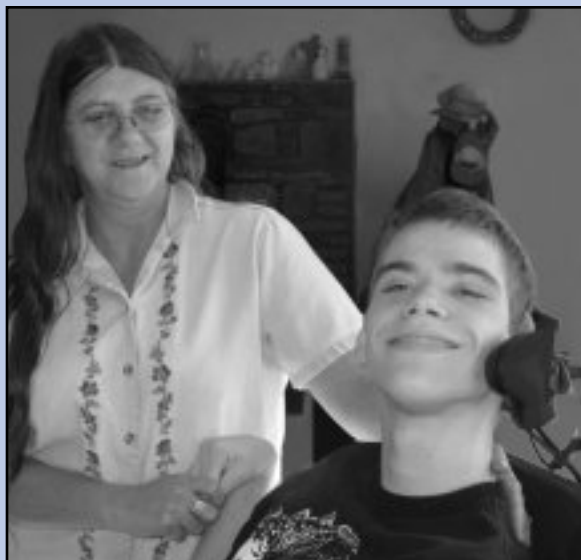


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Our Mission

To pursue justice by providing legal assistance and advocacy to help low-income people in Western North Carolina meet their basic needs and improve their lives.

What We Do

Pisgah Legal Services is a nonprofit law firm. For 30 years, PLS has:

- provided free civil legal services to very low-income people
- helped the most vulnerable people in our communities meet urgent needs
- partnered with dozens of other agencies to make sustainable change for people in crisis
- maximized resources by leveraging the pro bono services of more than 300 area attorneys
- improved systems and policies that impact the lives of thousands of low-income people.

Area Served

PLS' primary service area includes seven counties: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania and Yancey Counties. We provide limited services in seventeen Western North Carolina counties.

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Pisgah Legal Services improved the lives of more than 9,000 people in 2007.

Message from Board President and Executive Director



It takes a community to provide justice for all its members.

In this report, you will read about members of our community that helped more than 9,000 of the most vulnerable residents of Western North Carolina – disadvantaged children, senior citizens, families at risk of homelessness and victims of domestic violence. For Pisgah Legal Services' clients, justice is not an abstract ideal. It is food, shelter and protection.

You will see PLS volunteers, staff, donors and, most importantly, our clients. Despite the odds against them, PLS clients empower themselves to take charge of their lives and – with legal assistance from PLS – to make real, lasting changes in their lives.

With tremendous community support, Pisgah Legal Services' staff and volunteer capacity grows each year to meet the increasing need for civil legal aid in our region. We have reached a breaking point, and we are in desperate need of larger space. We have staff working in the kitchen, the attic and a closet, and we regularly turn away volunteer attorneys and others willing to give their time – due to lack of work space.

PLS is in the early stages of a capital campaign to secure adequate space that will allow us to double the number of people we serve over the next 15 years. We are excited about the opportunities that larger space will provide to increase our efficiency and productivity, utilize more volunteers and serve more people in need.

It will take a community to ensure that Pisgah Legal Services can continue to fight for the next generation of Western North Carolinians. We thank you for helping our neighbors in need and invite you to join us as we lay the foundation for the future.

Terry Van Duyn
President of the Board of Directors

James A. Barrett
Executive Director

Securing desperately-needed space so that PLS can serve more people in need was a top priority in 2007.

Sixteen-year-old Brooke had seen her father “John” attack her stepmother many times over the past seven years. One night, John beat Lutie so severely that Brooke thought he would surely kill her. Brooke ran to the phone and called the police. John was arrested and jailed.

After the attack, Lutie and her daughters went to a domestic violence shelter, where she was referred to Pisgah Legal Services. PLS attorney Julie Klipp Nicholson guided Lutie through the process of getting a court protective order. Julie also helped Lutie get a power of attorney from her husband so that she could make decisions regarding her stepdaughter Brooke’s care.

