



# ANNUAL REPORT



2020





## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a year 2020 has been. I have worked with Legal Aid for a long time, but I have never seen anything like the effects of COVID-19.

In looking back on it, what strikes me about this past year is not how much we were hampered by the pandemic, but how little it has limited our ability to serve clients. As I like to say, while we have been closed to clients physically, we have not been closed to their cases.

In fact, despite the moratoriums on evictions, we've seen a 30% increase in requests for assistance on housing cases; our cases related to family violence have increased 60%; and calls related to unemployment skyrocketed 1,200%. In response we handled over 2,500 housing cases and got clients over \$2.4 million in unemployment benefits. And with a new online intake system and new community education initiatives, through Facebook

Live topical videos and GeorgiaLegalAid.org, we have given clients better access to legal services than ever before.

And we have still been doing high-impact work. We have achieved decisions holding that residents of extended stay hotels should be considered tenants after 90 days and subject to the protections of the eviction process. And we have had some success in pushing the Department of Labor to provide unemployment benefits in a timely fashion.

Finally, when our attorneys found systemic issues in their work, we pursued extensive media coverage, which has helped the public understand the problems our clients face. In addition to the local media, we've amplified our clients' stories to the national press. With this media coverage, our clients' stories have become illustrative of the problems of low income people across the country, which I hope has helped support efforts to fund national responses.

More than anything else, I think 2020 demonstrated the amazing resilience of Atlanta Legal Aid and the people who work for us.

Steve Gottlieb



# FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Amount of money Legal Aid obtained in financial benefits to our clients.

**\$22.6  
MILLION**

**19,341  
CASES**

## PEOPLE HELPED

In 2020, Legal Aid attorneys, paralegals, and caseworkers opened 19,341 cases.

## IN 2020, OUR ATTORNEYS & PARALEGALS...



protected  
**1064**

homes from  
eviction or  
foreclosure



helped  
**763**

families achieve  
stability through  
custody &  
guardianships



obtained legal  
protection for  
**717**

survivors of  
domestic  
violence



obtained  
unemployment  
benefits for  
**350**

people who were  
out of work due  
to the pandemic



obtained food  
stamp access for  
**536**

clients & their  
children



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# PIVOTS FOR JUSTICE



## Zoom Hearings

We continued urgent casework through video -- in some cases piloting the switch to Zoom hearings for the county.



## Remote Work

We reacted quickly to move employees to remote work, with secure technology.



## Domestic Violence Protection

We put attorneys in the Clayton Courthouse to be available for urgent domestic violence cases.



## Education Advocacy

We advocated for low-income and special needs students to receive the technology and support they need to keep up in school.



## Housing Protection

We helped prevent illegal evictions for the most vulnerable residents.



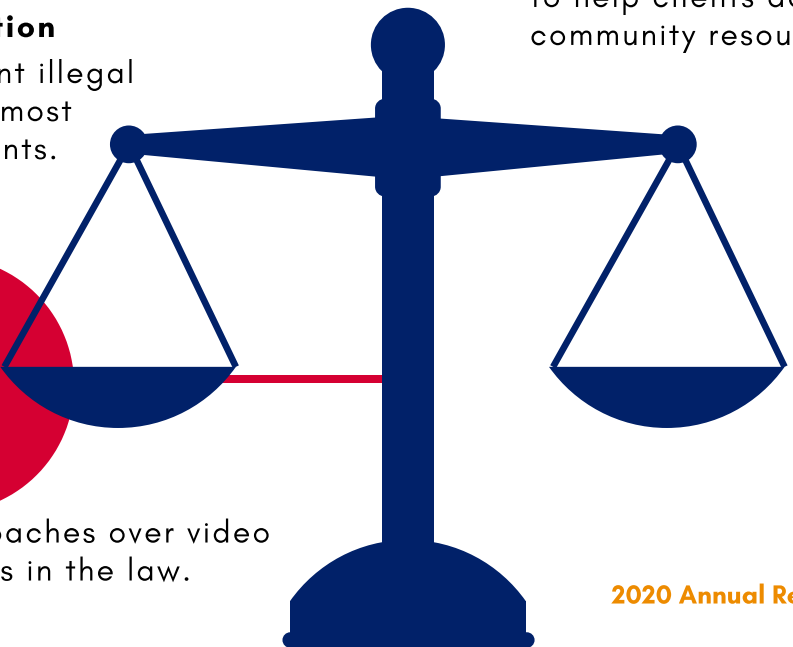
## More Housing Staff

We added four housing navigators to our staff, to help clients access community resources.



