

ANNUAL REPORT 2014



TRADITION OF JUSTICE

The Frontline Law Firm for Poor and Low-income People in Los Angeles

Making the Quest for EQUAL JUSTICE POSSIBLE

Last year marked the 50th Anniversary of two very important initiatives aimed at equal justice for all: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction, and President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, a series of endeavors aimed at addressing the "poverty in our midst" (*1964 Economic Report of the President*). LAFLA's work then and now aims to strengthen the programs that provide the economic resources for those struggling to make ends meet.

In 2014, LAFLA celebrated 85 years of working toward equal justice for people living in poverty in Los Angeles County. Just as the Civil Rights Act and the War on Poverty sought to remove obstacles to equal justice, LAFLA has worked in the communities of Los Angeles County to implement the goal of equal justice for our clients. We have much to be proud of at LAFLA. We provide outstanding legal work to the poorest in our communities, and we lift communities by providing services that support economic stability, affordable housing, improved health outcomes, safety for children, reunification of families, and dignity for our veterans and seniors. Our work provides the promise of quality legal assistance for clients who cannot afford to go elsewhere and for whom legal representation is not mandated by law.

As you read our 2014 Annual Report, we hope that you will get a sense of the broad and impactful work that LAFLA does for and with our clients. We hope that you will marvel at our clients' tenacity and their quiet dignity. Our clients are fighters – they need to be in order to handle their formidable challenges. On a daily basis, our clients fight to defend their housing rights; keep their children with relative caregivers rather than being placed in foster care; or protect themselves from spousal abuse. LAFLA's staff helps clients reach self-sufficiency, including our veterans who fought bravely in faraway countries and now have to fight the Veterans Administration for benefits and health care; young adults fighting to find and keep a job after changing their lives and clearing their record; and seniors who need assistance because they cannot make ends meet despite having worked their entire lives. Our work is as much about restoring benefits, housing and jobs, as it is about restoring our clients' faith in the system – both public and private.

Our work doesn't just affect individual clients, it ripples out to our larger communities, and we believe it transforms our neighborhoods, our cities, our county and our state.

Just as those scrappy law students and lawyers understood when LAFLA began in 1929, lack of money should not be a barrier to obtaining justice. LAFLA, along with our pro bono partners, legal services allies and donors, continues the work began in 1929 to make the quest for equal justice possible.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin T. Tachiki".

Martin T. Tachiki
Board President
Santa Monica City Attorney's Office (Retired)



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Silvia R. Argueta".

Silvia R. Argueta
Executive Director
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

An Overview of WHAT WE DO

EVICITION DEFENSE CENTER

- Provides free direct representation for indigent individuals and families facing eviction
- Negotiates with landlords to ensure families can stay in their homes
- Defends residents of public housing and Section 8 voucher holders against losing their housing or housing subsidy
- Helps clients living in uninhabitable conditions to get reductions in rent

ECONOMIC STABILITY

- Assists vulnerable populations in getting needed benefits for basic needs: food, medical care or services
- Fights wage theft, wrongful terminations and discriminatory employment practices
- Removes barriers to employment related to criminal records so that individuals can become or stay employed
- Discharges student loans based on disability or school fraud

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

- Addresses systems change through litigation, policy and education aimed creating and preserving affordable housing and homeownership opportunities
- Increases economic power
- Preserves civil rights
- Seeks environmental justice on behalf of poor and low income residents
- Partners with community-based organizations to build healthy, economically vibrant neighborhoods

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

- Helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault get restraining orders, divorces, child custody, visitation and support
- Secures the return of concealed and abducted children
- Supports torture victims seeking asylum in the United States with the immigration process
- Represents survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assaults and other serious crimes to obtain protection and permanent residency

- Offers legal help to families facing health crises and domestic violence through the Greater Long Beach Medical-Legal Partnership
- Protects vulnerable unaccompanied children throughout the immigration process
- Provides comprehensive case management to victims of domestic violence and survivors of torture

VETERANS JUSTICE CENTER

- Obtains life-sustaining income, health, and housing benefits so veterans can thrive
- Prevents veteran homelessness by fighting wrongful evictions
- Removes barriers to employment to promote veteran self-sufficiency
- Advocates to upgrade unjust less-than-honorable military discharges
- Works with hundreds of pro bono legal volunteers annually to hold large-scale legal clinics for homeless veterans

