

Make a promise to support the future of justice.

Action. Vision

As early as 1911, there was a movement in St. Louis to ensure equal access to justice for all. In 1956, that aspiration was formalized with the establishment of the Legal Aid Society of St. Louis City and County.

Six decades later, more than 1.1 million clients and families have realized the promise of access to justice **because of the work of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri**, and millions more have been helped through state-wide impact.

Justice. Promise

We embrace our responsibility to help the communities we serve. Today's ever-changing needs require Legal Services to be resilient, flexible and bold in order to help the growing number of families who are disenfranchised from access to justice.

Hope. Legacy

The law is at the center of nearly every critical issue facing our society. Together, we are expanding our work to advance justice and equity, and to ensure that all Missourians can lead safe, healthy, and productive lives.



Our community needs all of us, **NOW** and for the **FUTURE**. With your **LEGACY GIFT**, together we will protect the promise of equal access to justice for all.

With your support, we will:

- **Reduce** the unmet legal needs of the disenfranchised;
- **Expand** access to services, especially in under-served communities;
- **Advance** positive systemic change and societal equity;
- **Provide** trauma-responsive, holistic legal services;
- **Support** the goal that justice can be achieved through fair and equitable access to the civil legal system, today and into the future.



"We have many legacies, most notably Bill McCalpin and Bill Guerri, who created the link between our private bar and Legal Services.

In that tradition, I have made a testamentary gift to assure that my support of Access to Justice will continue beyond my lifetime. I urge you to do the same.."

*Gerry Orbals,
long-standing Legal Services' volunteer*

Planned Giving Options

• **Wills/Bequests** - With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust, specifying a gift to be made to family, friends and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri as part of your estate plan. You can also make a bequest using a beneficiary designation. If you do not have an attorney, we can refer you to one who specializes in estate planning.

• **Retirement Funds** - Designate Legal Services of Eastern Missouri as a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of your retirement account (IRA, 401(k), 403(b)) or pension.

• **Life Insurance Policies** - Name Legal Services of Eastern Missouri as a beneficiary of your life insurance policies.

Types of Bequests

• **Specific Bequest** - Gift a specific dollar amount, or a specific asset such as real estate, stock or other tangible property.* For example, you may leave \$10,000, or your home, to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

• **Percentage Bequest** - Designate a percentage of your overall estate to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. For example, you may leave 10% of your estate.

• **Residual Bequest** - After a will or trust has been distributed to specific bequests, you may leave a percentage of the balance of the estate to charity as a residual bequest. For example, you may leave 30% of the residual to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

**If you have questions about which types of gifts Legal Services accepts, please contact Colleen Daum at ccdaum@lsem.org*