

Laurel Legal Services, Inc.

2019-2020 Snapshot

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2017-2018:
2244 Cases Handled
2018-2019:
2238 Cases Handled

2019-2020: 2513 Cases Handled

11% Increase of people helped
Between 2018 and 2020

We Shall Overcome

Every year, millions of Americans experience a civil legal problem involving basic necessities of life like housing, health care, safety and income. This year has been different in many respects as the world has been facing a global pandemic. As we adapt to these unprecedented circumstances, we'll continue to serve our communities as best we can. In order to ensure the safety of our community and ourselves, we've made necessary modifications to our programming that will also improve how we deliver our services to families who need us most.

Family Law Case Numbers:

1368 Cases Handled

Custody/Visitation :	765
Domestic Violence :	517
Adult Guardianship:	58
Support:	17
Advanced Directives/POA:	5
Other:	6

Housing Case Numbers:

530 Cases Handled

Private Landlord/Tenant:	330
Public Housing :	87
Federal Housing:	51
Mortgage Foreclosure:	31
Home Ownership/Real Property:	9
Other:	2

Economic Stability Case Numbers:

615 Cases Handled

SSI/SSDI:	240
Bankruptcy/Debt Collection	159
Medicaid/Medicare:	62
Utilities, Welfare, Food Stamps:	50
Unemployment:	47
Other Employment:	29
Other:	28

1941 Cases Closed

Female:	1532
Group:	1
Male:	407
Transgender:	1
Aged 0-17:	22
Aged 18-60:	1646
Aged 60+:	273
Veterans:	45
Victims of Domestic Violence:	434

In-house legal advice:	793
Telephone advice:	1148
Counsel and Advice:	1211
Limited Action (Brief Service):	90
Negotiated w/out Litigation:	62
Negotiated w/ Litigation:	187
Administrative Agency Decision:	89
Uncontested Court Decision:	171
Contested Court Decision:	115
Appeals:	1
Extensive Service:	15



"Your service is very much appreciated.
I am grateful for the availability of Laurel Legal Services for myself and others in need."

We assist constituents who live in households with annual incomes at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, ensuring that our neighbors will not have to navigate the legal system alone. Eligible clients include the working poor, veterans and military families, homeowners and renters, families with children, farmers, the disabled, and the elderly.

Major Funding:

- Legal Services Corporation
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network
 - Access to Justice Act
 - Disability Advocacy Program
- Pennsylvania IOLTA Board for special initiatives

Programs & Initiatives:

- **Community Women's Impact Network**
 - Providing legal services for women facing sudden economic crises
- **Bank of America Housing Initiative**
 - Attending magistrate hearings to prevent evictions
- **Westmoreland Area Agency on Aging**
 - Assisting with guardianship & Powers of Attorney cases
- **Fair Housing Law Center**
 - Referral program for victims of housing discrimination

Expanded Programs:

In response to the global pandemic, Laurel Legal Services has received federal and state funding through the CARES Act in order to improve technology and deliver our services in a safe and effective manner. This has also included contracting with private attorneys to assist with the increased case load.

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111 Cases Handled by Private Bar Attorneys

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