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

- Advocates for language services in civil courts, administrative proceedings, and other government agencies for limited-English proficient clients
- Provides legal help in all areas of practice including family law, immigration and government benefits in Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, Khmer and Thai

SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS

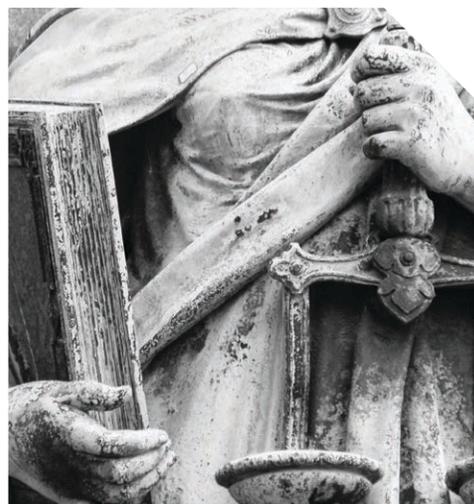
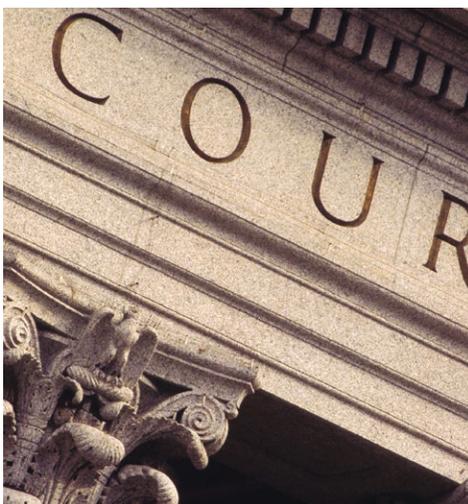
(Inglewood, Torrance, Santa Monica and Long Beach)

- Assist self-represented litigants regardless of income or immigration status by completing and reviewing court forms with issues involving family law, evictions, and a limited range of other civil matters
- Provide attorney referrals for other areas of law

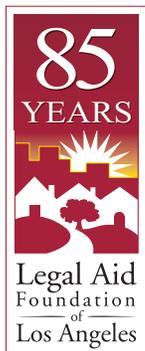
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINICS

(Downtown LA, Santa Monica and Long Beach)

- Provide holistic help to survivors of domestic violence, including:
 - Restraining orders
 - Custody arrangements
 - Property control orders



Celebrating 85 Years as LOS ANGELES' CHAMPION OF JUSTICE



To help celebrate its 85th anniversary as the frontline law firm of the poor of Los Angeles, LAFLA held its 16th annual Access to Justice Dinner on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The Access to Justice Dinner salutes distinguished individuals, law firms and corporations for their commitment to social justice and the communities LAFLA serves. Funds raised from this event help LAFLA serve poor and low-income households endangered by domestic violence, slum housing, lack of access to medical care and other deprivations resulting from poverty.

The dinner raised over \$500,000 to fund LAFLA's vital services. We especially want to thank our Benefactor Sponsors who made the dinner possible: Bingham McCutchen LLP (now part of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP), Jenner & Block LLP, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP and Reed Smith LLP.

The Board of Directors of Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles was proud to honor the women and men of LAFLA with the 2014 Access to Justice Award for 85 years of sacrifice, professionalism and dedication in serving the poor and underserved of Los Angeles. Starting in September 1929 with a single office, LAFLA has grown to be the only network of community legal aid offices covering the greater Los Angeles region. With five neighborhood offices, three Domestic Violence Clinics and four Self-Help Legal Access Centers, attorneys, paralegals and support staff, LAFLA's advocates assisted nearly 80,000 individuals with direct legal representation, self-help instruction and referrals in 2014.

LAFLA's staff aims to assist clients in their efforts to preserve their homes, maintain economic stability and protect their families while also promoting safety, security, and human and civil rights in our communities.

Thank you all for your support of the
16th Annual Access to Justice Dinner!



