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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

Training design and development including advocacy skills, substantive law, management and leadership skills, and community legal education.

Materials development including design and development of training materials, checklists, interview protocols, and pro per materials.

Organizational and individual performance development including teambuilding, retreats, diversity, strategic planning, dealing with difficult behavior, conflict management, law office management, management and career planning.

Services Offered:

Substantive Law Training:

Public Benefits and Housing Law Overviews in Pasadena (Spring) and San Francisco (Fall)

Other Training:

- Go to the Movies: Legal Ethics, Detecting/Preventing Substance Abuse, Eliminating Bias in the Legal Profession (every January in Pasadena & San Francisco)
- Biennial Writing Workshop (summer 2009 in Pasadena and San Francisco)

Web-based Training: www.BenchmarkInstitute.org/t_by_t/index.htm

- Now available 24/7: Substance Abuse MCLE self-study units, Effective Advocacy for the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Disability Community (Elimination of Bias credits) and more to come.
- Customized training available on skills, substantive law, leadership and organization development, as well as facilitation for retreats, meetings, and priority-setting conferences.
- Annual Training Calendar at www.BenchmarkInstitute.org/our_training/index.htm or contact us.

Consultation:

Training issues (design, development, and delivery); materials development (design and development); and organization development and individual performance issues (retreat planning and career development).

Information Services: Website Learning Portal includes information, sources of training for face-to-face and online training events and training materials.

Mission: Benchmark Institute is an educational institution that develops and delivers training to public interest lawyers, paralegals, clients, and other service providers whose work requires legal knowledge. Benchmark is dedicated to empowering people through excellence in innovative education, training, and development.

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

CANHR provides advice, counseling, technical assistance, publications, and training in the areas of public benefits and long-term care, including nursing homes, residential care, continuing care retirement communities, Medi-Cal, Medicare, elder abuse, fiduciary abuse, resident rights, and other legal issues affecting low-income, disabled, and elderly California consumers. CANHR has established a statewide hotline for legal services staff and consumers (800/474-1116) and a website with information on every nursing home and residential-care/assisted-living facility in California.

Services Offered:

Consultation: CANHR Staff is available to answer questions from programs weekdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday (phones off between 12 noon and 1 pm). Written requests for services are answered promptly. Services include technical assistance, consultation on individual cases, research and brief bank. Contact staff attorneys or advocacy unit.

Information Services: In addition to free subscriptions to CANHR's quarterly newsletters, The CANHR Advocate and The Legal Network News, CANHR offers one free copy of all attorney training manuals to qualified programs. Copies of fact sheets can be downloaded from the website. Contact: R. Martien.

Representation: Includes consultation with and/or representation of individual clients referred by programs, collaboration on individual cases, and assistance with administrative and judicial appeals. CANHR will initiate litigation on specific issues at the request of programs. Contact: P. McGinnis, P. Cole.

Training: CANHR provides training to legal services programs throughout California in estate planning for long-term care (Medi-Cal in particular), long-term care litigation, nursing home laws, elder abuse, and residents' rights. Contact: P. McGinnis, P. Cole.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation provides community outreach and education, public policy advocacy, litigation support, and technical and legal assistance for California's rural poor. CRLAF targets its work in the areas of agricultural workers' health, civil & human rights, education, employment, immigration, labor, pesticides, rural housing, and worker safety.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, appointment, e-mail, and mail
CRLAF advocates are available for consultation on issues affecting rural poor clients between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Information Services: subscription newsletter and website
CRLAF's rural housing unit prints out Framing the Issues, a weekly e-newsletter that provides up-to-the-minute information on state housing legislation, issue analysis, special alerts, and political updates. To subscribe, please contact Brian Augusta at 916/446-9241 or baugusta@housingadvocates.org

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation
CRLAF attorneys are available for advice and counsel, co-counseling, and full representation of clients in immigration, labor and employment, and worker safety issues.

Training: periodic, as needed, and onsite available
CRLAF advocates provide comprehensive training on bilingual education, labor and employment, naturalization, general immigration, and worker-safety issues. To request training seminars, please contact Claudia Guzman at 916/446-7904 x 14.