Lutie is relieved to finally feel safe from her husband. She explains that John is taking the court order seriously and won’t even drive by her home. She is now working to rebuild her life. “My life wasn’t supposed to turn out this way. These are things that happen to other people. I don’t know how I got to the place I’m in. I went to college and had a good job for a long time. I’m counting on things getting better.”



Lutie says she finally feels safe from her husband who brutally attacked her in front of her daughters Angela (left) and Brooke. Pisgah Legal Services helped her get a protective order.

“I feel safer now than I have in a long time because of the protective order that Pisgah Legal Services helped me get.”

Stopping Domestic Violence

Heather, a single mom, was determined to buy a home for herself and her daughter Gabby. She scraped together every penny she had and borrowed money from family to make a \$20,000 down payment and enter into a lease-to-own agreement on a dilapidated house. Although there were walls missing inside the house and piles of garbage in the yard, she saw the home's potential and for more than a year she spent every spare moment – in between her full-time job and classes at AB-Tech – fixing it up.

Heather was appalled when the seller of her home made false accusations and filed a suit against her. The seller claimed that Heather had missed mortgage payments, damaged the property and left garbage in the yard. In fact, Heather had paid every mortgage payment on time. She had done extensive renovations, taking the house from being an uninhabitable dump to a safe, attractive place for her daughter to live. The garbage piles in the yard, including a junked truck and buried pits of scrap metal, had been left by the seller. Heather had spent days hauling all the garbage away herself.

PLS attorney Laura Collins represented Heather. Laura disputed the seller's false accusations against Heather and convinced the seller's attorney to drop the claims against her. Now Heather can finish the contract, get the house in her own name, and sleep at night knowing she hasn't lost everything she worked so hard to build for her daughter.

*“Sometimes the unexpected happens.
I'm just glad I had the help of PLS
to get me through my unexpected.”*



When the seller sued her, making false accusations, Heather not only risked losing the home that she was leasing to own, but also her \$20,000 down payment and thousands of dollars worth of home repairs she had done herself. PLS disputed the seller's false claims and got the lawsuit dropped, saving the home for Heather and her daughter Gabby.

Helping Families Avoid Homelessness



When his parents died, William almost lost the 400-square-foot home that he shares with his wife because the State did not realize he had part ownership of the property. PLS helped prove his ownership and prevented homelessness for this elderly couple living on just \$15,000 per year.

At age 73, William almost lost the home he had bought with his parents years before and nearly ended up on the streets. William is a rare breed as a native of Buncombe County, but not so rare in his fight to keep affordable housing. He was born and raised in Weaverville, worked in manufacturing and carpentry, and helped build the Asheville Mall. He purchased property jointly with his parents and converted an old woodshop into a home to share with his wife.

But William and his wife nearly lost their modest 400-square-foot mobile home when his parents died and the State filed a claim against his mother's estate. The State didn't realize that William had part ownership of the property with a tax value of \$35,600. In a panic, William contacted a realtor who referred him to PLS.

With help from PLS attorney Anne Bamberger, William proved his part ownership of the land and demonstrated economic hardship if he had lost the inheritance. Without legal help, he would have lost the property of which he had rightful ownership and lost the house that his wife describes as a "home built with love."

*“If it weren't for Pisgah Legal Services I don't know where I'd be.
I was fixin' to be out on the street.”*

Preserving Independence for Senior Citizens



*“Pisgah Legal Services has been a Godsend.
Because of PLS’ help,
Justin can go to the job he loves
and keep on living at home.”*

- Loni, mother of Justin who is disabled by cerebral palsy

When Loni’s son Justin was born at just 25 weeks, she was advised not to name him or to visit him in the neonatal intensive care unit because he would not survive more than a few days. Justin has severe cerebral palsy. When he lived past a few days, doctors still painted a grim picture for Loni and her husband of a child who would never talk or walk or laugh.