Mercedes Lopez and Jeanne Nishimoto, representing the entire LAFLA staff, receive the Access to Justice Award from Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.



The Honorable Laurie D. Zelon is honored with the Maynard Toll Award for Distinguished Public Service.



Law firm Reed Smith LLP is recognized for its pro bono service. From L-R: Christopher Rivas, Rita Tuzon of Fox Cable Networks, John Hooper and Managing Partner Sandy Thomas.

Our Community, THEIR STORIES

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER PROJECT:

Woman, Daughters Get Protection from Abuser

Ever since Hyun Suk married her husband, he accused her of infidelity. When their second daughter was born, he even said that she did not look like him and might not be his child.

A few years later, the family moved to the US. The move did not yield the financial fortunes they were hoping for. They were not making enough to make ends meet, so Hyun Suk took a job in a restaurant. This only inflamed her husband's jealousy, and he accused his wife of having a relationship with one of her co-workers. The financial strain caused him to drink heavily and strike out against his wife.

He once came home drunk and beat her with a metal spoon. He abruptly left the house, causing her to panic and call the police – she was afraid that he would get in a car crash because he was so drunk. When the police arrived, officers saw the bruises on her arms and legs and dried blood on the side of her neck. The officers asked her questions about

what happened and requested that she call them the next time there was another episode of violence. About a month later, he again came home drunk, argued with her, and slapped her across the face. She said she wanted a divorce. He responded by grabbing a chair and breaking it over her head. She blocked the chair, and shouted to her two daughters that he was going to kill her. Her daughters called 911, police came, and he was arrested.

After the arrest, Hyun Suk obtained a protective order for herself and her daughters. LAFLA Directing Attorney Joann Lee helped her to file a U Visa petition. In 2014, she and her two daughters received legal permanent residence cards, allowing them to graduate from high school and launch their college careers.

From L-R: Emily, Hyun Suk and Jessica.



VETERANS JUSTICE CENTER: *Father Fights for Autistic Son*

Eddie needed help. The single father of three young sons was having a hard time raising his 11-year-old son, Jazon, who is severely autistic. Because of his condition, Jazon had to be coaxed to eat, to bathe himself and to help clean up the house.

Whenever his father was not in the room, a panicked Jazon would bang his head against the windows, thinking he had been abandoned. Jazon's outbursts were unpredictable and sometimes ended up with him getting hurt. After school one day, he tried to climb out of his bedroom window because his teacher had been out sick.

Eddie applied for in-home care benefits for Jazon, so that he could help care for his son. But the county found that Jazon did not need the help after a short, 10-minute visit from a social worker. Eddie continued to struggle with getting Jazon to school and getting him to eat. LAFLA Veterans Justice Center Attorney Nicole Perez lobbied the county to get the denial overturned, showing that the in-home care was crucial to help Jazon learn normal life skills. Through Nicole's efforts, Eddie and his son obtained \$20,000 to provide for the in-home help they needed to get Jazon on a path toward autonomy.



From L-R: Eddie Jr., Isaac, Eddie, Jazon (now 14) and Jason.

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP: *Woman and family finally find refuge*

Yesenia finally felt safe enough to talk after her husband had been placed on a 72-hour psychiatric hold. She told a social worker at The Children's Clinic that her husband had abused her for years.

He always told her that if she reported the abuse he would have her deported and that she would never see her two daughters ever again. In fact, she was in removal proceedings because of a failed immigration petition. And during the course of the interview for restraining orders, her two adult daughters disclosed that their father had sexually abused them throughout their childhood. Yesenia and both her daughters received 5-year restraining orders. As part of the Greater Long Beach Medical-Legal Partnership, LAFLA attorney Kate Marr helped her file for divorce.

About two weeks later, Yesenia was leaving the hospital with one of her daughters and her grandson when her husband ran out of nowhere and forced himself in their car. He held a knife to Yesenia's throat and threatened to kill them all. Her daughter was able to call 911, and he was arrested. She cooperated with law enforcement, and he was eventually convicted and sentenced to five years in prison. Because of her cooperation with law enforcement, Yesenia became eligible for a U Visa, which was granted in 2014. The family is now healing with the help of therapy, and she and her daughters no longer live in fear.

