Refugee Obtains Protection From Abusive Spouse

Sara came to the United States as a refugee from Sudan. Following an incident of domestic violence during which Sara was assaulted by “Peter”, the father of her child, Sara came to Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake for free representation in obtaining a protective order. At the time, Sara’s English was limited, and she had no employment. Legal Aid successfully represented Sara in the protective order proceedings and she was awarded a permanent protective order by the court.

Following the protective order case, Peter filed for custody of the parties’ minor child, seeking sole legal and physical custody. The child had always lived with her mother, and Sara was afraid that she would lose her daughter in the maze of court proceedings. Because Sara had a protective order, she was referred to Legal Aid Society’s Bridge the Gap program, where she paid a one-time administrative fee of $50.00 for full representation in her custody case. Sara’s case was ultimately settled at a pretrial hearing date, and Sara was awarded sole custody of her daughter, as well as appropriate child support from Peter’s father. Parent-time was arranged in a manner allowing Peter to pick the minor child up in a public place without Sara being present at exchanges, keeping her safely away from her abuser. Sara is now working full-time, and is able to provide a stable and violence-free home for herself and her child.

Letter From the Campaign Chair

As I write this letter, I am reminded of the countless people facing desperate and complicated problems who have been assisted by the different legal aid programs supported by “AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.” Such problems can often be resolved through the justice system. However, access to that system requires knowledge of one’s fundamental rights and some level of awareness as to how the justice system and its bureaucracy work. In the day to day struggle of life, obtaining and exercising that kind of knowledge or awareness is no easy thing.

I am thankful that “AND JUSTICE FOR ALL” exists as such a vital resource in our community to help those in need address their civil legal problems. Whether escaping domestic abuse, preventing homelessness, securing education and employment, gaining access to healthcare, or even just putting food on the table, “AND JUSTICE FOR ALL” and the different legal aid programs it supports make a real difference.

I am also thankful for you – my fellow Utahns – who help make this all possible. Your generous support of “AND JUSTICE FOR ALL” ensures that there is and will be a place for those unable to afford an attorney to get help with their civil legal problems. Your generosity touches the lives of over a hundred people every day who seek legal aid.

I believe in the idea that “it is not what we receive that enriches our lives, it is what we give.” Together, we help give access to justice and hope in a better future to the people who turn to our civil legal aid providers. Utahns have a legacy of doing their part to ensure access to justice. Your continued support of the “AND JUSTICE FOR ALL” Campaign helps make that legacy certain.

Thank you for being a part of this vital effort. Together we can create a more just society.

With gratitude,

James W. McConkie, III
Leadership Chair
Julia had lost her job and was receiving unemployment insurance, but she had to travel out of state to settle matters related to her mother’s death. For the two weeks she was gone, Julia continued to apply online for jobs in Utah. On her weekly claims for Unemployment, Julia reported she was able and available for work in Utah, since she had an airline family pass that would have allowed her to return in 24-36 hours. Upon returning to Utah, Julia was assessed a two-week overpayment, plus a fraud penalty and disqualification.

Not knowing what to do, Julia turned to Utah Legal Services for help. After an unfavorable decision at the Department of Workforce Services Appeals Board, Utah Legal Services sought review at the Utah Court of Appeals.

In a decision dated March 21, 2013, the Court of Appeals set aside the Workforce Service Board’s order and directed that its decision be reconsidered in light of a related decision in Dorsey v. Dept. of Workforce Services wherein the Court held that the Board’s interpretation of its rules controlling availability was inconsistent with the governing statute. The Court concluded that the Board’s decision in Julia’s case was “colored by an incorrect interpretation of the rules governing availability.” One judge dissented, opining that the Board’s order should simply be vacated so as not to further prolong Julia’s uncertainty and inconvenience.

John was suffering from chronic homelessness before he contacted the Benefit Enrollment Project through Utah Legal Services. He was in need of medical coverage as his Type II Diabetes was so severe he would often suffer from diabetic comas and both of his legs were in jeopardy of being amputated. In addition, he had no income to maintain the diet that had been recommended by his physician. John found it difficult to find work and when he was fortunate enough to find employment it was equally hard for him to keep a job due to his medical condition.

Because of John’s pride he was embarrassed to tell his family he was homeless but with the generosity from friends and occasional stays at the local shelter he was able to stay off the streets. The Benefit Enrollment Project assisted John in applying for Social Security disability benefits; within six months he was approved. Shortly thereafter, he was also approved for medical coverage. The supplemental income and medical coverage has now allowed John to become self-sufficient and to no longer worry about his state of health or where he will sleep at night.

Shelly went on medical leave following surgery. When she returned to work she could only work part-time to allow her physical condition to improve. The employer told her that they were terminating her benefits until she could work a full schedule. This left Shelly in a tough spot because her job provided medical insurance coverage for not only her, but her kids and terminally ill husband.

A Disability Law Center attorney sent a persuasive letter to Shelly’s employer asking them to reinstate the client’s full benefits. Her efforts paid off. The employer has agreed to allow the client to receive full medical coverage. All of this happened without the need for a formal administrative complaint.
Thank you to all of our supporters whose generosity makes the vision of *justice for all* a reality to thousands of Utahns.

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| Decrease in unrestricted net assets | $ (1,616)   |
| Increase in temporarily restricted net assets | $ (22,954) |
| Decrease in net assets            | $ (24,570)  |

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