California Women's Law Center

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Description of Program/Area of Expertise:

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Cacilia Kim:	Women's Health & Reproductive Justice
Hadley Van Vactor:	Violence Against Women & Teen Dating Violence

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, and mail

Identify and create alternative strategies for effective response to existing but unmet legal needs of women and girls; provide legal services providers, pro bono attorneys, and community organizations with technical assistance regarding current law; provide brief legal and technical assistance over the phone and identify appropriate resources for callers.

Information Services: website and publications

CWLC's website (www.cwlc.org) provides information on our programming areas, current projects, and internship opportunities. The website also maintains recent publications including a breast cancer legal resource guide in five different languages, a Title IX compliance guide, an older women's health rights enforcement guide, policy briefs, testimony, and fact sheets, as well as current updates on the Law Center's work.

Representation: advice and co-counseling

Identify and respond to emerging legal needs of women with innovative strategies and models for representation. Work with legal and direct services providers to provide information to women on issue areas, including information on current law and strategies to ensure compliance with laws concerning women's rights; provide advocacy support and legal assistance on specified legal issues affecting women and girls, including the development of effective legal strategies, co-counseling, drafting and/or participating in writing amicus briefs.

Training: periodic, as needed, and task forces

Analyze current law and provide written information, training, and oral presentations to legal services providers, women's organizations, community organizations, parent groups, shelters, and attorney groups.

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

Nonprofit public interest law firm emphasizing class-action and impact litigation on behalf of immigrants, refugees, and children. Expertise in federal practice and procedure, constitutional law, administrative law, international law, immigration law, and complex litigation.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, appointment, and e-mail

The Center offers technical assistance to Trust Fund programs in the areas of expertise described above. Trust Fund programs needing assistance should contact P. Schey, C. Holguin, or A. Virramontes.

Information Services: website

The Center publishes information relating to its litigation and issues affecting immigrants and refugees on its websites (all accessible at www.centerforhumanrights.org).

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation

The Center provides direct legal representation to selected clients referred by Trust Fund programs or private counsel acting pro bono publico. The Center is also available to co-counsel on complex individual and class-action litigation with Trust Fund programs in the areas of expertise listed above.

Training: periodic, as needed, and onsite available

The Center conducts periodic training to Trust Fund programs, community-based organizations, and pro bono attorneys in areas related to its litigation and expertise. Information regarding the Center's training is regularly mailed to Trust Fund programs and community-based organizations and is also available on the Center's web page.

Child Care Law Center

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The Child Care Law Center uses legal tools to make high quality, affordable child care available to every child of every age, every family, and every community. Areas of expertise include child care and poverty policy; child care related to welfare reform; access for children with disabilities; language access and immigration related issues; building community child care capacity including housing, land use, and economic development; and child care regulation and licensing.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone and appointment

Staff attorneys encourage calls by local legal services advocates and are available to consult with field staff advocates during regular business hours.

Information Services: free email newsletter and website

Essential Update- a legal services email newsletter, client education materials, and all publications are available at no charge to the staff of IOLTA programs.

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation

We consider requests to co-counsel or accept referrals to represent clients of legal services programs in cases having broad impact.

Training: periodic, as needed, and onsite available

CCLC participates in LAAC-sponsored Traveling Trainings, Pathways to Justice Conference, Western Center on Law and Poverty Task Forces and NLADA sponsored training programs. CCLC conducts training for advocates, community partners, and legal services program clients and will arrange on-site training for local programs.

Legislative and Administrative Advocacy: policy development, consultation and advocacy

CCLC is very active in state and local policy development and advocacy on behalf of low income families in California on issues related to child care. Our policy work is rooted in our knowledge of child care issues that have a particular impact on low income families, our collaborative work with legal services program staff and other advocates, and our direct service work.

Mission Statement: The Child Care Law Center uses legal tools to make high quality, affordable child care available to every child of every age, every family, and every community.

The Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. (CCWRO) is a statewide nonprofit organization that provides back-up services to qualified legal service field programs funded by the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and pro-bono attorneys referred to CCWRO by such legal services field programs.