HOUSING: *Sanctuary for Terminally Ill Patient*

Sherry is a terminal cancer patient who was being harassed by her landlords. She had lived in her rent-controlled apartment in Santa Monica for about 30 years.

After Sherry informed one of her landlords that she would be receiving hospice in her apartment, her landlord's demeanor changed, and on multiple occasions made rude remarks to her, including one incident in which Sherry was walking her dog and the landlord shouted "I want the old lady and her dog out!" On another occasion, the other landlord demanded that she move her car that he said was improperly parked, which did not make sense, given that she parks in a two-car garage and the person she shares her garage with was out of town. Sherry had simply requested that she be able to pre-pay her rent and also be given a receipt upon paying her rent which the landlord refused to do. After negotiating with the landlord, LAFLA Senior Attorney Denise McGranahan helped get Sherry her requested accommodations.



EVICITION DEFENSE CENTER: *Secure at Home*

Jose was always prompt with paying his rent, but now he and his three daughters were facing eviction. New owners had recently bought the building that he called home for over 18 years.

But he didn't know about this change in ownership nor did he know that they wanted to evict him. It was only when he dutifully went to pay his rent at their office that he found out about the eviction.

The new owners had sent all tenants in the building new instructions for how to pay rent – but the notice was only in English. Jose primarily speaks Spanish, and used his limited understanding of English to decipher the already confusing notice. He sent his rent to the new landlord's mailing address, but did not know that they wanted it sent to their office address. Twice he went to pay his rent at their office. Twice he was refused. And now the landlord wanted him out. His apartment had serious issues – the unsafe heater would often throw sparks into the room, and mice readily scurried across his floors. He often bought traps a half a dozen at a time to fight them off. And an ongoing roach infestation only added to the problem.

LAFLA attorneys Cassandra Riles and Jenifer Wiseman took on the case.

When the case went to trial, it only took the jury three hours to decide in Jose' favor. He was able to stay in his longtime home and his landlord finally fumigated, fixed the heater, and fixed the electrical issues in the apartment.

HOUSING:

Hurricane Katrina Survivor Weathers Another Storm

Janet arrived in Los Angeles in 2005 after her home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. She was also suffering from multiple sclerosis, a disease that paralyzed her and required her to use a wheelchair.

After four years of searching throughout the area, she was finally able to find an apartment that was both wheelchair accessible and accepted Section 8 vouchers. Because of her disability she could not work – her only income was an \$830 check she received from Social Security.

In early 2011, Janet's landlord failed to get a 15% rent increase from the Housing Authority. The landlord quickly tried to evict Janet without good cause as required by the city's rent control law. To defend Janet against the eviction, LAFLA attorneys teamed up with pro bono attorneys from Munger, Tolles & Olson. The attorneys from both firms fought against the landlord abuse and discrimination clear in this case.

In November 2011, the eviction was stopped and the landlord agreed to settle the case. But just two days later, the landlord tried to evict Janet again. She had gotten a dog, who she named Angel, to comfort her through her illness. The landlord said having Angel live with her violated the lease.

A second lawsuit was filed, suing the landlord for disability discrimination – she did not provide a reasonable accommodation to let Angel stay with Janet. During the litigation process, which took nearly two years, Janet and her attorneys found out the landlord's true intention was to get rid of her as a tenant by refusing to grant a reasonable accommodation. A settlement was reached just before trial. The settlement required the landlord to rescind all her eviction notices, prohibits the landlord from trying to evict Janet in the future unless a valid lease violation happens, and compensated Janet \$30,000 for the considerable stress the whole eviction process caused. Janet was finally able to keep Angel without worrying she'd be evicted. She continues to live close to her doctors, caregivers and friends in her wheelchair accessible home with Angel by her side.

IMPACT ADVOCACY:

Special Order Clears Backlog for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence

Crime victims and domestic violence victims who are not yet permanent residents or citizens are often placed in a precarious situation with regard to their status. Going back to their home country is often not an option, but staying in the United States can pose a threat to their safety.

