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# I N T R O D U C T I O N

**Good work takes time.** You hold in your hands a celebration of the many successes achieved through legal aid in 2022. Several of the stories, however, were years in the making.

- 603 Legal Aid Pro Bono volunteer, Roger Phillips, spent seven years helping an elderly woman fight a forged power of attorney that threatened her family's home.
- NH Legal Assistance (NHLA) paralegal Megan Dillon worked throughout the COVID pandemic to help a group of clients, all women with disabilities, fight to fix a broken system that denied them vital medical insurance.
- Since 2017, legal aid advocates have been strengthening connections with New Hampshire's Nepali refugees to ensure vulnerable families with limited English proficiency receive equal protections under the law.
- After decades on the bench watching pro se litigants struggle, the Honorable Edward "Ned" Gordon dedicated his recent term in the state legislature to a pioneering project that expands the ranks of legal service providers by empowering paralegals when and where they are needed most.
- And then there's Jack. *"It was a race against time,"* said his NHLA attorney, Stephanie Bray. Jack, a retired Marine, was driven to despair when he faced tax deeding on his home after losing income during the pandemic. Two days before he was to be locked out, Stephanie secured federal aid that saved Jack's home.

I hope these stories fill you with pride. You helped make them possible. When you give to the NH

Campaign for Legal Services, you provide critical support that *gives staff the time* it takes to do this work.

The Campaign pursues a vital mission: to level the playing field of civil justice by supporting the work of NHLA and 603 Legal Aid. Community support for legal aid remains vital to the success of that mission.

Shockingly, there is less than one legal aid attorney for every 10,000 residents living with low income in New Hampshire. For all the battles they fight, the hardest moments for many staff at NHLA and 603 Legal Aid are not in a courtroom. Instead, they are during their weekly case review meetings when staff agonize over cases just like these; cases they know can be won, but which they cannot accept because *they simply do not have the time and resources.*

By supporting the Campaign, you are helping NHLA and 603 Legal Aid reach more people, in more parts of the state. Your support enables legal aid staff to provide advice, guidance and critical referrals. Just as importantly, your contribution gives assurance to people that someone is listening; that help is available; that yes, they have legal rights; and yes, we will protect them.

Together, we can *make this the time when equal access to justice becomes a reality* for everyone in New Hampshire. On behalf of my colleagues on the Campaign's Leadership Council, thank you for being part of this work with us.



Megan Hilson  
Campaign Leadership Council Chair  
In House Counsel, Brady Sullivan Properties

# YOUR GUIDE TO LEGAL

The NH Campaign for Legal Services  
is the joint fundraising effort for  
New Hampshire's two civil legal aid  
organizations:



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
LEGAL  
ASSISTANCE



Both organizations  
provide

- ▶ Policy advocacy
- ▶ Federal court litigation

- ▶ Civil legal information
- ▶ Counsel and advice
- ▶ Direct representation in all of New Hampshire's courts and in many administrative proceedings
- ▶ Community outreach
- ▶ Expert referrals to other resources

- ▶ Unrepresented litigant support
- ▶ Pro Bono services

According to the National Center for Access to Justice,  
**There is less than one legal aid attorney for every  
10,000 New Hampshire residents with low-income.**

Applicants face delays connecting with our intake staff, and too often, our advocates turn away eligible clients because we don't have staff or volunteer capacity. Increased community support will mean more intake staff and more advocates to represent and advise more clients.

# AID IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**1,052** EVICTION CASES

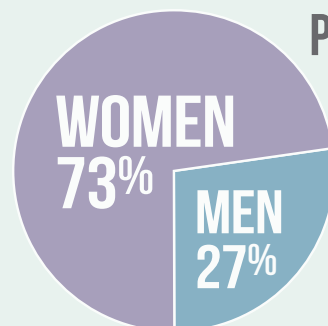
**401** INCOME/  
BENEFITS CASES

**473** DV-RELATED CASES

**1,445** CHILDREN

**1,298**  
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY  
DV/FAMILY CASES

Both 603LA and NHLA focus on legal services related to the basic necessities of life including safety, housing, health care, and subsistence income.



PEOPLE WHO  
RECEIVED  
SERVICES

**10,731**  
PEOPLE  
HELPED

## 603 LEGAL AID (603LA)

hosts the New Hampshire statewide centralized intake for people seeking civil legal services. 603LA also maintains a vibrant volunteer recruitment, training, and coordination program for lawyers who want to volunteer their time and expertise to assist clients who otherwise cannot afford legal representation.



