Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
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70 Years.
70 Reasons to Give.

70 years of providing a voice for justice. 70 reasons to keep that promise alive.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

1. Because no family should lose its home without a fair chance to be heard.
2. Because an eviction notice shouldn't mean the end of the road.
3. Because safe, stable housing is the foundation for everything else.
4. Because tenants deserve protection from unlawful evictions.
5. Because families shouldn't have to choose between paying rent and buying groceries.
6. Because a landlord's failure to make repairs can threaten a family's health and safety.
7. Because homeowners deserve protection from predatory real estate practices.
8. Because preserving a family's home can help preserve a neighborhood.
9. Because legal help can prevent a temporary financial crisis from becoming homelessness.
10. Because everyone deserves a place to call home.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY SAFETY

11. Because survivors of domestic violence deserve safety and a fresh start.
12. Because no one should have to face an abuser alone in court.
13. Because children deserve to grow up in safe, stable homes.
14. Because an Order of Protection can be a critical step toward safety.
15. Because escaping abuse shouldn’t mean losing financial security.
16. Because survivors deserve a voice in decisions affecting their children.
17. Because legal representation can help survivors rebuild their lives.
18. Because safety shouldn’t depend on someone’s ability to afford an attorney.
19. Because every survivor deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
20. Because everyone deserves to live free from fear.

HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC BENEFITS

21. Because children shouldn't lose health coverage over paperwork.
22. Because access to medical care can change the course of a child's life.
23. Because eligible families deserve the benefits the law provides.
24. Because a bureaucratic error shouldn't leave a family without food.
25. Because older adults deserve help navigating complicated benefits systems.
26. Because people with disabilities deserve access to essential services.
27. Because losing Medicaid coverage shouldn't mean losing hope.
28. Because families deserve clear answers when benefits are denied or terminated.
29. Because legal advocacy can help remove barriers to health care.
30. Because health and well-being should not depend on income.

IMMIGRATION AND NEW BEGINNINGS

31. Because immigrant families deserve to understand their legal rights.
32. Because survivors of trafficking deserve protection and a chance to rebuild.
33. Because language barriers shouldn't prevent access to justice.
34. Because navigating a complicated immigration system shouldn't mean facing it alone.
35. Because immigrant survivors of domestic violence deserve safety.
36. Because legal assistance can help eligible immigrants pursue citizenship.
37. Because families deserve stability as they build new lives.
38. Because vulnerable immigrants deserve competent, compassionate legal representation.
39. Because a person's country of origin should not determine their access to justice.
40. Because everyone deserves the opportunity to build a safer future.

SECURITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

41. Because hardworking families deserve protection from unfair debt collection.
42. Because a financial setback shouldn't lead to a lifetime of hardship.
43. Because consumers deserve protection from deceptive business practices.
44. Because older adults shouldn't lose their savings to financial exploitation.
45. Because people struggling with debt still have legal rights.
46. Because predatory contracts can threaten a family's financial future.
47. Because a person's income shouldn't determine whether they can challenge an injustice.
48. Because legal help can protect the resources families need to survive.
49. Because economic stability strengthens families and communities.
50. Because financial hardship shouldn't mean losing your rights.

RURAL COMMUNITIES AND EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

51. Because justice shouldn't depend on your ZIP code.
52. Because rural families deserve the same access to legal help as urban families.
53. Because a long drive to a courthouse shouldn't be a barrier to justice.
54. Because older adults in rural communities deserve protection and advocacy.
55. Because legal help should reach people where they live.
56. Because people facing legal problems shouldn't have to navigate complicated systems alone.
57. Because every community benefits when every resident has access to justice.
58. Because rural communities need attorneys who understand their unique challenges.
59. Because access to legal representation strengthens communities across eastern Missouri.
60. Because justice belongs to everyone, everywhere.

70 YEARS OF JUSTICE AND THE FUTURE

61. Because for 70 years, Legal Services has stood beside people who need a voice.
62. Because equal justice under the law must be more than a promise.
63. Because having legal rights means little if you cannot enforce them.
64. Because one successful case can make a difference far beyond one client.
65. Because legal advocacy can change unfair systems, not just individual outcomes.
66. Because every person deserves to be treated fairly, regardless of income.
67. Because our communities are stronger when their most vulnerable residents are protected.
68. Because 70 years of service is a legacy worth building upon.
69. Because the need for civil legal aid is far from over.
70. Because justice starts here—and with you!