Next Generation of Justice
JAMES B. LEE COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTER
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
We believe access to justice is a fundamental right

The mission of “and Justice for all” is to increase access to civil legal aid for the disadvantaged and for individuals with disabilities in Utah by creating and sustaining resources to ensure that Utahns across the state have access to the legal system, regardless of income level, disability, age or minority status.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Family safety and stability
- Safe, affordable housing
- Disability rights
- Consumer protection
- Education
- Protection of seniors & youth
- Health care and government benefits
- Immigration
- Income security
- Issues facing Native Americans, migrant workers and other marginalized groups

IMPACT OF OUR WORK

- **28,689 Utahns were assisted** last year, including 4,272 victims of domestic violence and 13,198 family law matters.

- Free family law programs provide **$1,146,816 in annual cost savings** to Utah taxpayers.

- Legal aid addresses child support and parenting plans, **reducing demands on state welfare programs**, the Office of Recovery Services and other social services.

- We address the most common civil legal problems among low-income households including issues of **health, finances, housing, children and custody, education, income maintenance, and disability**.

- Our work embodies the idea of an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. **For every $1 invested in legal programs, there is a social return of $9.08.**

- **57%**

  57% of low-income households in Utah experienced at least one civil legal problem last year.

- **195,000**

  Low-income Utahns faced over 195,000 civil legal problems last year without legal help.

- Justice Gap Study
  Utah Bar Foundation, 2020
In 1999, the Disability Law Center, Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake and Utah Legal Services created “and Justice for all” to jointly raise funds to better meet the critical legal needs of low-income Utahns. Two years later, “and Justice for all” acquired the Community Legal Center. This collaboration and co-location enabled us to significantly increase access to justice for disadvantaged Utahns.

The COVID epidemic disproportionately affected our clients—people with disabilities or chronic health conditions, domestic violence victims, senior citizens, and other vulnerable groups. Then our building suffered damage in the earthquake—and it is not insurable. The agencies had to adjust to remote services including on-line court hearings, but the Center’s aging technological infrastructure and open office design with limited confidentiality is no longer ideal for providing services.

After extensive assessment, research and input, AJFA decided to sell the current Community Legal Center and invest in a new facility with upgraded technology, functionality, and space solutions that will enable us to better serve our clients well into the 21st century.

With a very generous donation, the Florence J. Gillmor Foundation has chosen to name the new Community Legal Center after James B. Lee. A partner at Parsons Behle & Latimer, Mr. Lee was an one of three original founders of Utah Legal Services, served on the Board of Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake, was instrumental in creating and sustaining “and Justice for all” and has been an example of service throughout his stellar legal career.

We have purchased the building and now we need your help to raise $3.6 million to build out and provide the furnishings, equipment and technology infrastructure for the new James B. Lee Community Legal Center.

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Our vision for the future

Meeting the needs of present and future generations

After a year-long search we have purchased the land and building for the new Community Legal Center—a one-story brick building with a double-barrel roof and great industrial charm located at 960 South Main Street, easily accessible to public transportation and the Matheson courthouse. However, the building will require substantial retrofitting and buildouts.

Today we’re launching the Next Generation of Justice Capital Campaign, a 12-month, $3.6 million effort to raise funds to remodel and furnish a new facility that will enable us to better address the changing civil legal needs of Utah’s most at-risk citizens.

Completing the funding for the new Center now will enable us to focus on fundraising for client services and the acquisition and retention of experienced legal staff to provide those services.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

- Architect, Engineer and Due Diligence: $51,500
- Construction and Permits: $2,387,400
- Furniture, Fixtures, and Accessories: $362,300
- Technology Infrastructure: $300,000
- Project Management: $270,000
- Loan Interest: $91,000
- Contingency Funds (5%): $119,400

TOTAL: $3,581,600
The architects at AE Urbia made functionality the key focus when they designed the new Community Legal Center.

With the pandemic changing the way our clients access services, we wanted a space remote and hybrid employees could best serve them with drop-in offices and private areas for increasingly online client intake and hearings. These newly designed spaces, along with technology upgrades, will allow our staff to better serve clients from more geographic areas in less time.

AE Urbia also helped us meet one of our top goals--to have a facility that is fully disability accessible with interior, sidewalks, entrances, and other areas designed to make the building welcoming to clients of all abilities and needs.

- Provides cost savings and efficiencies that allows more money for programs
- Solar energy expected to reduce 60-75% of our electric bill over the current building
- Better online access for our clients, especially those who are rural

**RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP**

The remodel will incorporate environmentally sound solutions to save money, reduce energy and water usage and fulfill our commitment to a greener space.

- High-efficiency windows, doors & lighting
- Solar electricity panels
- Building materials made from renewable resources whenever possible
- Upgraded roof insulation and HVAC system
- ENERGY STAR appliances & water-conserving plumbing fixtures

**Designed to be efficient, accessible, and sustainable**

*Helping us better serve clients in a changing landscape*
Join our fight for equity and fairness

Please consider supporting our efforts to provide quality, life-changing legal assistance to both current and future Utahns in need. Whether an immediate donation, or a pledge over the next several years, making a commitment now will make a big difference.

Naming opportunities are available starting at $15,000. The names of all donors who give $5,000 or more will be included on a beautiful wall installation in our new building.

“I have been involved with “and Justice for all” for over 15 years, and I can tell you firsthand how thoughtful and responsible this organization is, not only with donations, but with the hearts and souls of the families who come to them for help when they are at their most vulnerable.”

-Gil Miller
AJFA Board President
Rocky Mountain Advisory

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