VALUE:  
**\$1,611,912**

## NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGAL ASSISTANCE (NHLA)

operates five branch law offices in Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Manchester, and Portsmouth. NHLA advocates routinely appear in all of New Hampshire's state and federal courts, as well as before myriad federal, state, and local government agencies.



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# SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF JUSTICE

*Dhan Timsina held the notice in his hand:* The property manager of his apartment complex alleged he owed hundreds of dollars in additional rent, an unexpected bill he couldn't afford, and one he knew he didn't owe.

Dhan had come to New Hampshire as a refugee from Bhutan, and he lived in an apartment complex in Concord known for housing immigrant families through a subsidized housing program. A housing authority pays a certain percentage; the tenants' portion depends on their income each month. Many tenants with low incomes work retail or maintenance jobs, and the hours they work can fluctuate considerably month to month.

Dhan knew that he had paid the correct rent every month, and he had documents to prove it. The debt was erased, and Dhan has since moved out with his family.

"I was able to get this problem fixed myself because I speak good English," he said. "If others don't understand what is going on or they don't keep accurate records, they could run into trouble and possibly be evicted. They trust blindly that the management will treat them fairly."

But he has seen other tenants, particularly new Americans, overpay rent or face wrongful evictions.

As far back as 2017, NHLA staff attorneys Steve Tower, Kerstin Cornell, and Lindsay Lincoln worked with different families within the apartment complex to resolve rent overcharges. Those initial families spoke about legal aid to others, who reached out for assistance. Recognizing that this community faces ongoing civil legal needs, NHLA started prioritizing outreach to Nepali immigrants.

Dhan is now the board chairperson of Building Community in New Hampshire, a nonprofit that helps refugees rebuild their lives. Among many other jobs, he helps tenants gather necessary documents to apply for legal aid.

"Dhan and BCNH have been a big help. Stronger connections with Nepali community organizations will help us better represent this community," Steve said. "Most of NHLA's information is in English or Spanish. We need to work extra hard to make sure other communities know we exist."

NHLA hired Pritisha Pradhan in 2022 as an administrative assistant, and an asset for the program's language access services. Pritisha comes to NHLA with experience working as an interpreter and translator for Nepali and Hindi speakers.

"Navigating the legal system is hard enough for English speakers," Pritisha said. "We're making sure to provide clients with interpreters for the language they speak so they're able to communicate with us freely and without any hindrance. We also provide translated letters to clients in their language, so they fully understand what we are trying to communicate with them."

The effort and progress made so far has Dhan feeling optimistic that more non-English speaking residents in New Hampshire will have an easier time getting systemwide assistance when they need it.

"The legal systems in the countries these people come from may be very corrupt. When they see letters from a New Hampshire court, for instance, they panic," Dhan said. "I'm very happy that New Hampshire Legal Assistance is committed to defending these families as they work to rebuild their lives."

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# FIGHTING FOR HOME

*Jack purchased his home in the quiet woods of Middleton* in May 2018 with cash, planning to stay there for the rest of his life. Shortly after buying it, he used all of his remaining money to put in new plumbing. A string of injuries and medical issues since then prevented Jack from working and earning income for the next three years.

Although Jack, a retired Marine, receives federal disability benefits, he hadn't been able to pay his property taxes while out of work. The town obtained a tax lien; one day, a town official and local law enforcement officer appeared at the end of his driveway to tell Jack to vacate the property in a few weeks.

"I said, 'Okay, I'll just sell the house and pay back the taxes.' But she said, 'You don't own the house anymore. We took it from you.' And I said, 'I have a doctor's note to tell you what's happening to me. I just ran into a streak of bad luck and it's been hard for me.' I want to pay it. I feel awful I can't pay it."

Jack felt overwhelmed and hopeless. He couldn't sleep and didn't know where to turn for help.

"I fought for this country. I paid cash for this home. How can they take this from me? I don't understand it," he said. He felt hopeless thinking of becoming homeless. "But I'm a fighter. I wasn't going to take the weak way out."

Jack's Veterans Affairs case worker said legal aid might be able to help. A new federal program called the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) was about to launch to help homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with their mortgages, property taxes, or utility bills.

NHLA and 603 Legal Aid work with the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority to help HAF applicants who are at immediate threat of homelessness due to a tax deed or a foreclosure, as Jack was.

Jack was one of the first applicants to the program, and the first referred to NHLA and 603 Legal Aid. He worked with NHLA staff attorney Stephanie Bray to get a discretionary stay until his application could be approved and the town could receive the money.