## Community Education

We pioneered new education approaches over video to keep people informed of changes in the law.







# LEGAL SERVICES DURING A PANDEMIC

## FIGHT LIKE A LEGAL AID LAWYER



When the pandemic hit, our society's entire way of life was turned upside down. As the state went into a mandatory lockdown, the dominoes started to fall. And the effects were especially detrimental on people like our clients



People lost their jobs. Savings accounts dwindled as people scrambled to try to pay their rent and make sure their families had enough food on the table. Those who were experiencing domestic violence suddenly found themselves trapped, full-time, with their abusers.

As the weeks turned into months, the situation only got more dire.



Needless to say, Legal Aid staff had their work cut out for them. But **in times of crisis, Legal Aid attorneys and paralegals fight harder than ever to get justice for our clients.** And that's just what they did.

Attorney Currey spent those early days of the pandemic in Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting with students, parents, and school administrators, working to get technology access for low-income students.



Family law attorneys Nilu, Courtney, Lori and Michelle made sure that families going through multiple crises (the pandemic and tumultuous divorces and custody cases) had the support they needed.



Domestic violence attorneys out of our Clayton office, recognizing the urgency of these cases, stepped up to help victims get protection from their abusers in an especially critical time.

Housing law attorneys got to work putting out fires: they educated tenants about their rights under the CARES act, they prevented illegal evictions by landlords who were ignoring eviction bans, and they advocated for the most vulnerable renters who live in extended stay hotels.

Attorneys MK and Mara stepped up to pioneer Facebook Live as a community education technique and created over 20 sessions designed to educate and help Atlantans figure out how best to advocate for themselves. Associate Director of Community Education & Grants, Sally, put together two dozen explainer videos for clients to understand the changes to the law.

Acting quickly, Legal Aid's administration looked for creative funding methods to expand our staff of housing experts. We hired four new housing navigators as a result of their innovation, which means that in addition to addressing a client's legal issues, we can connect them to other vital services like rental assistance or school help for their children. The pandemic has been devastating for people like our clients, who were already struggling to make ends meet before the pandemic hit. Legal Aid's work also can be heavy for our staff, who work daily with people who are facing dire circumstances. But in 2020, Legal Aid's attorneys, paralegals, and advocates showed up every day to fight to keep people housed, safe, and fed throughout the pandemic.

**Thank you to our staff for your hard work in a difficult year.**



# HOUSING JUSTICE

Housing instability was one of the pandemic's greatest threats. In 2020, 4.1 million Georgians applied for unemployment. And as money stopped flowing in, many people worried they would find themselves on the streets.

Eviction bans temporarily protected many, but some people still fell through the cracks. Our lawyers and advocates know firsthand how housing, or a lack thereof, impacts every facet of a person's life — from a child's education, to access to fresh food, to the necessity of safety and shelter. And research shows that having a lawyer when faced with eviction drastically improves the chances of a positive outcome in court.

So Legal Aid got to work to keep the most vulnerable metro-Atlantans housed. We represented clients in illegal evictions. We connected our clients to the media to amplify their message and bring attention to their needs. We also hired housing navigators to work alongside our attorneys and connect clients to other community services, like rental assistance, utility assistance, and child care.

## The New York Times



*Falling Behind on Weekly Rent and Afraid of Being Evicted*





## JUSTICE FOR EXTENDED STAY HOTEL TENANTS

Mr. Davis had been living in an extended stay hotel for almost a year back in April, when he lost his job due to COVID-19. Many people who are forced to live in these hotels are particularly vulnerable for homelessness – they don't have credit to qualify for a lease; they work gig jobs that do not allow them to save for deposits; and gentrification is leaving low-income people without affordable housing options. And this is not a niche problem -- currently, over 30,000 people in the metro area call extended stay hotels home.

