

## LANC FUND

*A fund of the NC Bar Association's  
Endowment at the NC Bar Foundation*

Fewer than 200 lawyers serve  
35% of North Carolinians.

*Lawyers enjoy a privileged position in  
our society as problem solvers for the citi-  
zens of our communities. Only we have  
the right to represent the members of our  
community before the judicial system.  
Only we have the duty to represent them.*

*So it boils down to this: there are over  
20,000 lawyers to serve 65% of the North  
Carolina population that can purportedly  
pay for legal service, and fewer than  
200 lawyers to serve the remaining 35%.*

*Justice denied to one North Carolinian  
diminishes all North Carolinians. It is for  
us now to act.*

—JANET WARD BLACK, 2007–2008 PRESIDENT, NORTH CAROLINA  
BAR ASSOCIATION & 2009–2010 STATEWIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE  
COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



## TWO NEEDS, TWO WAYS TO GIVE



## ACCESS TO JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

*Securing  
justice for  
tomorrow*

**LANC MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide,  
nonprofit law firm that provides free legal  
services in civil matters to low-income people in  
order to ensure equal access to justice and  
remove legal barriers to economic opportunity.*

LIFE-ALTERING SOLUTIONS TO  
CRITICAL LEGAL ISSUES FOR FAMILIES  
  
*Our communities. Our state.  
Only with your help.*

*Serving  
justice  
today*

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# Support civil legal aid in our state through the Access to Justice Campaign and the LANC Fund.

## TWO NEEDS, TWO WAYS TO GIVE: INVESTING IN JUSTICE

### Annual Support

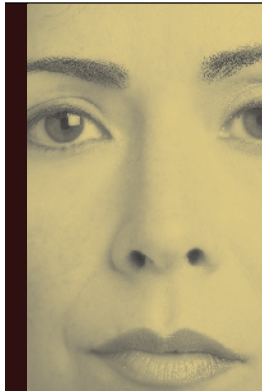


#### The Access to Justice {A TO J} Campaign—operational support

- Reaches out to the private bar, corporations, and the community on an annual basis (from November–May).
- Seeks critical funds to support LANC's efforts to provide legal counsel to poor people when their rights are threatened.
- Provides a base of discretionary funds that helps LANC augment its immediate operational funding in any given year. As the campaign grows, the funds become a major source of dependable, continuing support. (Currently only 1% of LANC's operating budget comes from individuals and/or corporate contributions.)
- Allows LANC to maintain and increase our capacity to serve low-income families and individuals across the state.

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE includes representatives from law firms, both large and small, and executives of major corporations. There are former Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals judges, as well as other distinguished members of the legal and corporate community. Our purpose is not only to raise critically needed funds but also to educate the legal community, lawmakers, and the broader public about the vital role of LANC.

For information on how to serve on our ATJ committee, contact LANC's Development Director at 919.856.2564.



#### How Legal Aid of NC (LANC) Meets Critical Human Needs

As you know, court-appointed attorneys are provided to low-income people only in criminal cases. LANC is the statewide nonprofit that provides free legal assistance in civil matters to children, the working poor, the disabled, the elderly, and others living in poverty who could not otherwise afford it. We believe that justice denied anywhere threatens justice everywhere.

A cost-effective, statewide system, LANC benefits more than the people who directly receive services. We relieve pressure on our overburdened court system by resolving over 70% of cases without going to court. When litigation is required, LANC prevails over 90% of the time. Our services also help reduce the occurrence of problems like homelessness and domestic violence that affect the entire community. Simply put, LANC makes the legal system work better for all North Carolinians.

#### You Can Help Secure Justice for All

Our system of laws guarantees basic rights and protections for all of us—not just those who can afford an attorney. Yet every day, LANC must turn away low-income individuals with critical legal problems due to lack of funds. Access to justice is essential not only to the rule of law but to the integrity of our communities. Having adequate legal representation often means the difference between safety and abuse, shelter and homelessness, food and hunger, economic stability and bankruptcy, and productive work and unemployment. In a very direct way, civil legal aid services are critical to preventing a downward spiral of costly social problems.

Concern about access to justice should not be limited to the legal community. All citizens have a stake in the well being of the less fortunate among us. Your annual support of civil legal aid through the Access to Justice Campaign helps families in crisis return to safe, productive lives each and every day. The LANC Fund ensures that civil legal aid will be available for low-income and vulnerable families in perpetuity.



#### Did you know?

- The median income of a LANC client is \$12,000 per year.
- 35% of all North Carolinians (3.1 million people) are now eligible for LANC's legal services under federal poverty guidelines.
- LANC must turn away 8 qualified North Carolinians for every two clients we accept due to lack of resources.
- 80% of Legal Aid clients are working poor.
- 74% of Legal Aid clients are women.
- In 2008, LANC attorneys assisted over 24,000 poor people in North Carolina. In the Triangle area alone, 30 Legal Aid lawyers handled over 5,000 matters involving homelessness, mortgage foreclosure prevention, domestic violence, access to benefits, and other serious issues.

### Permanent Support



#### The LANC Fund—long-term stability

- Created by the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) as part of the NCBA Foundation Endowment.
- Seeded in July 2007 with a \$100,000 gift from Charles Dixon, an attorney in Hickory.
- Will build long-term stability for civil legal aid services in North Carolina.
- Works in tandem with the annual Access to Justice Campaign to provide much needed support to legal aid programs statewide.

THE CAMPAIGN AND THE FUND are equally deserving of your support; they complement each other. We invite you to invest in civil legal aid programs and services by making yearly gifts to the Access to Justice Campaign. And we invite you to invest in tomorrow by designating a gift from your current assets, or a portion of your estate, to the LANC Fund.

By supporting civil legal aid, you help make our communities better, fairer places for all.