These victims are eligible for U Nonimmigrant Status (also known as a U Visa). In order to obtain this visa, the victim must cooperate with law enforcement during the investigation and prosecution of the perpetrator. Law enforcement confirms the victim's cooperation by signing a form that is crucial to the approval of a U Visa.

Historically, law enforcement had sometimes delayed signing the form, or determined that the U Visa-eligible victims were not substantially harmed by the crimes committed against them. LAFLA and other Violence Against Women Act Network agencies fought against this lack of cooperation and ultimately won with Special Order No. 7 issued by the LAPD in May 2014.

Three things stand out in the special order. First, law enforcement personnel were ordered not to determine whether the victim was substantially harmed – that duty goes to US Citizen and Immigration Services, which ultimately approves or denies the visa. Second, cases where the crime happened before 2000 are certified. Third, the law enforcement must respond to the victim's request in 30 days. LAFLA staff and their partners continue to monitor the implementation and effects of the revised policy.



NEW BUILDING EXTERIOR



LOBBY AREA



CHILDREN'S INTAKE ROOM

Building Justice CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

After four years of planning and two years of fundraising, we are excited to report that we will break ground on our new headquarters in early 2016. Support from the community, law firms and corporations has been humbling and we wouldn't be in the position we are today without the leadership of our Building Justice Campaign Chairs Brad Brian and Glenn Pomerantz of Munger, Tolles and Olson and Jim Hornstein of Moldex-Metric Inc. Brad, Glenn and Jim have been instrumental in the success of this project and will continue fundraising as we start construction with the goal of a debt-free facility. The new building will greatly enhance our capacity to provide high-quality legal services to poor and low-income people through long-overdue and much-needed infrastructure and technology upgrades.

The former downtown facility at West 8th Street and Union Avenue was in desperate need of repair. The timing was right to consolidate two of our offices into one and construct a new headquarters on the land that we own in downtown Los Angeles. This area for years has been ideally located for clients who are residents of Pico-Union and Koreatown,

two of the poorest neighborhoods in Los Angeles. We are proud to make this our headquarters.

Our vision is and has always been communities where everyone has access to justice that protects their home, livelihood, health and equality. LAFLA has more locations in neighborhoods where low-income people live and work than any other legal services provider in the region. And to reach beyond our individual clients and make a wider impact, LAFLA actively collaborates with a network of public and private partners including community-based organizations, government agencies and academic institutions.

Your support is still needed. Please take time to read through this year's annual report to understand the incredible work LAFLA staff and volunteers are doing in our community every day. Our new headquarters will benefit all of Los Angeles and help revitalize the downtown area. Join us in making our vision of access to justice for everyone a reality.

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51,082

Number of hours
donated by private
attorneys to
LAFLA in 2014

1,737,224

Number of Los Angeles County residents
living in poverty

24

Number of
organizations created
or expanded due to
LAFLA's efforts



126,000

Total number of calls received
on LAFLA's intake line in 2014

\$878,204

Value of health care gained
through LAFLA's efforts

\$1,506,917

Value of essential safety net programs gained
through LAFLA's efforts

590,910

Number of children
facing hunger in
Los Angeles County



53,786

Total number of lawyers admitted
to practice in Los Angeles County

63

Number of
attorneys
at LAFLA

2.7

Average number of civil legal problems poor families face each year



\$950,000

Amount gained for care of foster children

\$375M vs \$2B

Annual amount designated for the Legal Services Corporation compared to the amount Americans spend on chewing gum

21

Number of languages spoken by LAFLA clients

77.8%

Percentage of poor families that spend more than half their income on housing



\$2,399,031

Value of veterans' benefits

\$1,997,444

Value of housing preserved

\$531,596

Amount of back wages we secured for clients



\$41,079

Amount of student loan debt discharged



55,000

Number of people helped at our four self-help centers in 2014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles is a California nonprofit corporation