Mr. Davis made every effort to pay what he could. But once he fell two weeks behind on rent, his landlord started threatening to lock him out.

Our attorneys wrote a letter to the landlord explaining that Georgia law required them to use the eviction court process for long term residents. However, the landlord continued to threaten to change the locks to his room.

In September, the landlord removed the air conditioning unit and the front door to Mr. Davis' apartment. When our attorneys demanded the door be restored, Mr. Davis' landlord turned off the power to the apartment. While our attorneys were preparing a lawsuit, Legal Aid also arranged for a reporter to film a story on the situation. Only then did the landlord re-install the front door.

Our attorneys filed a lawsuit against the extended stay hotel requesting damages and a temporary restraining order against the landlord. The court granted the temporary restraining order, concluded that long-term residents of extended stays have rights as tenants, and decided such residents cannot be evicted outside the dispossession process.

This is the first order of its kind, which clearly spells out that long-term residents of extended stay hotels have rights as tenants.



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION

*Client photo taken by Dustin Chambers as part of our annual Picturing Justice exhibit.*

When stay-at-home orders went into effect, the Clayton County courthouse shut down all in-person services. But our advocates knew that they needed to pivot quickly to make sure that services for victims of domestic violence continued.

When a victim of domestic violence seeks a temporary protection order (TPO), Legal Aid lawyers don't typically get involved right away. An advocate, often provided by a domestic violence shelter or agency, would help people with the initial paperwork. Legal Aid lawyers would get involved later in the process, when seeking longer-term protection for survivors.

But when the pandemic hit, Legal Aid lawyers were asked to figure out a process that could work in our new remote work setting. In less than a week, Legal Aid attorneys had a system in place to continue providing these vital and life-saving services to domestic violence survivors. In the new system:



- Petitioners seeking protection from abuse would go to an in-person kiosk at that police department, which had a desk with a laptop and a printer.



- A Legal Aid attorney was available on the screen, and they offered guidance to the petitioner in filling out the paperwork.



- The police then notarized the paperwork, and a judge appeared on the screen to conduct a very brief hearing to decide whether to issue the TPO or not.



- Then, the judge would send a copy of the order to the printer, so that the petitioner could take a copy with them.

In the six months that this process took place, Legal Aid virtually assisted nearly 1,000 people to receive TPOs -- people like Tamiko (pictured above).

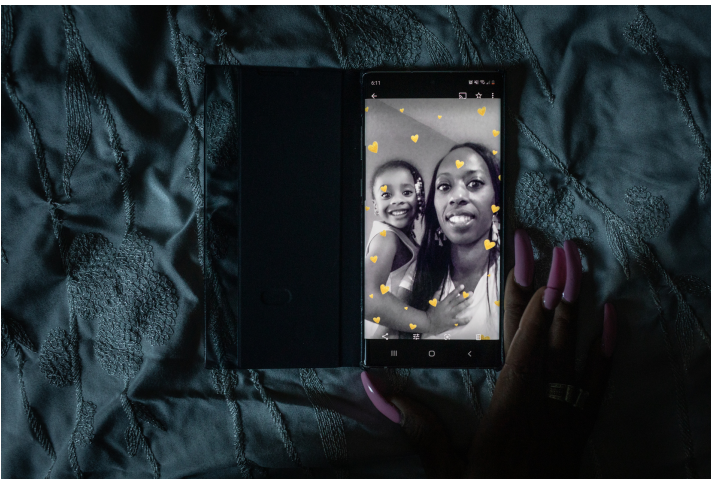


Often when women "decide to end abusive relationships, they are required to face their abusive partners in court, extending that pattern beyond the life of the relationship. Experts say people who engage in emotional abuse use legal systems as a final tool to exert control after a breakup. They file a barrage of motions intended to harass defendants, or delay proceedings for months or even years."

Tamiko suffered through exactly this kind of legal harassment. After her then-boyfriend framed her and had her wrongfully arrested, he turned to the legal system to continue to harass and intimidate her. He filed a TPO against Tamiko and took sole custody of their child, Milan, despite having no legal claim to custody and having very little relationship with Milan. He also cleared out their shared residence of all of Tamiko and Milan's things. So Tamiko turned to Legal Aid for help.

