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Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
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Non-Profit Legal Assistance Project
Provides in-house legal services to non-profit agencies serving Palm Beach County.
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Pro Bono Project
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Our Mission

To provide high quality civil legal advice, representation, and education free of charge to the most vulnerable and at-risk children, families, elders, veterans and individuals in Palm Beach County so as to protect their personal safety, enhance their opportunities and living conditions, and promote self-sufficiency.

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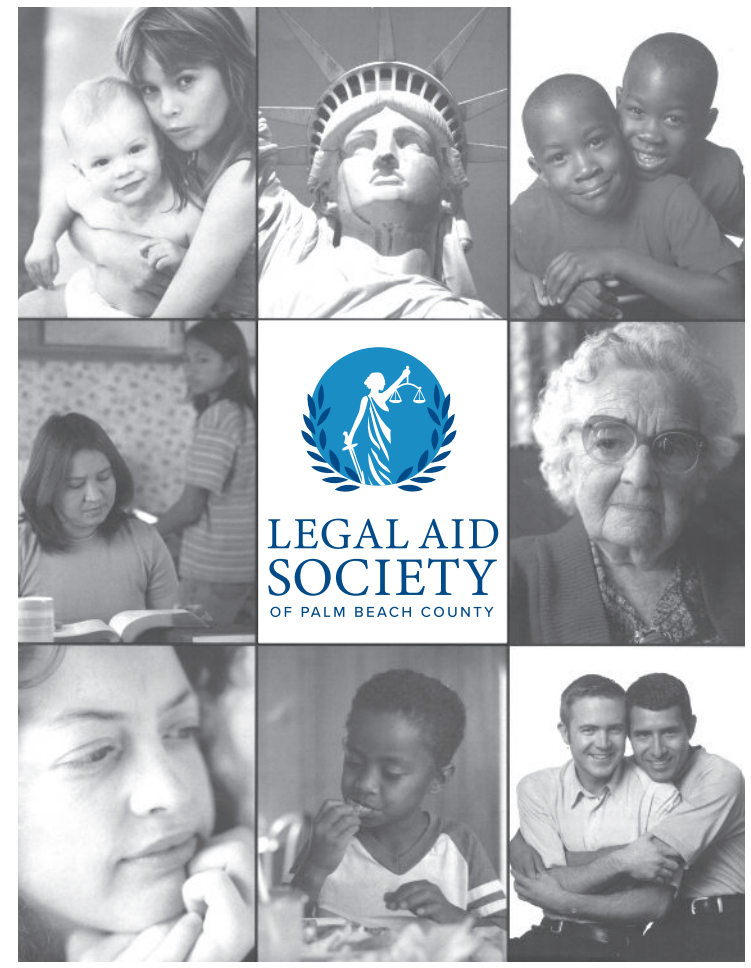
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Children's Advocacy

Education Advocacy Project

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Provides representation to children in the foster care system, seeking to reunite them, when appropriate, with their parents or prepare them for adoption placement, ensuring a safe and stable family environment in a timely manner.

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Juvenile Advocacy Project

Represents children up to age 18 in Juvenile Court, Family Court, Probate Court and also before the School Board of Palm Beach County and the Department of Children and Families (DCF), to help access appropriate treatment and/or placement for youngsters with emotional, developmental or physical disabilities.

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Project DULCE

Project DULCE targets infants 0-6 months old by identifying civil legal needs and addressing infant/family risks through building protections for families in a primary health care setting.

Sandra Powery Moses, *Staff Attorney*

Relative Caregivers Project

Provides legal assistance to relative caregivers (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) raising minor children. The project provides advocacy in custody, guardianship and adoption matters as well as with education, housing and benefits issues.

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Family Advocacy

Domestic Violence Project

Provides representation for victims of abuse or domestic violence at injunction hearings and in divorce and separation matters where appropriate.

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Family Law Project

Provides services in dissolution of marriage matters to victims of domestic violence where child custody is an issue and services in adoption, visitation and support matters.

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Elder Advocacy

Elder Law Project

Provides legal assistance to individuals over 60 years of age with an emphasis on abuse and exploitation matters.

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Public Guardianship Project

Provides guardianship services to indigent, adjudicated incapacitated elderly without family or friends to assist them.

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Medical Legal Partnership Project

Provides legal services to address the unmet needs of low income and/or uninsured patients of Federally Qualified Health Clinics in Palm Beach County that contribute to their health and well-being.

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Victoria Morales, *Staff Attorney*
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Ryan White Legal Project

Provides free legal services to indigent individuals infected with HIV/AIDS. The areas emphasized are employment, health insurance, Social Security disability, Medicare/ Medicaid and advanced directives.

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Marcy Classe, *Paralegal*
Kathy Morakis, *Non-Medical Case Manager*
Penelope Rodriguez, *Paralegal*

Individual Rights Advocacy

Consumer Advocacy Unit

Provides legal services to protect consumers' income and assets and ensure their financial stability dealing with issues such as auto loans, pay day loans, credit card debt, bankruptcy, mortgage loan modifications, rental security deposits, garnishments, scams and students loans.

Tequisha Myles, *Supervising Attorney*
Charles Pigott, *Staff Attorney*

Fair Housing Project

The Fair Housing Project provides community outreach, education, advocacy and enforcement activities regarding fair housing law so that no one in Palm Beach County is denied housing based on race, color, national origin, gender, disability, marital status, familial status, age and/or sexual orientation.

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Guardian Advocacy Project

Provides services for disabled youth aging out of foster care and individuals under 60 who have a developmental disability and are without family or friends to care for them.

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Immigrant Advocacy Project

Provides legal services to immigrants applying for lawful permanent residence, with a focus on noncitizen victims of domestic violence and dependent immigrant children, and community education in the area of immigration and nationality law.

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Veterans Advocacy Project

Removes barriers to wellbeing and overall health for eligible veterans, their family and caregivers and service members with issues related to housing, child support modifications, increasing V.A. disability ratings, requested upgrades to the character of discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and access to healthcare.

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Wage Dispute Project/Community ID Program

Serves all victims of wage dispute resulting from wages owed by their employers, either due to non-payment, underpayment or misclassification.

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