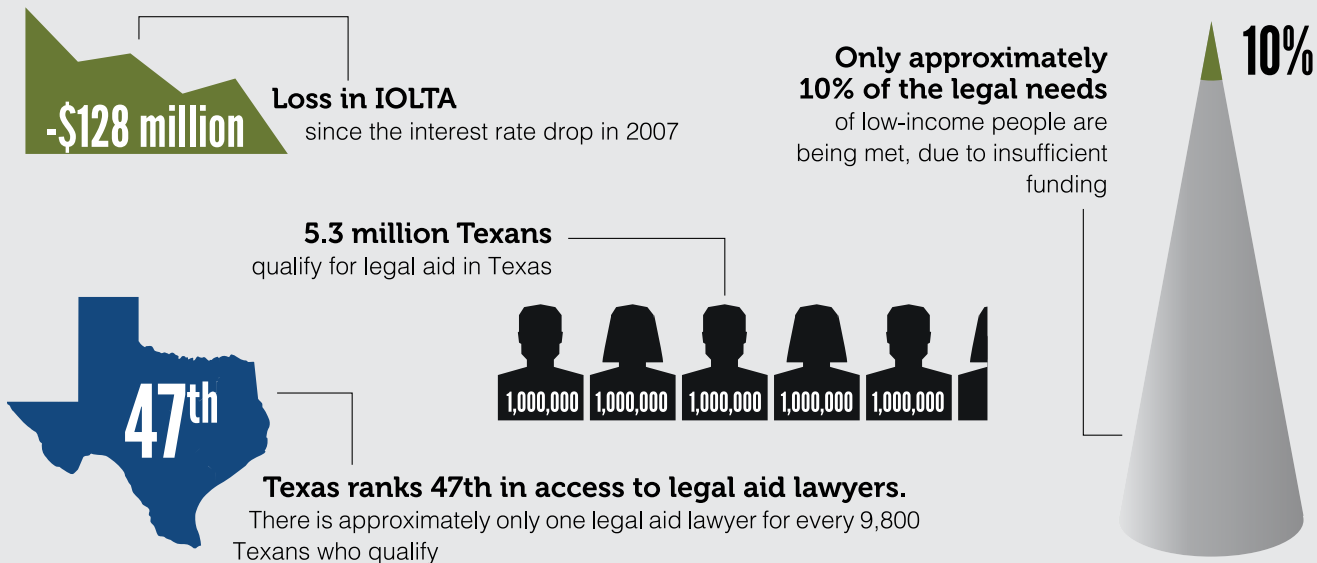


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The Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) is the largest state funding source of civil legal aid in Texas. In its 32-year history, the Foundation has granted nearly \$500 million to help legal aid and pro bono organizations provide legal services to disadvantaged Texans.

More than 37 Texas nonprofit legal aid organizations rely on funding from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation to provide basic civil legal services to low-income Texans. Legal aid provides access for people to protect their livelihoods, their health and their families. Many need help with critical civil legal issues impacting their lives, including spouses and children of domestic abuse; elderly Texans wrongly denied life-sustaining prescriptions; veterans denied critical care, disability and benefits; or families who have lost their homes.

from the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. IOLTA funds remain a vital funding source for civil legal aid to the poor and have been dramatically declining since the interest rate cuts in 2008. The Foundation also distributes grant funds from the Basic Civil Legal Services (BCLS) program, Crime Victims Civil Legal Services (CVCLS) fund, and voluntary contributions from lawyers.

As disadvantaged Texas families struggle with a variety of legal issues, funding sources such as IOLTA remain at historically low levels. The Texas Access to Justice Foundation is committed to the vision that all Texans, regardless of income, will have equal access to the civil justice system

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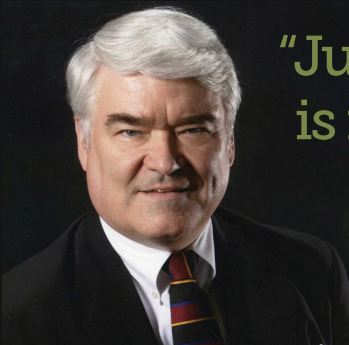
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is neither justice for all nor justice at all."

– Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht, Supreme Court of Texas

Texas Access to Justice Foundation

Your Return on an Investment in Justice

Civil Legal Aid for Those with Nowhere Else to Turn

- We distributed more than \$43 million in grant funding to 37 legal aid organizations covering all 254 Texas counties.
- Legal aid closed 178,000 cases in 2015, impacting the lives of more than 335,000 individuals, including:
 - More than 8,000 veterans
 - More than 58,000 victims of domestic violence
 - Approximately 50,000 persons with disabilities
- More than 63% of legal aid clients are female; more than 54,500 children are impacted by legal aid cases

Supporting Legal Aid & Pro Bono Attorneys

- Texas lawyers provide more than 2.3 million hours in free or indirect legal services to the poor, valued at approximately \$500 million; leveraging volunteer resources of the private bar.
- We provided 125 legal aid attorneys up to \$400 per month towards their student loans.
- TAJF supported 6 Equal Justice Works Fellows, along with our partners GreenbergTraurig LLP and Sutherland.

Providing Economic Benefit to Communities

- Our grantees secured \$16 million in back awards for clients, including \$1.23 million in monthly benefits.
- For every direct dollar expended in the state for indigent civil legal services, the overall annual gains to the economy are estimated at \$7.48 in total spending, \$3.59 in output (total value of goods and services produced) and \$2.22 in personal income.
- New grants from a court awards settlement for foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment helped more than 1,000 Texans.



“Rachel” was raped in her apartment and, understandably, wanted to move.

Fortunately, her landlord allowed her to break the lease so she could move home with her family and be close to her support system. But then her former roommates sued Rachel for rent. Luckily, she found help at legal aid. An attorney from the Texas Advocacy Project, which provides civil legal aid to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking, got the judge to agree to dismiss the case. Legal aid helped Rachel remove this stumbling block on her long road to recovery and rebuilding her life.

Partnering for Success

- With bi-partisan support, the 84th Texas Legislature provided \$17.56 million in funding for basic civil legal services for the biennium 2015-17, \$10 million for legal aid for survivors of sexual assault, and \$3 million for legal services for veterans.
- Nearly 60 Texas IOLTA Prime Partner financial institutions pay higher interest rates to increase funding for civil legal aid.
- Five legal aid organizations work in Medical-Legal Partnerships to provide an integrated, upstream approach to combating health-harming social conditions.
- Texas lawyers contribute millions financially through the annual dues statement and through their local legal aid providers.
- We work with the tremendous support of the Supreme Court of Texas, State Bar of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, and Texas Access to Justice Commission to improve the legal aid delivery system in Texas.

“Helping struggling Texans obtain assistance with civil legal concerns is not just necessary for our democracy to thrive, it’s the right thing to do.”

*—Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman,
the Court’s liaison for access to justice issues*