With Legal Aid's assistance, Tamiko filed a counter-petition against her ex-boyfriend. A hearing was scheduled in 30 days, but Tamiko was concerned for the safety of her child. So Legal Aid attorneys also filed an emergency motion for modification of custody.

The Legal Aid team was able to reunite mother and daughter, and get a 12-month protective order for Tamiko. Tamiko's wrongful criminal charge was dropped, and the two of them have finally found safety and relief from harassment.

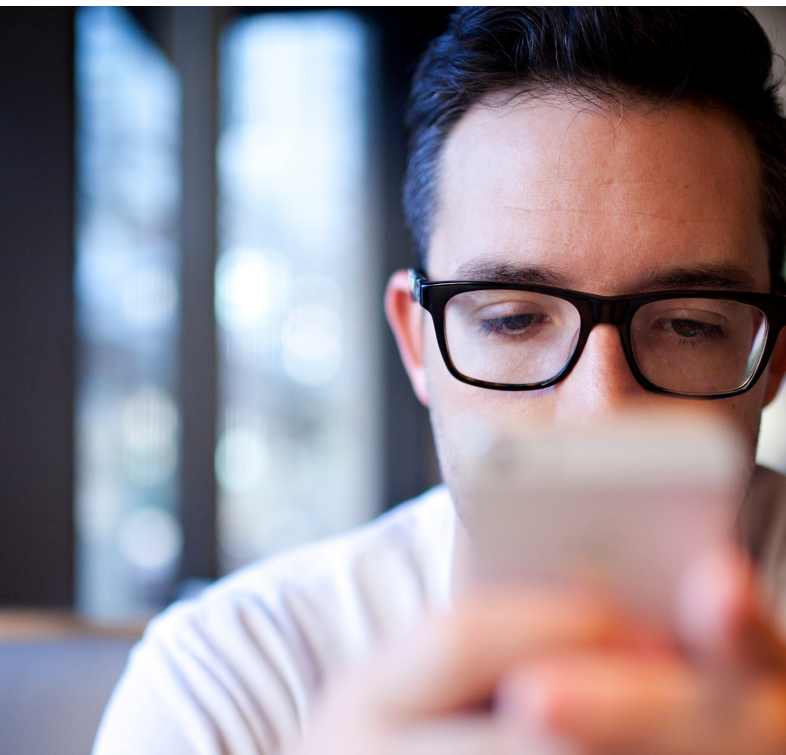


*Photos taken by Dustin Chambers as part of our annual Picturing Justice exhibit. From top left to bottom right: Attorney Sarah White working on Tamiko's case; Tamiko playfully dangling Milan; a photo of Tamiko and Milan; Mother working remotely in one room while daughter plays in the other.*



# UNEMPLOYMENT HELP

During the pandemic, calls to Legal Aid about unemployment issues skyrocketed, increasing 1,200% from the year before.



## 600 CALLS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mr. Williams does pyrotechnical work in the movie business. His most recent production got shut down temporarily in mid-march due to Covid-19. Just over a month later, he was permanently laid off. He immediately applied for unemployment benefits. He waited and waited but got nothing -- not even a response.

After calling a number of times and not getting through, he downloaded an autodialer and tried to call the Department of Labor over 600 times! Still with no luck, he called Legal Aid.

Within a week of us taking his case, he was determined eligible for unemployment benefits and his benefits were issued, including back benefits back to the date of his application.

Unfortunately, Mr. Williams was not alone. We saw his situation repeated again and again, with eligible people not getting the benefits to which they were entitled. Fortunately, we were able to help over 300 people get through the over-crowded system to get the benefits they needed.

## IN 2020, LEGAL AID HELPED...

**346** people



obtain over **\$2.9 million** in unemployment benefits, which allowed people to keep their families housed and fed.



# THE PRESS

Legal Aid has made use of the media to solve issues for clients and bring wider awareness to the issues that people in poverty are facing during the COVID crises. Since April 2020, attorneys, staff and clients have appeared in nearly 70 local, national and international outlets, including multiple stories in the New York Times, Washington Post, CBS national morning and evening newscasts, VICE, Wired and more. Advocates often found the press an effective tool in solving issues for individual clients, especially in unemployment and housing issues.