CCWRO provides consultation, information, training, and representation on issues relating to public benefit programs such as Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC), a.k.a. CalWORKs/TANF; Refugee Assistance; Medi-Cal; Welfare Employment Programs/GAIN; Food Stamps; General Assistance; Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI); and SSI.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, appointment (in person), e-mail, and mail
CCWRO staff is available for consultation Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CCWRO responds to all telephone calls/e-mails immediately, but no later than the next working day.

Publications: Public Assistance Table, New Welfare News Bulletin.
We will provide an immediate response to questions from legal services programs regarding public benefit programs, laws, and regulations. CCWRO maintains current information on the status of pending or recently enacted state and federal legislation and regulations that we have identified as being important to our clients, members, and associates. CCWRO collects and disperses statistical information and analysis on the AFDC (aka CalWORKs), Food Stamps, Child Care, and Welfare Employment programs.

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation
CCWRO provides consultation, and co-counseling on issues relating to public benefit programs, such as: Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) (a.k.a. CalWORKS), Food Stamps, General Assistance, SSI, Child Care, and the Welfare Employment Programs. CCWRO also will do welfare hearing Administrative Writs (CCP §1094.5) that will be filed in Sacramento before judges who are more familiar with the administrative process than judges in many other counties around the state.

Training:

CCWRO will provide individual office training free of charge upon request and based upon availability of time. Please contact CCWRO if your office wants training in any aspect of public assistance. The trainings include (1) State Hearings Trainings; (2) Administrative Writ Training; (3) Welfare-to-Work Sanction Defense Training; (4) California Public Benefits Cutting Edge Issues & New Development; (5) Introduction to Public Benefits Advocacy at the Local and State Level; (5) IHSS; (6) CAPI; (7) Local and State Welfare Administrative and Legislative Advocacy.

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

DREDF is a national law and policy center dedicated to advancing and protecting the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities. DREDF addresses disability-based discrimination in employment, education (special education, regular education, and higher education), housing, voting, access to public accommodations, public facilities and public programs, and transportation.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, and mail

Consultation on disability civil rights law and policy may include individual technical assistance, case review and strategy development, provision of sample pleadings, law and policy updates, review of written case materials, and other related support as needed. Contact front desk during business hours for appropriate internal referral.

Information Services: free newsletter and website

Periodic free newsletter and website provide information on available DREDF services and current activities. All IOLTA offices are on our mailing list. Contact front desk with requests for particular individual names to be added to our mailing list.

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation

In addition to consultation advice, DREDF usually has 10-15 open litigation cases. Litigation cases often involve representation of eligible clients referred by IOLTA field offices and cases co-counseled with field offices.

Training: periodic, as needed, and onsite available

DREDF provides periodic special-education law training for parents of children with disabilities. On request, DREDF can provide training on any aspect of disability civil rights law to staff of IOLTA field offices, or participate in regional or statewide conferences. Contact front desk during business hours for appropriate internal referral.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) provides various types of technical assistance on immigration law and procedure to qualified legal services projects that are part of the Legal Services Trust Fund Program (IOLTA). Additionally, ILRC offers technical assistance on immigrant organizing, advocacy, and leadership training projects.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, and fax

ILRC has an "Attorney of the Day" who will respond to requests for consultation services for attorneys and legal staff of non-profits. Bay Area non-profits and all California-based IOLTA legal services programs receive consultations at no cost. For those consultations for which we charge, our consultation services are charged prorated to the minute. To request a contract or more information, legal service programs can contact the Attorney of the Day Monday - Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. by dialing extension 6263, by fax, or by e-mailing aod@ilrc.org.

Information Services: website & materials

ILRC produces manuals on various aspects of immigration law. Some materials can be downloaded from ILRC's website www.ilrc.org. Materials that are not on the web can be ordered by contacting ILRC by fax, phone, or through our website. Materials are offered to IOLTA legal services programs at a reduced cost.

ILRC's website also offers information regarding immigrant rights, advocacy campaigns and current news. In addition, ILRC has created an IOLTA page to serve the special needs of IOLTA legal services programs.

Representation: co-counseling

Co-counseling is available on a limited number of cases with qualified IOLTA legal services projects. Contact ILRC by fax or mail if interested.

Training: periodic

The ILRC holds a number of training seminars and webinars throughout the year on various aspects of immigration law. They are announced in our newsletter and through mailings and listservs. Registration is free for IOLTA legal services programs, other than the cost of reproducing the training materials.