"It was a race against time," Stephanie said. "It was like a patient coming into a hospital on a stretcher, flatlined. The tax deed had already happened. The eviction notice was already served. It was really late in the game. To make matters worse, I wasn't hearing from the town while I was also putting pressure on the HAF program to get the money freed up."

Two days before Jack was to be evicted, the money came through and the town recorded the deed granting the home back to him. In further good news, as a senior and a veteran, Jack qualifies for tax exemptions and deferrals reducing his future tax burden.

Jack remained safely housed with his dog and has storage space for his tools and equipment, ready for when he is able to return to work.

"Thank God there are people like Stephanie who help people like me. And this program being here is a huge blessing."



# PROTECTING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

*“Maria’s first contact with ‘Joe’ was an unsolicited message*

he sent her on Facebook. She ignored it for two months but she was intrigued by his descriptions of raising his children all on his own, and began communicating with him.

Eventually, he visited her in her native country in Central America, persuaded her to marry him, and brought her – with her two daughters – back to live with him in New Hampshire.

Looking back, Maria sees red flags early in their relationship, particularly Joe’s attempts to isolate and control her. Once in New Hampshire, however, the abuse became unmistakable, escalating from debilitating emotional and economic abuse to physical violence.

After five years, she successfully freed herself and her daughters. She credits the police, her daughters, and her crisis center advocates, as well as the medical staff who told her about the resources available to domestic violence victims.

But the abuse left physical scars and more, including a daunting federal tax liability that Maria had no ability to pay.

Each year of their marriage, Joe prepared a joint return showing a balance due and told her to sign it. Maria spoke little English, and did not know of her right to file separately and keep his tax problems off of her record. Thus, year after year, the debt mounted, accumulating interest and penalties all the while.

Ending the marriage did not automatically end Maria’s portion of the tax debt. Fortunately, Maria’s crisis center advocate knew about 603 Legal Aid’s Low-Income Taxpayer Project. With the help of her crisis center advocate and 603 Legal Aid, Maria gathered the documentation of her abuse and submitted an application for “innocent spouse relief.”

One year, two months, and 18 days later, the IRS determined that Maria was entitled to full relief from the joint federal tax liability. Still hesitant in English, Maria rarely emailed 603 Legal Aid directly, usually communicating through her crisis center advocate who served as translator during the process. But when 603 Legal Aid shared the IRS decision, Maria replied quickly: “This is great news! Thank you so much!”

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*Deb thanking Megan*

# P E R S E V E R A N C E

*Karen worked in higher ed administration.*

Deb assisted in the controller's office at a tech company. Tina worked at a retail store.

Each of them suffered a debilitating medical condition that left them unable to work full-time, and each sought help through a state-funded health insurance program called Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities, or MEAD.

"I'm driven," Karen said. "I want to get out and be engaged to the best of my ability. It's not good for my mental or even my physical health to stay home and do nothing. It's just that I can't contribute on a full-time basis."

But despite being qualified for the MEAD program, they were each denied.

"They told me they rejected me from a program I knew I hadn't applied for," Karen said. "Then they determined I couldn't be disabled, even though I was only working 10 hours a week, in a position that offered me lots of support."

And meanwhile, the stress piled on for clients like Deb.

"I could only afford the co-payments. The rest was going onto my credit card debt, to collection agencies. It was awful," she said.

The pattern stood out to NHLA Benefits Project Co-Director Megan Dillon.

"These are individuals who have been determined disabled by the Social Security Administration and in most cases, receiving disability for many years," she said.

"Their complicated medical needs are often not fully covered by Medicare alone. The purpose of the MEAD program is to provide necessary medical coverage to working adults with disabilities. Despite meeting all criteria, they were being improperly denied, forcing them into medical debt they could not afford."

Megan and other NHLA staff worked on each appeal. In the process, they saw that the state applied a far more restrictive definition for disability to determine MEAD eligibility than even the federal government.

The COVID-19 pandemic turned months into years. Dillon and other NHLA staff continued, on behalf of Karen, Deb, Tina and two other clients until the state proposed rules that make it easier for working disabled adults to access MEAD.

For the clients, it wasn't just what NHLA did, but *how*.

"I felt like I had somebody who was on my side against the state, and I wasn't made to feel like a charity case. I was treated with respect and with dignity," said Karen.

"There were so many times I wanted to tell Megan forget it, to give up," says Deb. "But she was so determined that we were going to win and fix things for everyone coming up. I stayed in it for all the future people."