A few articles featuring Legal Aid staff and clients are below.

## **CBS NEWS**

Millions Without  
Unemployment Benefits  
Amid Economic fallout



## **TIME**

'How Am I Going To Make It?' Months  
of Eviction Uncertainty Are Taking a  
Toll on Millions of Families



## **NEW YORK TIMES**

Landlords Jump the  
Gun as Eviction  
Moratorium Wanes



To view the articles, simply open your phone camera and scan the codes. If viewing on a web browser, you can simply click the code and the article will open in a new tab.





# EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

The pandemic threw a wrench in many of our event plans. But while we missed gathering in person with our community, we saw a huge outpouring of support for our virtual events. The Great Whiskey Debate, Cocktails & Connections and Run for Justice went virtual/remote this year and provided a fun distraction during a difficult time. And Justice Jam, our fundraiser benefiting our Cobb office, took on a new form to accommodate social distancing guidelines: a drive-in movie experience! Altogether, over 1,000 people attended these events, providing \$87,000 of critical support to Legal Aid's clients.

## GREAT WHISKEY DEBATE

250 tickets & \$16,000 raised

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THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED™

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## COCKTAILS & CONNECTIONS

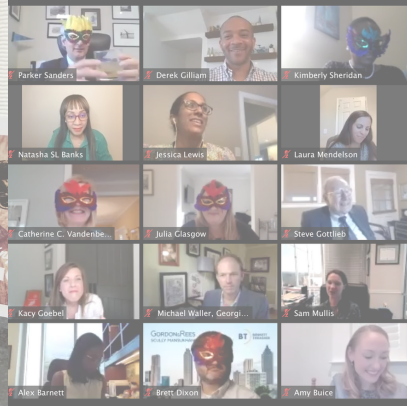
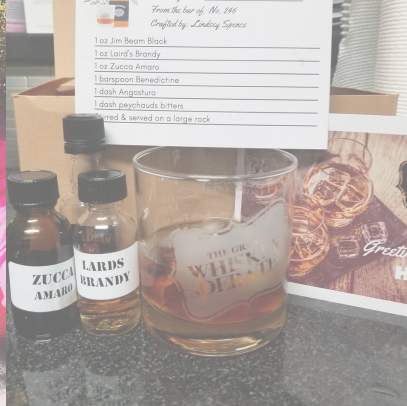
92 tickets & \$23,000 raised

**GORDON&REES**  
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**BT** BENNETT  
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KLDiscovery  
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Burr & Forman LLP





## JUSTICE JAM

57 tickets & \$25,000 raised



GEORGIA  
Wills, Trusts, & Probate  
FIRM, LLC



Cobb Superior Court Judges  
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## RUN FOR JUSTICE

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IAG Forensics and  
Valuation  
Goodman, McGuffey,  
Lindsey & Johnson, LLP  
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

# PROJECTS & PARTNERS

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## **Adult Guardianship Project**

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP

## **Gwinnett Pro Bono**

University of Georgia School of Law

## **Georgia Senior Legal Hotline**

Alston & Bird, LLP

Coca-Cola

Troutman Pepper, LLP

Burr + Foreman, LLP

## **Health Law Partnership**

Burr + Foreman LLP

Baker Hostetler

## **Estate Planning**

Alston & Bird, LLP

Georgia Association of Black Women  
Attorneys

Troutman Pepper, LLP

Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP

Georgia State University's Center for  
Access to Justice's Pro Bono Program

State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers  
Division and YLD Women in the  
Profession Section

## **Senior Citizen Law Project/QIT Project**

Troutman Pepper, LLP

## **Cobb Domestic Violence Protection (TPO) Project**

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP

Taylor English Duma, LLP

## **Housing Preservation**

Siemens Energy, Inc.