ILRC Mission:

ILRC works with immigrants and citizens to make critical legal assistance and social services accessible to all, regardless of income, and to build a society that values diversity and respects the dignity and rights of all people.

To further that goal, ILRC:

- Educates and inspires immigrants to advocate for justice for themselves and their communities;
- Promotes civic participation and mutual respect for all groups;
- Provides support, training, and information about immigration law and policy to immigrants and their advocates in an effort to increase the quantity and quality of legal assistance available to low-income persons;
- Collaborates with immigrants, community organizations, and government agencies to create innovative and constructive solutions to issues involving immigration policy; and
- Promotes public awareness of the contributions new Americans make to our society and the challenges they face.

The Impact Fund

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

Provides funding, technical assistance, training, and co-counsel in complex civil rights, poverty, and environmental justice cases. We have particular expertise in procedural issues in impact litigation, i.e. class actions, unfair-competition cases (Business & Professions Code §17200), attorneys fees, federal court procedure, settlement, and trial questions.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, in-person, and mail

We are always available to answer short or long questions, look into knotty legal issues, and participate in strategy sessions in impact litigation. We can also help find resources, i.e. co-counsel, experts, and other legal programs with similar issues. All legal inquiries should go to B. Seligman or J. Larkin.

Information Services: annual report, periodic research papers, and website

Representation: co-counseling, full representation, amicus, and limited-issue representation, e.g. handling class issues, mediation, or settlement sessions.

Training: periodic

Periodic MCLE programs on class/fee/impact issues; Webinars; Class Action Training Institute; and, where requested, project specific training. J. Larkin is contact. All programs are listed on our website; all Trust Fund Projects receive notice.

Insight Center for Community Economic Development

(Formerly National Economic Development & Law Center)

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The Insight Center provides assistance in community economic development, with an emphasis on entity structuring for tax-exempt organizations and their affiliates, tax exemption issues, public and private sector financing and reinvestment in poor communities, strategies to access employment opportunities, including first source hiring and living wage programs, micro enterprise and other business development programs, real estate, and childcare facilities development.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, mail, and fax

General inquiries should be addressed to G. Lessard. A response will be made to all requests as soon as possible. Requests are welcome from pro bono attorneys representing eligible clients as well as Qualified Legal Services Programs.

Information Services: website

Visit our website (www.insightccd.org). Over the next two years we are updating our legal publications.

Representation: advice

General inquiries should be addressed to G. Lessard. In some cases NEDLC can provide in-depth support on matters within the priority areas described above.

Training: onsite training available for Qualified Legal Services Programs

Contact G. Lessard for information or to schedule onsite training.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

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LSPC advocates for the human rights and empowerment of incarcerated parents, children, family members, and people at risk for incarceration. We respond to requests for information, trainings, technical assistance, litigation, community activism, and the development of more advocates. Our focus is on women prisoners and their families and we emphasize that issues of race are central to any discussion of incarceration. Our areas of expertise include family law, prisoners' rights advocacy, and domestic violence.

Services Offered:

Information Services: free newsletter and website

Please write to us for subscription information. We also provide printed material on incarcerated parents, divorce law, the Prison Litigation Reform Act, and other information of importance to prisoners, former prisoners, and family members.

Representation: advice and co-counseling

We provide representation in class-action suits regarding conditions of confinement for women prisoners. We also provide advice to prisoners and their families regarding family-law issues.

Training: as needed, onsite available, and task forces. Contact LSPC for trainings regarding the restoration of civil rights as people leave prison, family law as it relates to incarceration, support for incarcerated survivors of domestic violence, and other information regarding prisoners, former prisoners, family members, and those communities most impacted by incarceration.

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Services Offered:

Consultation: Telephone, e-mail, mail, appointment, and via website. Consultation is provided to other child advocates by our staff attorneys.

Information Services: Legal journal, website, other publications.

Youth Law News is the quarterly journal of the National Center for Youth Law, and features articles on critical children's issues written by NCYL attorneys and attorneys from related organizations. The journal also includes project updates, litigation developments, and other information about NCYL, as well as announcements of upcoming conferences and useful publications. Please send subscription requests or inquiries via mail or e-mail: yln@youthlaw.org, or visit our website at <http://www.youthlaw.org>.