TJ is one of those people. TJ was denied MEAD benefits and called NHLA in January 2023 for help appealing. By June, their benefits were approved.

"Without MEAD, I can't pay for the medications and services that enable me to work. MEAD will allow me to continue functioning in society," TJ said. "Megan got the job done."

Dillon continues to hear from people like TJ, improperly denied MEAD, meaning further policy change and advocacy may be required. She says will continue to fight for working adults with disabilities.

"These individuals, despite their significant medical impairments, are trying to remain in the work force," she said. "They should have the critical medical coverage they require and are entitled to."

*The Hon. Ned Gordon  
with NHLA paralegal  
Erin Jasina*



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# EXPANDING ACCESS

*New Hampshire scored a significant victory* in the mission to close the access to justice gap with the passage of a new pilot program – one of the first of its kind in the country – allowing paraprofessionals to represent clients in court in certain cases. New Hampshire Legal Assistance led legislative efforts on the pilot program's adoption.

"There is less than one civil legal aid attorney for every 10,000 people with low income in New Hampshire. We have to find new ways of getting civil legal services to people who need them," said NHLA Executive Director Sarah Mattson Dustin. "Expanding the work that paraprofessionals do is going to be a big part of the solution."

"This pilot, this experiment, will be one of the most meaningful steps that our state will have taken to address the access to justice issue," said New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald. "Fewer of our fellow citizens will be there standing alone on a very important day in their life."

Mattson Dustin and MacDonald both testified in favor of the program in front of the state legislature. Also involved in bringing the program to fruition was Ned Gordon, a retired judge, who in his last term as a state representative from Bristol, sponsored the bill authorizing the program's creation.

"As a judge in the Family Division, I frequently saw people unrepresented who unfortunately were not well-served by the system," he said. "It seemed to me that we need to provide legal services to people who have a great need, particularly where there's children involved, because it can have an enormous impact on their lives as well."

The pilot program took effect January 1, 2023. It authorizes paraprofessionals to represent clients in court in certain housing, domestic violence, stalking, and family law cases in the Family and District

Divisions for Manchester, Franklin, and Berlin.

The program is available to clients who earn up to 300% of the federal poverty level (\$40,770 for a one-person household, \$54,930 for a two-person household). Participating paraprofessionals must hold either a bachelor's degree in any field or an associate's degree in a law-related field, as well as at least two years of work experience in a law-related setting. They must also work under the supervision of an active attorney.

Erin Jasina, a paraprofessional with NHLA and the director of NHLA's Domestic Violence Advocacy Project, handled the first case under the program – a final protective order hearing in a Family Division court – in January.

Jasina's client reported feeling validated and grateful to have an advocate beside her during the hearing. Afterward, the judge invited Jasina to her chamber, and praised her performance.

"She said I did a wonderful job and that she thought this pilot project will help a lot of people in New Hampshire," said Jasina. "It's amazing to have judicial support for this project. And I have already had people at trainings with the NH Women's Bar Association and the NH Paralegal Association asking how they can help out. We want paraprofessionals to feel empowered to do this work, and it's encouraging to have lawyers supporting us and wanting to see us succeed."

The next steps of the pilot program hopefully include expanding services offered statewide.

"I give lots of credit to the staff of NHLA for initiating efforts in the program," Gordon said. "I am hoping as time passes, people see that it can be successful and more people will agree to participate."

# ANSWERING

*Sandra's little blue house in the heart of Salem holds many special memories for her.*

She currently lives in the house with her son and her sister, and hosts frequent visits from her grandchildren. Inside, photos and heirlooms line the walls and cover shelves, each chronicling a piece of her family's story.

While Sandra looks forward to spending many more years in her family home, she almost lost it forever. It started in 2007, when her son's then-fiancé contacted her about borrowing some money.

"She wanted me to borrow \$40,000 using my house as security to save her house from foreclosure," Sandra explained. "Because this house had been paid off for a long time, there was a lot of equity. She said she was going to pay it back in three months. I told her to let me think about it."

Two days later, the woman called Sandra again and asked once more for the money. She was in tears and said she really needed it.

"So, I agreed," said Sandra. "And she said she'd call me back."

A month went by, and Sandra had not heard from her. She called and even went to the woman's home to try and find her, to no avail. A few more months later, Sandra's brother came to the house with distressing news.



# THE CALL

“He found an article in the newspaper that said my house was up for auction. And I freaked out,” she said.

