

Path to Success – 2014



In 2014, JALA opened 2,095 cases involving child custody, guardianships, refugee immigration, human trafficking and domestic violence.

Sadly Florida ranks the third highest state in the nation for cases of human trafficking, - and Jacksonville ranks third in the state.

In January 2014, JALA recognized over 500 area attorneys and other legal providers, who provided pro bono services, at the 16th Annual Equal Justice Awards.

2014 saw 11,232 hours of reported pro bono service including assistance ranging from full case representation to leading dozens of outreach events.

In 2014 JALA assisted 9 families with special needs children to navigate the difficult guardianship process.

Thanks to partner CSX, who worked closely with most of the cases and families, the families are now stable and thriving.

Pro bono attorneys, paralegals, and law students from Florida Coastal School of Law provide legal services for senior citizens to create advance directive documents.

Events made possible by: Imani Boykin, PA; Vickie Joiner Bowers, PA; Mike Jorgensen and Senior Counsel Law; Robert M. Morgan and Associates; The General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm Section of the Florida Bar.

IN 2014

JALA brought to Duval County over a million dollars in Social Security benefits including recurring yearly benefits and retroactive lump sum payments.

5,894 Cases Closed!

JALA actively participates or hosts over 100 legal outreach events annually, often working collaboratively with other non-profits such as the Florida Coastal School of Law, Sulzbacher Center, Hubbard House, City Rescue Mission and Three Rivers Legal Services.

These events such as Ask-A-Lawyer, Citizenship Day, Free Clinics and CLE workshops assisted over 2,300 people!

In a collaborative effort with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [H.U.D.] and the Civil Rights Commission, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid hosted a Civil Rights Bus Tour in April 2014.

Half the households in JAX are at or below HUD's definition of low income, which is 80% of median household income.

The 30/60 Challenge started by the Jacksonville Bar Association for JALA began!

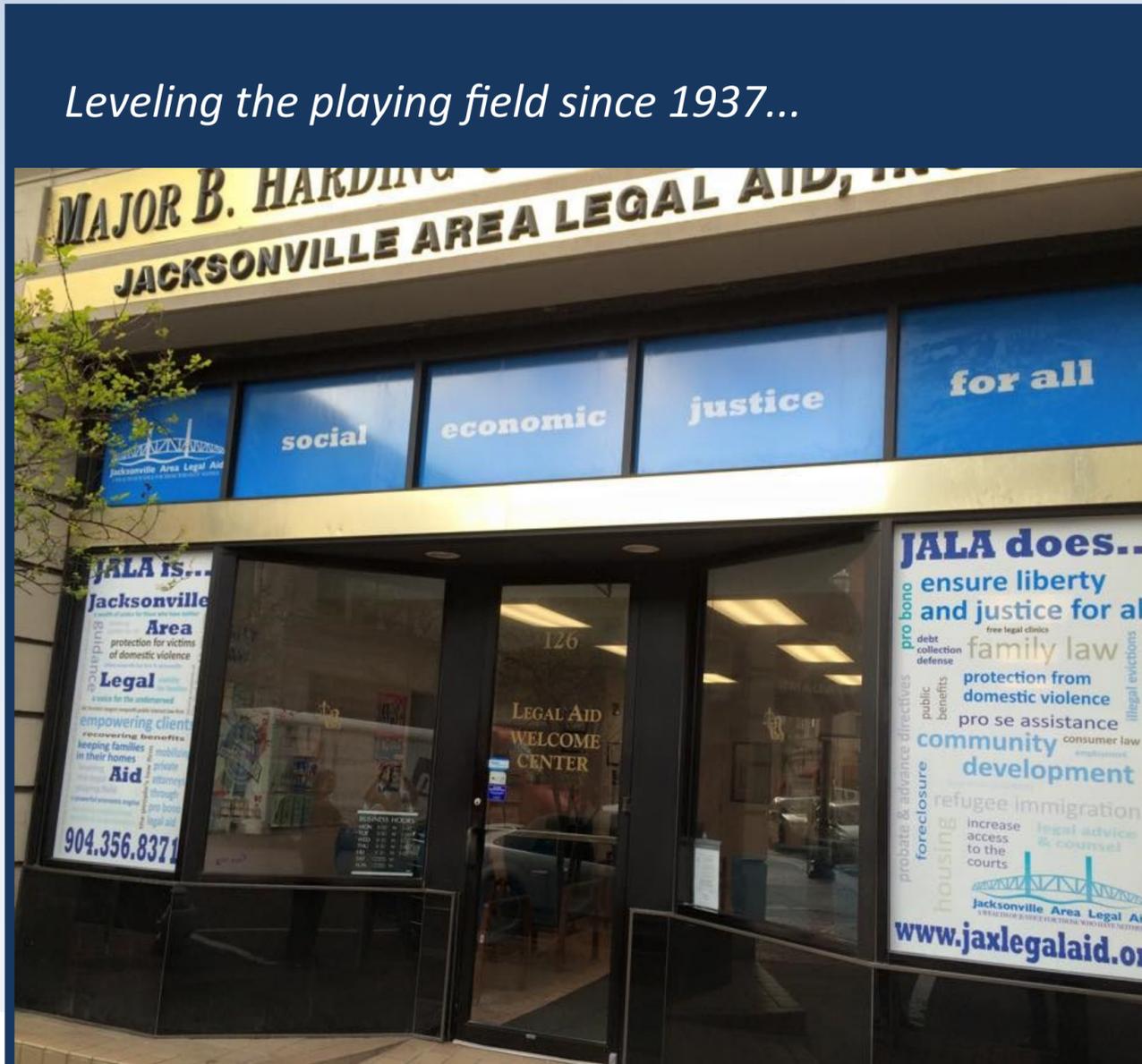
Marks Gray, Holland & Knight, Terrell Hogan, Bedell Ditmar, the board of the Federal Bar Association and Florida Coastal School of Law's clinical faculty were among those who stepped up.