Twenty-two years later, Loni says that Justin makes his co-workers laugh with his great sense of humor. She has fought to help Justin live up to his full potential his entire life. For years, she fought to keep him in mainstream classes in school. Last year, when the N.C. Office of Medical Assistance cut the supportive services (personal aides and tutors) that allow Justin to work and live life as fully and independently as possible, Loni went to bat for him again. PLS attorney Curtis Venable helped Loni advocate for her son and the services were restored. Justin works as a greeter at Walmart and, with the help of tutors, he is learning to handle his own money and plan his meals.

Twenty-two-year-old Justin was born with cerebral palsy and still lives at home with his parents. PLS helped secure supportive services so that he has the help of an aide and can work 20 hours per week. His parents now have some relief from the constant care he requires.

Increasing Stability for People with Disabilities

PLS Outcomes

Pisgah Legal Services achieved 6,215 positive outcomes for our clients in 2007. PLS attorneys provide holistic assistance to clients, often helping them with more than one issue. Many cases result in multiple outcomes. Selected outcomes achieved through PLS' representation and advice are outlined below.

PLS Prevents or Stops Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

- Obtained or enforced a civil protective order against a client's partner 598 times
- Prevented abuse of a child 48 times
- Stabilized the living situation for a child/children 384 times
- Obtained or protected a client's right to child support 240 times

PLS Prevents Homelessness

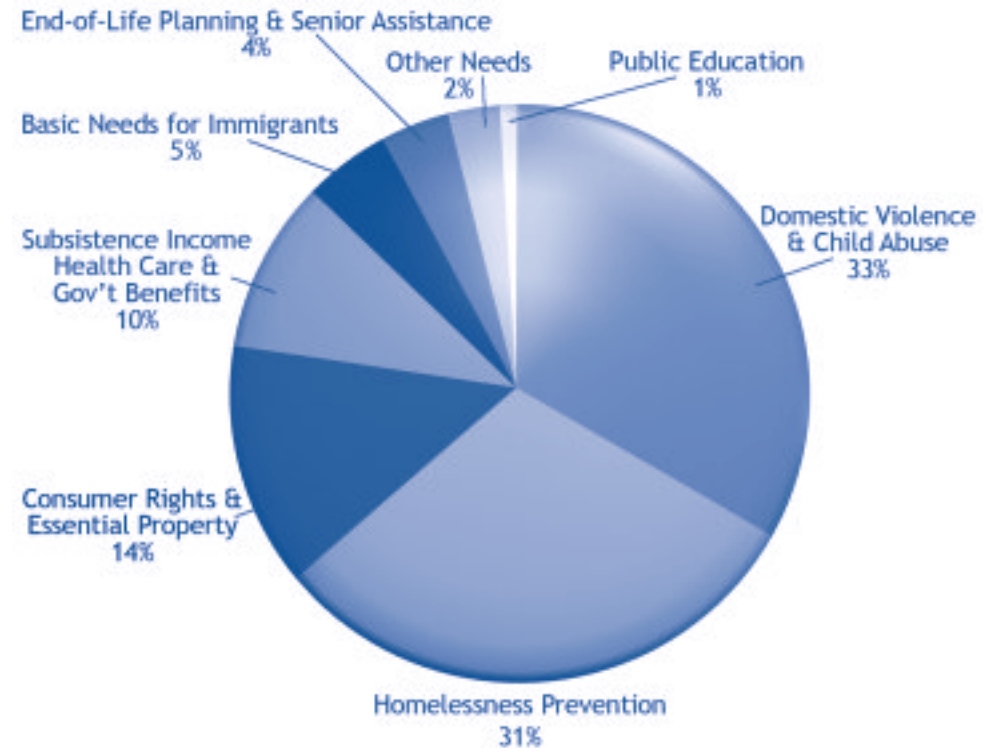
- Prevented or delayed eviction 592 times
- Prevented or delayed foreclosure 100 times
- Improved housing conditions 126 times
- Obtained or preserved eligibility for subsidized housing 449 times

PLS Protects Consumer Rights and Essential Property

- Protected essential property (e.g., home, car) 418 times
- Prevented illegal creditor harassment 174 times
- Educated client about consumer rights/responsibilities 111 times