Representation: Advice, co-counseling, and full representation.

As we do not receive funds from the Legal Services Corporation, we do not have LSC restrictions on our work. We are, therefore, particularly interested in litigation that cannot be done by LSC recipients.

Training: Periodic, as needed, and onsite available. Contact Person: Rebecca Gudeman, rgudeman@youthlaw.org

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Services Offered:

Consultation:

NHeLP provides brief advice and technical assistance and analysis to qualified legal services providers.

Information Services: subscription newsletter, and websites

NHeLP's quarterly subscription newsletter, the Health Advocate, 'contains updates on critical developments in healthcare law'. NHeLP's websites, contain up-to-date information on major changes in law and policy that affect healthcare for low-income people and consumer information to increase their ability to make choices about their healthcare.

Representation: advice and co-counseling

NHeLP provides litigation assistance to advocates in cases affecting the healthcare interests of low-income people and co-counsels in select cases.

Training: upon request

NHeLP trains advocates on state and national health-law developments. In addition to substantive education in the Medicaid program, NHeLP provides educational opportunities on select health-law topics upon request.

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NHLP seeks to advance housing justice for poor people by increasing and preserving the supply of decent, affordable housing; by improving existing housing conditions, including physical conditions and management practices; by expanding and enforcing low-income tenants' and homeowners' rights; and by increasing housing opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities. NHLP works to achieve its mission through public policy advocacy and by providing research, legal assistance, training, publications, and technical assistance to a broad audience of housing lawyers and advocates. Areas of expertise include federal housing programs including public housing, Section 8 certificates, Section 8 homeownership, project-based Section 8, HUD-subsidized multifamily housing, Rural Development (formerly FmHA or RHS) single-family and multi-family housing programs, multi-family rental housing preservation, fair housing, Section 3, housing protections accorded to survivors of domestic violence, and reasonable access and accommodation to housing for persons with a disability.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, and mail

For consultation call 510/251-9400 x 3400 and leave a message or e-mail nhlp@nhlp.org.

Information Services: subscription newsletter

Housing Law Bulletin: \$175; Practice Manual: HUD Housing Programs: Tenants' Rights (3d Ed., February 2004) \$350 (add CA sales tax plus \$5 shipping/volume); 2006—2007 Supplement to HUD Housing Programs: Tenants Rights (\$130 plus CA sales tax (Main volume and Supplement \$410 plus CA sales tax). For publications call 510/251-9400 x 3500 and leave a message.

NHLP also sponsors a Housing Justice Network (HJN) listserv that enables members to exchange information and seek assistance about housing cases. Over 500 advocates nationally participate in this very active listserv. Access to the listserv is limited to HJN members. To apply, send an e-mail to Amy Siemens at asiemens@nhlp.org.

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation.

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Training: upon request. NHLP staff is available for onsite training upon request. Call 510/251-9400 x 3400 and leave a message. NHLP participates in the Western Center's Housing Task Force training events, and conducts a housing training track at the annual NLADA Substantive Law Conference and at the Housing Justice Network meetings held every 18-24 months.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) is a national support center whose mission is to protect and promote the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants and their family members. NILC specializes in the immigration, employment, and public benefits laws affecting immigrants and refugees. NILC conducts impact litigation and policy analysis/advocacy and provides trainings, publications, and technical support to a broad constituency of legal aid agencies, community groups, health and social service providers, pro bono attorneys, and government agencies.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, and mail

Requests for technical assistance may be made by leaving a message at (213) 639-3900 at x 9, or sending an e-mail to: technicalassistance@nilc.org.

Information Services: subscription newsletters, e-mail updates, and website

Immigrants' Rights Update: Focuses on changes in policy, legislation, regulatory action, and case law affecting low-income immigrants, now distributed by email. E-mail Benefits Update: Analyzes proposed legislative and administrative changes in the public-benefits laws. To subscribe to this update or other listservs sponsored by NILC, contact NILC's Publications Department in Los Angeles at x 6, or e-mail info@nilc.org. Visit NILC's website at www.nilc.org.