The woman had taken a \$100,000 mortgage on the house through a forged power of attorney.

“My heart just broke in half,” Sandra said. “Here I am trying to help my son’s fiancée, the mother of my grandchildren. I figure she has a good job and she’ll pay it back. But I found out later that she was (struggling with addiction). It was just a terrible situation all around.”

Sandra’s daughter found an attorney to stop the auction. However, Sandra was still responsible for making payments on the \$100,000 mortgage. The lawyer who stopped the auction soon retired, leaving Sandra with no one to help her.

“I started looking again, and that is when I found Roger,” she said.

Roger Phillips’ Concord law practice specializes in representing clients in debt collection and credit reporting matters. He also serves as a member of the 603 Legal Aid’s Pro Bono Foreclosure Relief Project.

“There are many times when poor people are sued by banks or debt collectors for debts they do not owe,” said Roger. “I got involved in this case because a bank and its collectors refused to listen to and believe Sandra, who had clear evidence of fraud.”

Roger spent 1,000 hours on Sandra’s case and with the help of pro bono advances, hired a forensic handwriting expert to prove the power of attorney used to take out the mortgage on Sandra’s home was a forgery. After more than seven years of litigation, the Court awarded attorney fees and costs of more than \$400,000. Sandra was awarded \$16,000 in damages for wrongful debt collection.

Not having to make payments on a fraudulent mortgage allows Sandra to manage her current budget, but most importantly, she is able to hold onto her house and make several years of more family memories there.

“Roger was an absolute angel,” Sandra said. “I don’t know what I would have done without him.”

“When we see something that is unjust, it’s our duty as attorneys to right the wrong and level the playing field by getting the wrongdoer to pay attorney fees and damages,” said Roger. “Pro bono attorneys have the power to do that for people who otherwise can’t afford legal help.”

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## Pro Bono Attorneys

The Campaign celebrates the following attorneys and tax professionals who donated their time to the community by accepting cases from 603LA in 2022.

### More than 10 cases

Leif Becker  
Roderick MacLeish  
James Shepard

### At least 6 cases

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Allen Lucas  
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### At least 2 cases

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## *The Campaign's Kickoff Breakfast*

held in May featured a virtual fire-side chat between program Executive Directors Sonya Bellafant and Sarah Mattson Dustin with Second Gentleman of the United States, Douglas Emhoff, an attorney, law professor and champion of civil legal aid nationwide.



Supporters and staff gathered at The 100 Club in Portsmouth for a reception hosted by McLane Middleton (above), and in Concord for the first birthday of 603 Legal Aid (right).

# TRADITIONS NEW AND OLD



**A new tradition:** In its second year, the Run/Walk 5k For Justice welcomed more than 150 supporters of all ages in 2022, and raised nearly \$36,000 for legal aid.



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**After two years' hiatus** during the pandemic, the Quid Pro Bono Golf Tournament returned to the Lake Sunapee Country Club in 2022. NH Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Gary E. Hicks sponsored the first tee in memory of Judge Arthur E. Bean, Jr.

(Below) 603 Legal Aid Board member Rory Parnell organized the first post-pandemic Legal Aid Hockey Classic.



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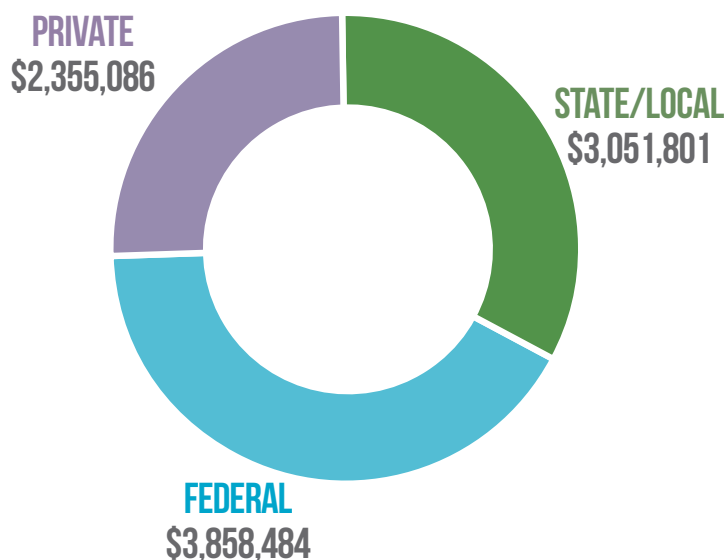
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