PLS Helps Disabled Individuals Secure Health Care and Subsistence Income

- Secured Medicare or Medicaid benefits 289 times
- Obtained or preserved eligibility for subsistence income 89 times



Percentage of PLS Outcomes by Issue Area for Cases Closed in 2007

PLS Addresses Immigrant Issues to Meet Basic Needs and Reduce Poverty

- Obtained legal work authorization to secure household income 102 times
- Secured permanent legal immigration status 97 times

PLS Helps Seniors Avoid Abuse and Do End of Life Planning

- Prepared a will, living will or power of attorney 181 times
- Prevented financial or physical elder abuse (not domestic violence) 45 times

PLS Secures \$26.9 Million in Benefits to Clients

In 2007, Pisgah Legal Services secured **more than \$26.9 million in quantifiable benefits** to help low-income clients meet basic needs. PLS staff and volunteer attorneys closed 3,075 cases that helped children 7,275 times and adults 7,785 times. PLS improved the lives of **more than 9,000 WNC residents in 2007**.

Benefits to Clients	Estimated Value
<p>Disability Income Benefits</p> <p>PLS helped individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities obtain subsistence income benefits (Supplemental Security Income).</p>	\$1,894,517
<p>Medicaid Benefits for Individuals with Disabilities</p> <p>PLS helped individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities obtain Medicaid so they can access health care and prescription medications.</p>	\$16,728,397
<p>Other Monetary Benefits for Clients</p> <p>PLS helped clients secure housing subsidies, compensation for tenants living in unsafe housing conditions, child support payments for victims of domestic violence, unemployment compensation and home equity preserved from foreclosure.</p>	\$5,461,215
<p>Helped Clients Free Up Funds for Essential Expenses</p> <p>PLS helped clients prioritize payment of essential expenses and avoid payment of illegal charges.</p>	\$1,251,182
<p>Pro-Bono Legal Services for Clients</p> <p>The Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program's network of more than 300 volunteer attorneys provides pro bono services to PLS clients.</p>	\$436,650
<p>Federal Funds for housing and services for low-income people</p>	\$1,182,952
<p>Total <u>Quantifiable</u> Benefits to Clients</p>	\$26,954,913
<p>PLS Annual Budget - 2007</p>	\$2,020,780

Increasing Our Impact

Pisgah Legal Services helped more than 9,000 people through our direct services in 2007. But we know that there are many more people in need that we could not help due to limited funding and space. Below is a snapshot of ways in which PLS increased its impact beyond direct services in 2007.

Providing Leadership to Community Collaborations

- PLS provides leadership to numerous collaborative efforts in our region to address critical community issues, including domestic violence, homelessness, and the health care needs of the uninsured.

Training Other Professionals to Understand Poverty Law Issues

- PLS staff trained 250 hospital nurses in five counties about civil legal protections for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- PLS trained staff of Departments of Social Services in Buncombe, Henderson and Rutherford Counties on civil legal remedies to benefit their clients.
- PLS educated 45 human resources professionals about the impact of domestic violence in the workplace and how employers can assist victims.



PLS attorneys Robin Merrell and Curtis Venable shape local and state policies related to housing and health care to benefit low-income people.



Through collaboration, advocacy, and training, PLS improves the lives of thousands of low-income people. PLS staff Thalia Hoy, Angelica Wind, and Zahra Coleman educate the community to prevent domestic violence.

Advocating for Policy Change to Benefit Low-Income People

- PLS assisted the N.C. Division of Medical Assistance to redraft the definition of key mental health services (community support services) to provide recipients with higher quality, more cost-effective services.

Educating Low-Income People about Their Legal Rights

- PLS educated low-income residents about their 4th Amendment protection from unreasonable search and seizure.
- PLS educated African-American women about domestic violence and legal protections against abuse. African-American women are less likely than white women to seek legal help to escape abuse.