Representation: advice, co-counseling, and full representation

As a national support center, NILC does not provide direct representation to individuals. Our litigation work focuses on issues that have a broad impact on the rights of low-income immigrants and refugees, including but not limited to immigrants' right to due process, employment discrimination on the basis of immigration status and national origin, and immigrant access to health and welfare benefits. NILC regularly co-counsels on federal and state class-action lawsuits with other leading public interest firms. Contact: info@nilc.org or technicalassistance@nilc.org with co-counseling inquiries.

Training: periodic and as needed

NILC sponsors a biennial national conference on immigrants' rights in Washington, D.C., and makes presentations at conferences of other national groups such as NLADA. NILC and other partners in the California Immigrant Policy Center conduct annual regional trainings in Northern and Southern California on immigrants and government benefits. NILC also presents trainings on immigration and welfare and employment issues in collaboration with local or regional groups. Contact info@nilc.org or Mike Munoz (LA office, x 117, munoz@nilc.org) with training inquiries.

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The National Senior Citizens Law Center advocates nationwide to promote the independence and well-being of low-income elderly individuals, as well as persons with disabilities, with particular emphasis on women and racial and ethnic minorities. As a national and California state support center, NSCLC advocates through litigation, legislative and agency representation, and assistance to attorneys and paralegals in field programs.

Areas of expertise include Medicaid, Medi-Cal, Medicare (Part D prescription drugs and Medicare Savings Programs), long-term care, Social Security, SSI, CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants), ADA, and enforcement of Federal Rights against states.

Services Offered:

Consultation: *we encourage advocates to contact us for assistance by telephone, e-mail, fax or mail.*

Information Services: *website: www.nsclc.org; Medicare Part D Alerts; subscription newsletters: NSCLC Washington Weekly: \$295/year. This is a publication (4 pages) with brief, timely articles on developments in Congress, in the agencies, and in the courts impacting the elderly or persons with disabilities. Samples are available. Social Security/SSI Informational Mailing: \$250/year. This is a summary of developments in Social Security and SSI together with related documents, often not readily available elsewhere. Nursing Home Law Letter (quarterly): \$175/year. This is a concise compilation of developments of interest to practitioners in nursing-home law.*

NSCLC also has regular listservs for advocates on federal rights and Medicare Part D issues, and prepares extensive materials on Medicare Part D and issues affecting people eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare in California.

Representation: *advice (for attorneys/advocates), co-counseling, full representation (selected cases)*

NSCLC provides advice, co-counseling, and full representation in litigation concerning low-income seniors in California, as well as on related issues of persons with disabilities. NSCLC is also engaged in federal and state administrative and legislative advocacy, where appropriate.

Training: periodic, as needed, and onsite available. NSCLC regularly participates in the Senior Legal Services Program Section of the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) and in LAAC Traveling Trainings, as well as in legal services trainings throughout the country.

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PIC provides support to legal aid organizations through: (1) strategic statewide planning, technical assistance and advice, and advocate trainings; (2) developing online resources to enhance the delivery of legal services and pro bono; (3) developing a pro bono ethic through the Law Student Pro Bono Project; (4) organizing PI/PS Day, the largest West Coast law-student career fair; and (5) coordinating California's response on national advocacy issues.

Information Services:

Resources:

Legal Services Bulletin (legal aid, legislative, court, and state bar news—emailed quarterly)
CaliforniaProBono.org (California's online pro bono resource)
LawHelpCA.org (referral and self-help resource for clients)

The Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC):

PIC also staffs the Legal Aid Association of California, a membership organization of legal aid programs, which engages in extensive advocacy, staff training, and other collaborative work.

LAAC Trainings and Resources:

LAAC organizes a number of trainings including the Support Center Traveling Trainings, Directors of Litigation and Advocacy Meetings, the Family Law Conference, and more.
CALegalAdvocates.org contains a calendar of trainings, advocacy alerts, resources, and listservs for the legal aid community.

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The Project provides litigation, policy advocacy, consultation, and training support for local IOLTA legal services programs in California. We concentrate on housing, public benefits, healthcare, and civil rights. We continue to strive to fulfill our mission of providing local poverty-law programs with the capacity to engage in major litigation and other significant advocacy. The Project sponsors the California Affordable Housing Law Project (CAHLP). CAHLP provides assistance on land use (especially housing elements), fair housing, redevelopment, and relocation assistance and anti-NIMBY issues.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, e-mail, and fax
We are available on a daily basis.