2014 JALA offered over a dozen training and support CLE seminars for pro bono and legal services staff attorneys.

In 2014 JALA offered area pro bono attorneys courses providing the tools to represent a pro bono client in a particular substantive area of law. Courses were free and provided CLE credit.

Over a hundred brochures and pamphlets designed to help navigate the difficult legal processes are offered online to the general public at no charge.

Some of the topics included: Hardship driver's licenses, student loan information, employment discrimination, small claims court, stop domestic violence and caregiving for children of others.



Leveling the playing field since 1937...

There exists systemic discrimination against deaf/hard of hearing clients when attempting to access basic needs. On average Jacksonville Area Legal Aid receives 25-30 calls a year from deaf clients who are unable to clearly communicate with their healthcare providers. Treatment of these clients made them feel humiliated, dejected and unsafe as they were denied effective communication from the healthcare provider.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



15th Annual Robert J. Beckham Equal Justice Awards Celebration

Featuring:
The Honorable William A. Van Nortwick, Jr.
Equal Justice Honoree

Morris Dees, Southern Poverty Law Center
Keynote Speaker

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
 Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville Riverfront
 Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres & buffet dinner

Tickets & Tables:
 \$200 VIP \$100 Individual \$50 Government / Nonprofit
 \$1,000 Table for ten (10) / Sponsorships Available

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WHY WE DO IT

“Legal representation is sometimes all that’s standing between a family’s effort to be self sufficient and poverty.”

Guillermina Hernandegallo, Kresge Foundation

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

In 2014, JALA opened 1,170 cases involving eviction and another 864 cases involving either foreclosure or home ownership disputes.

One JALA attorney alone: kept 92 individual people in their housing who had been given termination notices.

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A Tangible Investment in Our Community

A study by Florida TaxWatch Research Institute found that \$1.00 invested in a Florida legal Aid organizations generated a \$4.78 return to the community.

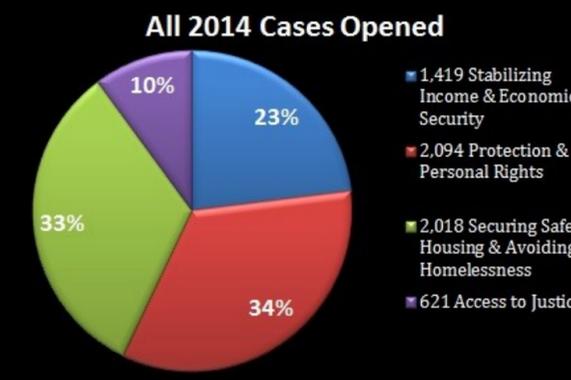



SPEAKING FOR THE VULNERABLE

HELPING 65+ OR DISABLED

In 2014, JALA helped recover more than **\$739,822** in lump sum or monthly SSI and SSDI benefits!

All 2014 Cases Opened



- 1,419 Stabilizing Income & Economic Security
- 2,094 Protection & Personal Rights
- 2,018 Securing Safe Housing & Avoiding Homelessness
- 621 Access to Justice

Please visit www.jaxlegalaid.org for an expanded version of this annual report including a thank you to all those that so generously supported the mission!

PRO BONO
by the numbers

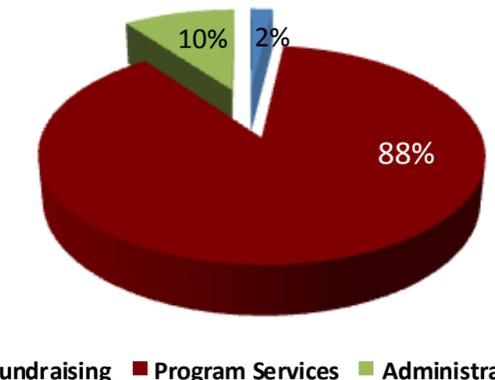
Value of Pro Bono time = **\$2,246,400***

- 11,232 reported hours of service at \$200.00 per hour, a conservative rate.
- 590 attorneys and approximately 100 non attorneys donated their talent and service.
- 704 cases placed

Allocation of Funding



Providing access to justice - leveling the legal playing field - JALA is the primary legal services organization serving Northeast Florida for nearly 80 years.



Sources of Revenue

County Funding (Clay, Duval*, Nassau, St. Johns)	\$779,559
US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development	\$747,419
Federal Grants	\$637,746
Florida Bar Foundation	\$592,853
Attorneys' Fees	\$433,713
Private Contributions & Special Events	\$362,816
State Refugee Project	\$303,476
Grants	\$256,160
Florida Attorney General Foreclosure Assistance	\$176,107
City of Jacksonville (public service grants)	\$168,878
JALA Foundation	\$147,500
United Way of Northeast Florida	\$74,522
Other Income	\$23,444



*Currently Duval County funds JALA at the equivalent of 3 average government salaried attorneys, compared to Tampa which funds the equivalent of 20!