Securing Funding for Community Projects

- PLS coordinated an application to secure \$957,952 in federal funds to support the provision of services to people who are homeless.
- PLS helped the Madison County Community Housing Coalition secure funding to rehabilitate six homes for elderly and disabled homeowners and bring them up to code.
- PLS helped WNC Community Health Services become a Federally Qualifying Health Care Center so they can secure \$600,000 in federal funds for local indigent health care annually.

A Team of Dedicated, Experienced Staff

Pisgah Legal Services has a team of 36 dedicated staff members, including 16 staff attorneys. Many PLS staff members could find less stressful and more lucrative jobs elsewhere, but they choose to work at PLS because they deeply believe that all people deserve access to justice and they see the difference that civil legal aid makes for low-income people who have nowhere else to turn. PLS attorneys Mae Creadick and Shelley Pew Brown share their experiences as poverty law attorneys below.

Why I am a “Real Lawyer”

Mae Creadick, PLS Staff Attorney

Sometimes my clients ask me “Are you a real lawyer?” I suppose they assume that since I am providing a free service, and I’m making a fraction of what many attorneys are earning, I must not be a real lawyer. Lawyers are sometimes seen as the bad guy – not someone who is willing to help solve a legal problem at no cost.

So, what exactly makes me a “real lawyer?”

I’ve handled thousands of cases for some of the most desperate people in our community: victims of domestic violence, the elderly, homeless men, women and children, disabled veterans, and so on.

At PLS we are not just giving out advice and rushing people out the door. We’re actually litigating important cases and helping clients secure safety, housing, benefits – basic needs that many of us take for granted. At the same time, we’re working constantly to effect social change by engaging in outreach and community education.

At PLS helping people access justice makes us real lawyers. It’s insane to me that an abuser

can shoot his wife and be entitled to a free attorney, but the victim he shot must hire an attorney to get help with a domestic violence protective order. Being able to handle a large volume of intense cases and provide good quality representation is what makes us real lawyers.

Right now, I can’t think of anywhere I’d rather be employed than PLS. I enjoy working with a non-profit law firm that is full (to the brim) with such dedicated attorneys and support staff who care about their clients.

I’m Lucky to Be Here

Shelley Pew Brown, PLS Staff Attorney

Why do I work for PLS? For as long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to be a lawyer (except a brief stint at the age of 13 when I wanted to be a long distance truck driver. CB radios had just come out). I started working in law firms when I was 14 years old, and have had every type of legal job since then, from file clerk and messenger to litigator.

The reason I have been so driven towards the practice of law is because our judicial system contains the promise and opportunity for



Pisgah Legal Services attorneys Shelley Pew Brown and Mae Creadick forego jobs with higher salaries and more prestige to practice poverty law at PLS and help low-income people in crisis.

equality and fairness. No matter how rich or how poor, regardless of religion or nationality, you are equal in the eyes of the court.

If there are effective advocates on both sides, justice is blind. The little man can take on the big corporation or the government and win. That to me is such an exciting ideal, and it is a principle worth fighting for.

I am at a fortunate time in my life when the amount of my salary is not the primary basis of my career choice, so I can choose a job that truly inspires me and allows me to live out my ideals. I’m one of the lucky ones.

Volunteer Attorneys Help PLS Clients

Private attorneys contributed 3,900 hours of *pro bono* service to improve lives in 2007

In 2007, volunteer attorneys donated time valued at more than **\$436,650** to help Pisgah Legal Services' clients through the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program (MAVLP). The following attorneys served low-income people in 2007 by taking on cases referred through MAVLP, staffing the *Pro Bono* Hotline, or otherwise contributing legal services to benefit PLS' low-income clients.

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Mr. Kenneth R. Youngblood

Outstanding Volunteer Lawyers

More than 60 attorneys have 20 or more years of service to PLS clients through the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program (MAVLP). Without this extraordinary volunteer commitment, PLS would have to turn away hundreds of people in need each year. Here we highlight two attorneys that make a difference in the lives of people who have nowhere else to turn.