Information Services:

With adequate advance notice, staff can provide review and analysis of state or local policies, laws, or regulations. Publications available online upon request to IOLTA-funded programs: "California Housing Element Manual" (2nd Edition, updated April 2008); "Laws Affecting the Location & Approval of Affordable Housing" (March 2000, update in progress); "Inclusionary Zoning: Policy Considerations and Best Practices" (December 2002 (with Western Center)); "Inclusionary Zoning: Legal Issues" (December 2002 (with Western Center))

Representation: advice and co-counseling

We will co-counsel with local programs on impact cases within our areas of specialization in state and federal courts.

Training: onsite available

Staff will provide training to local program staff onsite (as resources permit) or in conjunction with other state support centers.

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Mission:

Western Center advances and enforces the rights of low-income Californians to the basic necessities of life. Focusing primarily in three substantive poverty law areas (public benefits, health care, and housing), WCLP provides support in several areas, including: (1) as co-counsel for broad impact cases, including class actions and writs, (2) technical assistance to legal services advocates on substantive law questions within Western Center's practice areas, (3) coordinating statewide task forces, (4) training on substantive law issues, (5) preparing and disseminating educational manuals and materials; and (6) legislative and administrative policy advocacy.

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Representation: co-counseling on impact litigation cases

Training: periodic, as needed, onsite available, and task forces

Western Center conducts trainings on advocacy skills and substantive law. Training topics are generally determined by field requests or by obvious needs of legal services programs. Requests for substantive training should be directed to the staff in the substantive law area to which the training relates. Requests for skills trainings should be made to the Director of Litigation.

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Overview of Program & Areas of Expertise:

WORKSAFE is a California-based non-profit organization and health through education, training, technical and legal assistance, and advocacy. We focus on eliminating all types of workplace hazards and also on workplace-created toxic hazards that impact at-risk communities in California. We advocate for protective worker health and safety laws and effective remedies for injured workers. The Worksafe Law Center is a legal services support center providing assistance to legal services programs throughout California who directly serve California's most vulnerable low-wage workers.

Our expertise is in the areas of occupational safety and health (OSH), remedies for injured workers' compensation, toxic exposures, and retaliation based on involvement with OSH or because a worker was injured. We also teach policy advocacy.

Low-income and immigrant workers are more likely to work in hazardous jobs and be injured at work. Workers who are injured on the job often lose their jobs, become unable to support themselves and their families, and may end up homeless. They are also increasingly unable to find a private attorney to assist them when denied basic injured worker benefits (temporary disability, medical care, etc.). A safe and healthy workplace can help minimize these risks. Programs / clinics to provide injured workers with information about how to help themselves can assist workers who need medical care and temporary disability.

Services Offered

Advocacy assistance for litigation, legislative, regulatory or policy advocacy. Our staff and board have decades of experience in our substantive fields, in litigation and appeals in both state and federal court, and policy advocacy.

Training and technical assistance. Our goal is to empower legal services programs and increase their capacity to assist individual workers, including workers who are injured on the job, and groups, including worker centers and community based organizations, to:

1. Use OSH laws and regulations to prevent injuries, illnesses and deaths;
2. Obtain workers' compensation benefits by both a) facilitating referrals, and b) creating self-help programs or clinics for injured workers with assistance from experienced work comp attorney volunteers;
3. Address workplace toxics that harm workers, their families, and their communities, using existing OSH and environmental laws and regulations, and those that are emerging in connection with the Green Chemistry movement;
4. Identify potential toxic exposures that might establish a habitability defense or an affirmative lawsuit in the housing area;

5. Use a wide variety of legal strategies to address the special needs of senior, youth, and disabled workers; and
6. Become involved in worker advocacy issues.

Free trainings are available throughout California upon request. Call to schedule a training program on Workers' Health & Safety Rights & Filing a Cal/OSHA Complaint, on workers' compensation, or on how to handle retaliation/discrimination cases that result from workplace injuries or involvement with occupational safety and health. We can also schedule trainings on toxics (generally, or on specific topics such as mold, lead, asbestos, etc.). Our training schedule and description of programs is posted at <http://www.worksafe.org/events/training.cfm>. We will continue to circulate emails about new trainings as they come on-line throughout 2009.

