MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE (MVLS) served a record number of Marylanders last year—5,730—through the hard work and dedication of 994 volunteers from our panel of 1,744 volunteer lawyers. Our core pro bono program addresses the most common civil legal issues our clients face, such as divorce, foreclosure and consumer debt. Our specialty programs help disabled adults in emergency guardianship hearings, survivors of human trafficking, job trainees trying to make a fresh start, and parents working to gain custody of their children. We rely on our volunteer lawyers from across Maryland to deliver these vital legal services. Without them, MVLS would have to close its doors.

Most of our volunteers are small and solo practitioners who quietly, and without expecting recognition, provide full representation to Marylanders experiencing complex legal matters, as only lawyers can. They believe in pro bono service and often exceed the Maryland Rules suggested annual pro bono commitment of 50 hours. These dedicated lawyers are the backbone of MVLS.

Over the past 10 years, the changing legal landscape has created many obstacles to pro bono service, especially for younger lawyers starting out. MVLS works hard to overcome these barriers by supporting our volunteer lawyers with mentors, free training and malpractice insurance. This year, we recognized the many challenges keeping young lawyers from doing pro bono and established MVLS CAN (Community Advocacy Network), a group of young lawyers committed to helping their communities through pro bono service. Our vision is to help all young lawyers more easily engage in pro bono with the support of our peers and our program. We do this through substantive and soft-skills trainings, special events, and mentor opportunities.

We also recognize that young lawyers rely on mobile devices for most of their communications, and we wanted to make pro bono easy and readily accessible to busy young lawyers. Technology provided the solution. MVLS developed an online Pro Bono Portal that lists all of our available cases in real time. Lawyers can select cases by subject area and geographic area, with just a click on their phone or tablet. You’ll have the opportunity to learn more about our latest pro bono innovation in this report. We hope you’ll answer our call to service by taking some time to test it out for yourself, and if you haven’t already, join our panel of volunteers!

Service to others is a worthy aspiration that we hope you will take advantage of as an MVLS volunteer lawyer. Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, supporters and community partners who have answered the call to service with MVLS and helped expand access to justice for low-income Marylanders in FY18!

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) is the largest pro bono legal services provider in the state, both in terms of volunteers with 1,744 lawyers on our panel, and clients served – more than 85,000 clients since our founding in 1981. Our core pro bono program expands the capacity of Maryland’s overburdened legal services delivery system, which serves only 20% of low-income clients in need of civil legal services. MVLS volunteers help over 5,000 low-income Marylanders every year.
MVLS SPECIAL PROJECTS

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD PROJECT (APGBR)
For over 20 years, the Maryland Department of Social Services has funded MVLS to represent more than 450 Baltimore City and County adults under public guardianship at semi-annual review hearings as well as adults with alleged disabilities in emergency guardianship hearings.

BANKRUPTCY BYPASS PROGRAM
Bankruptcy is not the best option for everyone. Through this targeted program, volunteer attorneys assist clients in determining if they are collection-proof, meaning that their income and assets could not be garnished by consumer lenders. MVLS staff then sends letters to creditors requiring the creditors to cease collection phone calls and suggesting the creditors close their file.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
The Community Development Project provides free legal advice and representation to non-profit organizations across Maryland that serve low-income communities. The project matches non-profits with volunteer lawyers who review contracts, negotiate leases, prepare personnel manuals, answer tax questions, provide advice on complying with regulations, and help with other transactional legal needs.

CONSUMER PROTECTION CLINIC
At the request of the Baltimore City District Court, MVLS began coordinating a clinic offering free legal advice to consumers who are facing debt collection cases in District Court. Consumers meet with a volunteer attorney for a 10-15-minute consultation to get advice on their case. Volunteers provide assistance with credit card cases, auto loans, landlord/tenant matters, and more. They also provide information on the court process, settlement options and what may happen to the debtor post-judgment.