Volunteer attorney Ingrid Friesen uses her family law experience to help PLS' domestic violence clients escape abuse and begin to rebuild their lives.

Ingrid Friesen Ingrid Friesen, P.A.

I first started working with the MAVLP program in my first year of practice in Hendersonville in 1985. I was a sole practitioner and needed the work and experience. I continue my MAVLP work because I realize how important it is to these clients. Other clients have many choices about which attorney to hire, but for these clients, MAVLP attorneys are the only hope, and so we have a special responsibility.

As a Family Law Specialist, my work now consists of obtaining the best financial settlements for my clients. My MAVLP referrals, however, are almost always domestic violence cases, where clients are seeking safety and security. These clients are almost always desperate and afraid. We can make a difference in the quality of life for these clients, not just by obtaining protection orders, but also by providing guidance, reassurance and counsel. This work improves our quality of life.

Vince Childress Roberts & Stevens, P.A.

I have been involved in pro bono activities for MAVLP/PLS in my nearly 25 years of practice, all of which has been with Roberts & Stevens. My practice is generally limited to acting as outside general counsel to local businesses and addressing estate tax issues affecting individuals. Neither practice areas have much applicability to the legal needs of



Volunteer attorney Vince Childress has found ways to help PLS clients even though his areas of practice do not directly relate to our clients' needs.

the PLS clientele. Despite this, I found ways to volunteer to help PLS clients. As general counsel to businesses, I had represented employers before the Employment Security Commission on appeals of unemployment benefit claims. Since many employee appellants meet the criteria for PLS assistance, I decided to volunteer to represent employees when referred by PLS. I have handled many of these PLS referral cases and have had much success. It has certainly been rewarding to help clients obtain benefits when they have been terminated; obviously such folks have a real need.

I would certainly encourage other attorneys who practice in areas outside of the normal needs of the PLS clientele to try to develop some "niche" expertise with which they could provide pro bono assistance. I have found it a good way to meet my professional pro bono commitments, and it is personally rewarding to assist those in need.

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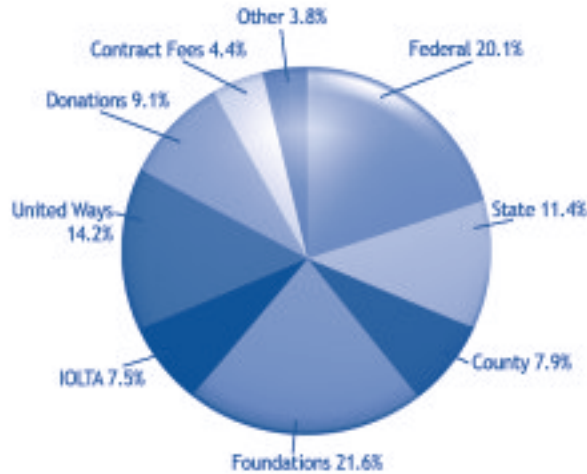
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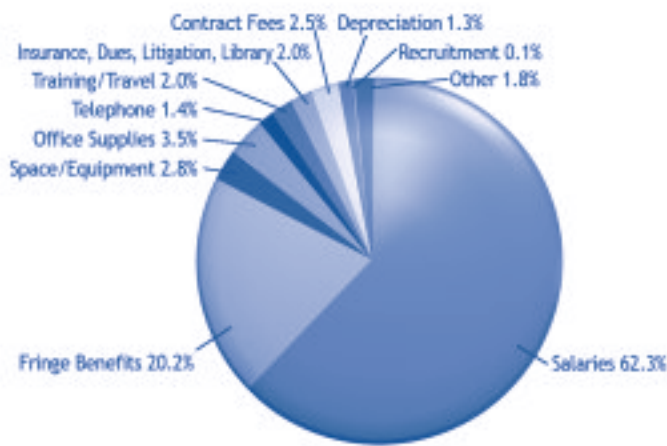
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