We also assist programs who serve small employers so they may provide a safe place to work. For example, we can provide educational material for employers regarding their duties, such as measures for workplace security where domestic violence disputes may impact the workplace, etc.

About Our Program Staff and Board Members

Suzanne Murphy, Executive Director, has a total of 20 years of widely varied experience as a labor and employment litigator and appellate attorney, judicial staff attorney, and supervising attorney for the California Administrative Office of the Courts. **Michael Smith, staff attorney**, has over 12 years of experience as a labor and employment attorney, including six years as a trial attorney with the National Labor Relations Board. **Danielle Lucido, staff attorney**, focuses on occupational safety and health and retaliation cases, as well as advocacy assistance. **Juliann Sum**, attorney consultant on contract from the UC Berkeley Labor Occupational Health Program, focuses on workers' compensation, and has over 13 years experience in developing workers' compensation training materials. Worksafe Board members **Mandy Hawes, JD**, and **Julia Quint, PhD, toxicologist**, *each* have over 25 years experience providing assistance on issues of toxic substances. Worksafe Board member **Tom Rankin** has over 30 years experience in labor and advocacy work.

Information Services: The Worksafe Website and Activist Network Listserv

Please visit the WORKSAFE website at www.worksafe.org for general and specific occupational safety and health resources. A manual that explains how to identify workplace hazards and file complaints with Cal/OSHA, *A Guide to Workers' Health & Safety Rights & Filing a Cal/OSHA Complaint* is distributed at trainings and available on the website at <http://www.worksafe.org/topics/guidetoworkersrights.cfm>. Our manual on workers' compensation is also distributed at trainings and is available in hard copy upon request.

We also distribute information to legal services program staff who wish to sign up for specific topics, and have recently set up a Google Group to facilitate communications among members of the Worksafe Activist Network regarding proposed legislation, regulations, and other policy initiatives on the federal, state, and local level that relate to worker health and safety, and remedies for injured workers, as well as conferences, meetings, and other events of interest to advocates for workers. All legal services program staff are invited and encouraged to sign up for this listserv. Please sign up using the form on the front page of our website, or by contacting our **program administrator, Sophie Noero**.

WORKSAFE is a certified MCLE provider.

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Description of Program/Areas of Expertise:

The Youth Law Center (YLC) is a public interest advocacy organization that works to protect children in the foster care and justice systems from abuse and neglect and to ensure that they receive the necessary support and services to become healthy and productive adults. Areas of expertise include: foster care, juvenile justice, public benefit and health programs for children in out-of-home care, conditions of confinement, education, and other issues that affect children involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the child-welfare or juvenile-justice systems. Through September 2009, YLC has been conducting an Equal Access Fund project to improve educational opportunity for youth involved in the foster-care or juvenile-justice system.

Services Offered:

Consultation: telephone, appointment, e-mail, and mail

YLC staff members are available to respond to questions from advocates regarding children's rights and legal issues that affect children and families involved in the child-welfare or juvenile-justice systems. YLC also provides in-depth consultation to legal services advocates involved in litigation and other advocacy efforts on behalf of children and youth.

Information Services:

YLC has developed fact sheets and other publications on issues frequently encountered by legal services advocates. These materials are available for download from the YLC website. Legal services advocates may also request hard copies of these materials. YLC provides pleadings, research memoranda, training materials, and other written resource materials in response to requests from legal services advocates. YLC also responds to changes in the law and other developments by creating and distributing resource materials that will help to keep legal services advocates up-to-date.

Representation: co-counseling

YLC does not provide representation in individual cases. YLC co-counsels with legal services advocates on selected cases involving children and youth who are involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the child-welfare or juvenile-justice system.

Training:

YLC participates in the Traveling Training events sponsored by LAAC and will provide training on legal issues affecting children and youth upon request from legal services advocates. Training topics are tailored to the needs of the training audience but may include public benefits, health care, and education for children in out-of-home care; the foster-care system; and juvenile-justice issues.