

Report to Members 2005-06



As the membership organization of legal services programs, LAAC provides key services in three core areas: advocacy, training, and statewide coordination. LAAC is proud to report that its 2006 membership represents over 70 legal services organizations. As a result of this strong membership level, LAAC's recent accomplishments include:

Advocacy: Funding

- Successful support for the statewide Civil Filing Fees, projected to add \$4.5 million to the Equal Access Fund;
- Creation of the statewide Cy Pres Committee to examine the use of cy pres to support legal services;
- Participation in the Funding Committee of the Access to Justice Commission;
- Co-facilitating the Funding Recommendations in the Report to the state Judiciary Committees;
- Advocacy regarding the IOLTA Commission's "cash on hand" reserves policy;
- Support for legislative efforts to increase legal services funding, including testifying at a November 2005 hearing on legal services and support for AB 2301 (Judiciary).

Training

- Pathways to Justice Conference, June 2005, with over 300 attendees;
- Sacramento Traveling Training, November 2005, with almost 100 attendees;
- Biennial meetings of the Directors of Litigation and Advocacy, 2005 and 2006;
- Fresno Traveling Training (scheduled for June 28 and 29, 2006).

Advocacy: Other Areas

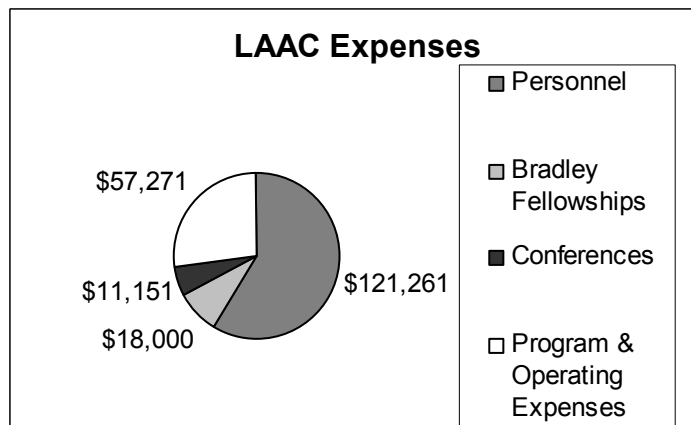
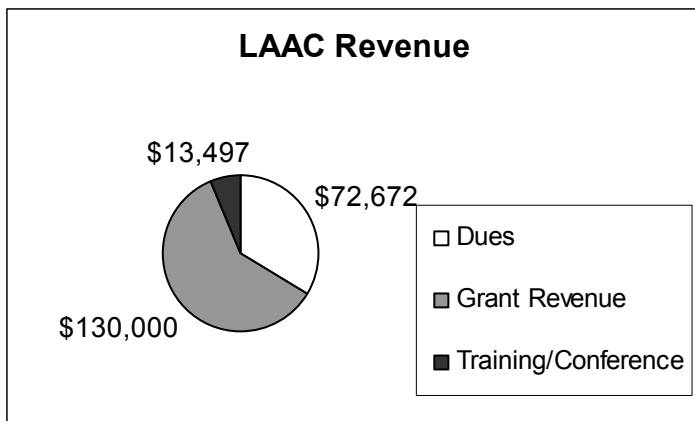
- Successful amicus brief in *Frye v. Tenderloin Housing Clinic*.
- Coordination of successful statewide opposition to AB 2679 (Harman) (restrictions on IOLTA-funded programs' ability to serve certain categories of immigrants);
- Support for AB 2302 (Judiciary)(court interpreters in civil matters);
- Amicus brief in *People v. Garcia*, arguing that collateral estoppel doctrine should bar a criminal case against a client with a favorable administrative decision. LAAC will participate in the oral argument on June 2, 2006;
- On-going assistance with the Bench-Bar Coalition's "Days in Sacramento" to inform legislators about important access issues;
- Continued support for efforts for state funding of the statewide loan repayment program.

Program Expansion

- CALegalAdvocates.org website, serving the statewide access to justice community;
- The new online "California Pro Bono Center" (in development);
- The new Senior Legal Services Providers Section;
- New programming for law students, including substantive panels around the state and the new "Public Interest Law Student Listserv" with over 300 students participating.

LAAC Financials

FY 2004/2005



* Includes income received and expenses incurred by the Public Interest Clearinghouse for the benefit of LAAC.

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