Campaign contributors! However, the money we donate to charity comes from the legal system we have. We profit from our legal system. It is our obligation as lawyers to ensure that our legal system is available to all, not just those who can afford it.

**Can I donate through the United Way?** Yes, just note on your United Way donation form that your contribution is to be directed to the Campaign for Equal Justice at the address below - and let us know that you have so we can make sure we get it.

Note: United Way of the Columbia-Willamette instituted a pilot program in 2007 dispensing with their gift-percentage fees. This ensures that 100% of your 2007 donation is passed on to us.

**Where do I send my donation?** The Campaign for Equal Justice  
921 SE Washington Street, Suite 520  
Portland, OR 97205

**Can I donate online?** Yes. You can make a secure donation via PayPal by following the link on our website, [www.cej-oregon.org](http://www.cej-oregon.org).

## WHY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL JUSTICE:

- Last year, legal aid directly served over 20,000 clients! Thousands more were assisted through *pro se* materials, self-help classes and referrals.
- Less than 20% of the legal needs of low and moderate income Oregonians are currently being met. 80% of needs go unmet!
- Nearly 700,000 low-income Oregonians qualify for the services provided by the states 100 legal aid attorneys. There is one lawyer in Oregon for every 340 persons in the general population. There is one legal aid attorney for every 7,000 persons who qualify for legal services.
- In Oregon, the starting salary for a legal aid attorney is \$32,000. After 10 years, that attorney can expect to make about \$40,000. *Support your colleagues who work very hard satisfying this critical legal need in our community!*
- For those with little or no time to do pro bono work, funding a legal aid lawyer is a great alternative.
- Oregon is considered a pioneer and leader in legal aid fundraising. Help us continue to be a leader and model for other states.
- Legal aid is a non-partisan issue. Oregon's entire national congressional delegation supports increased funding for legal aid services. Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith have been recognized by the American Judicature Society for their leadership in securing additional funding for the Legal Services Corporation.

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