Siemens Corporation

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Atlanta BeltLine Partnership

Grove Park Foundation

## **Unemployment Benefits Project**

Dentons

## **Domestic Relations Unit**

Discrete Professional Services, LLC

Smith & Files, LLC

State Bar of Georgia Family Law Section

Georgia State University's Center for

Access to Justice's Pro Bono Program

## **Family Law Information Center Clinic**

Georgia State University's Center for

Access to Justice's Pro Bono Program

Decatur Clark and Washington Emory

University School of Law

## **Gender-Affirming Name Change Project**

Eversheds Sutherland

Stonewall Bar Association

Georgia State University's Center for

Access to Justice's Pro Bono Program

## **Bankruptcy Clinic**

Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP

Emory University School of Law

## **Identification Documents Project**

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## **Kinship Care Project**

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*2020 Emory University School of Law EPIC Award for Unsung Devotion to Those Most in Need*

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*21st Annual Justice Benham Awards for Community Service - Lifetime Achievement Award*

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## PRO BONO AWARDS: HAPPY HOUR

*At a virtual happy hour, we celebrated the amazing volunteers that make our work possible.*



**The Volunteer Impact Award:** Todd Larsen

**The Rockstar Rookie Award:** House of Cherith and the Wilbanks  
CEASE Clinic at the University of Georgia School of Law

**The William Stanhope Meritorious Service Award:** Glenda  
Cucher

**The Dedication to Health Services Award:** Rhonda Klein

**The Honorable Judge G. Conley Ingram Commitment to Cobb  
Legal Service Award:** Cobb County Magistrate Court

**Debbie Ennis Pro Bono Service Award:** Michelle Ashley

**Catherine Vandenberg Advocate for Victims of Domestic  
Violence Award:** Mike Dalton

**Judge Robert Castellani Commitment to DeKalb Legal  
Services Award:** Brian Kammer and David Jaffer

**Clayton & South Fulton Volunteer of the Year:** Shonterria  
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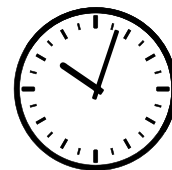
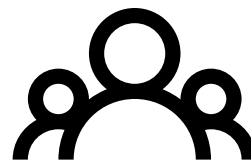
**Michael T. Nations Service to Program Award:** Tom Richey

**The Atlanta Legal Aid Due Justice Award:** Judge Clarence F.  
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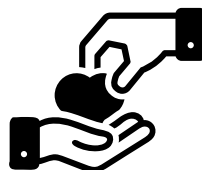




## LEGAL AID PRO BONO



In 2020, **300 volunteers** donated more than **20,000 hours** to serve Atlanta Legal Aid clients with their civil legal needs.



Our volunteer efforts got over **\$1.5 million** in benefits to our clients.

Volunteers handled over **400 cases**, despite the challenges that COVID posed.



Volunteers quickly mobilized to provide essential legal services to our low-income clients during the pandemic. We saw over 200 new volunteer website members in 2020. We're grateful for the hard work of our volunteers across the program.

## VOLUNTEER HONOR ROLL

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Emma Cramer  
Constance Manigo Daise  
Arlene LeBrew-Sanders  
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Travis Lynch  
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Justin O'Dell  
Leslie O'Neal  
Ada Onuoha  
Lisa A. Owen  
G. Cleveland Payne III  
Debbie C. Pelerose  
Benjamin S. Persons IV  
Samantha Pline  
Tabitha Ponder  
Allan Raulerson  
Natasha Reymond  
John K. Rezac

John J. Richard  
Amanda Riedling  
Nicole Rizza  
Tiffany Roberts  
Nicola Rossi  
Jessica Samford  
Leah Schultz  
Patricia Shewmaker  
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Joscelyn Solomon  
Sarah Steele  
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## EXPENSE TOTAL: \$12,285,000

Personnel	\$10,309,000
Consulting	\$795,000
Travel	\$7,000
Space	\$611,000
Supplies	\$245,000
Equipment	\$81,000
Insurance	\$36,000
Training	\$27,000
Other (telephone, litigation, etc)	\$174,000

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Administrative Office of the Courts	\$828,000
Atlanta Regional Commission	\$280,000
City of Atlanta & Counties	\$1,241,000
Foundations & Other Support	\$1,338,000
Georgia Bar Foundation	\$882,000
LSC	\$3,485,000
Other Federal Sources	\$94,000
Private Bar/Annual Campaign	\$1,511,000
State of Georgia	\$286,000
United Way	\$283,000
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$569,000
Payroll Protection Funds	\$1,616,000

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