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2014 with comparative totals for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 3,279,138	\$ 1,601,014
Clients' trust deposits	487	699,791
Grants receivables	1,169,900	912,584
Pledges receivables, net of discount of \$203,687	5,042,816	3,927,046
Other receivables	88,403	157,978
Prepaid expenses and deposits	168,770	121,922
Investments	5,907,532	5,798,566
Land held for sale	10,000	10,000
Property and equipment	5,936,590	5,525,184
Total assets	\$21,603,636	\$18,754,085
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 375,291	\$ 413,395
Accrued liabilities	1,173,201	1,100,417
Clients' trust deposits payable	487	699,791
Accrued unemployment liability	140,000	110,000
Deferred revenue	202,561	246,712
Line of credit	2,614,895	2,614,895
Total liabilities	\$ 4,506,435	\$ 5,185,210
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	7,797,889	7,713,958
Unrestricted board designed	1,946,653	1,946,653
Temporarily restricted	7,344,002	3,899,607
Permanently restricted	8,657	8,657
Total net assets	\$17,097,201	\$13,568,875
Total liabilities and net assets	\$21,603,636	\$18,754,085

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles is a California nonprofit corporation

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2014 with comparative totals for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013

	2014	2013
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Government contracts	\$ 9,146,953	\$ 10,439,645
Donated services	6,646,782	7,876,177
Contributions - capital campaign	4,135,693	4,974,118
Grants and contributions	1,911,550	2,658,988
Special events (net of expenses of \$307,369)	460,505	498,304
Attorney fees	446,206	324,494
Clinical support	156,832	77,831
Miscellaneous income	54,068	95,221
Interest income	53,076	2,505
Total revenue and support	\$ 23,011,665	\$ 26,947,283
EXPENSES		
Program services	\$ 17,194,540	\$ 19,528,154
Support services	1,968,023	2,280,086
Fundraising services	234,220	293,804
Total expenses	\$ 19,396,783	\$ 22,102,044
Changes in net assets before other income	3,614,882	4,845,239
Other income		
(Loss) gain on investments	\$ (35,038)	\$ 33,783
Discount on pledge receivable	(51,518)	(152,169)
Total other income	(86,556)	(118,386)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	13,568,875	8,842,022
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 17,097,201	\$ 13,568,875

PRO BONO HONOR ROLL 2014

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PRO BONO: *An Integral Part of Access to Justice*

Pro bono attorneys are a vital part of extending LAFLA's reach in our communities. Volunteer attorneys provide their time and expertise to clients who would otherwise be turned away due to lack of resources.

LAFLA's pro bono partners continue to help bridge the justice gap. More than 1,400 volunteer attorneys, law students and paralegals donated more than 51,000 hours of their time in 2014. This pro bono support amounted to more than \$6.6 million in free legal assistance for our clients. Even more importantly, this support helps expand access to justice for thousands of people in need.

Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence

LAFLA partnered with pro bono attorneys from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and students from the University of California, Irvine School of Law to help change the lives of crime victims. LAFLA immigration attorney Dominique Quevedo worked with eight attorneys from Orrick's Los Angeles and Orange County offices and 20 law students from UCI to prepare permanency applications for 16 immigrant survivors of domestic violence.

LAFLA's clients had requested and received legal status in the United States due to their victimization, usually for domestic violence or child abuse. The attorney/student partners helped the clients prepare their applications for U Visas now that they are eligible for permanent legal residency.

After extensive training from Quevedo and Orrick attorneys, students helped interview applicants and organized their files. Orrick attorneys then took on the cases pro bono to help the applicants through the US Citizenship and Immigration Services system.

LAFLA thanks the UCI law students who volunteered and the Orrick attorneys who helped change the lives of 16 vulnerable people. Orrick is a true pro bono champion for not only taking on additional pro bono cases, but for also providing thoughtful training, supervision, mentorship and guidance to law students who are learning the trade.

Providing Veterans with Overall Service

LAFLA staff coordinated the legal portion of the Los Angeles Veterans & Families Stand Down, an event designed to serve the needs of homeless and otherwise vulnerable veterans with legal, medical, dental and other services. More than 100 volunteers were recruited to help provide direct legal services during the two-day event. As a result of the event, more than 300 veterans were helped and 500 cases were opened. LAFLA was recognized as a leader in veteran legal services delivery and received a certificate of recognition from the L.A. Mayor's Office.

At a time when demand for our legal services continues to surge, we appreciate the firms and individuals who helped make 2014 a strong pro bono year. They have demonstrated their commitment to our client community and mission and are grateful for the continuing support in the coming years.

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