DEBTOR ASSISTANCE PROJECT (DAP CLINIC)
The Debtor Assistance Project provides pro se debtors a free half-hour consultation with an experienced bankruptcy attorney at the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts in Baltimore and Greenbelt. Volunteer attorneys answer questions about eligibility, court procedures and whether bankruptcy may be used to help prevent foreclosure.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROJECT
MVLS relies on trained foreclosure volunteer lawyers and foreclosure staff attorneys to help distressed homeowners in Maryland.
In addition to full representation, MVLS also operates a brief advice clinic for homeowners who are facing foreclosure in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, and Charles County. Homeowners meet with an experienced foreclosure attorney to get information about foreclosure mediation, the court process, and more.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROJECT (HTPP)
The Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP) helps survivors of trafficking get the legal services they need to address the collateral consequences of their criminal justice involvement. HTPP is a partnership of MVLS and the University of Baltimore’s Human Trafficking Prevention Project Clinic. MVLS leverages our staff and volunteer capabilities to take full advantage of all that the law can do for victims of sex trafficking, including expungement, shielding, and vacatur.

JUDICARE PROJECT
The Judicare Project provides free legal services to clients who otherwise would be unable to afford representation in high-conflict family law cases. Judicare panel attorneys receive reduced fees from MVLS and must have at least three years of family law experience.

LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC
The MVLS Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic provides pro bono legal assistance to low-income Marylanders with IRS tax issues. These issues include a wide variety of tax problems, including denial of the Earned Income Tax Credit, audits, refund claims, innocent spouse relief, U.S. Tax Court Litigation, and collection issues.

BALTIMORE CITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Through support from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, MVLS is part of a workforce development project that provides legal services to job trainees. MVLS provides legal screenings, clinics, “know your rights” presentations, brief advice and full representation at community workforce sites: Caroline Center, Civic Works, Jane Addams Resource Center, Bon Secours Community Center, BioTech and Jobs Opportunity Task Force.

PROJECT HOUSEHOLD
Project Household is a coalition of legal service non-profits that provide legal services in Baltimore City. The coalition members are: MVLS, Maryland Legal Aid, Senior Legal Services, and Pro Bono Resource Center. The goal of Project Household is to provide legal help to aid older Baltimoreans so they may remain in their homes. Typical legal issues may include tax sale, foreclosure, debt collection, deed and probate issues, and financial exploitation. Project Household provides full representation, legal advice, and legal clinics.

ADVANCE PLANNING PROJECT
The Advance Planning Project is an outreach effort designed to stabilize neighborhoods, preserve family assets and reduce the number of Baltimore City properties with deed and title entanglements that prevent homes from being in productive use. MVLS has formed a network of community partners from the faith, healthcare, and civic communities in order to raise awareness about the importance of estate planning, namely the risks and costs involved in failing to prepare, and the tremendous benefits of having the proper legal documentation in order as we look to the future of our families and communities.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE CLINIC
MVLS operates a Family Law Self-Help Clinic in the Circuit Court of Washington County where an experienced family law volunteer attorney provides free advice and other services to self-represented litigants with family law cases or matters.
Thank you MVLS for all of the wonderful assistance in my foreclosure mediation! I truly appreciate the kindness, understanding and compassion you showed me. I could not have made it through this difficult time in my life without your amazing help!”

– Beth, 32*
MVLS, Pro Bono Client

*Pseudonym used to protect identity.
POVERTY IMPACTS PEOPLE on many different levels and can create vulnerabilities in a multitude of interlocking, compounding ways. The level of poverty in the United States is staggering, with 60 million Americans living at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Line. Thus, we commonly associate poverty with families struggling to pay for car repairs or who are unable to buy school clothes for their children, but what we tend not to think about is how a family with a limited income can face a series of complicated legal problems without a clear way out. In 2017, a Legal Services Corporation (LSC) report revealed that 71% of low-income households experienced at least one civil legal issue.

Civil legal issues touch almost every area of life, ranging from employment and housing to child custody and divorce. One in four low-income households experienced more than six legal problems in 2017, according to the LSC 2017 Justice Gap Report. For families and individuals with high financial need, these civil legal problems grow like weeds in a garden, multiplying rapidly when unresolved. If a client owes money to the IRS, this can quickly snowball and create further issues with their credit, leading to a tax lien being put on their property or checking account. In the blink of an eye, what started as an IRS issue can lead to a family at risk of losing their home.

Reaching low-income Marylanders and providing them with critical legal help is a challenge. At MVLS, we devote our time to reaching clients in need of help and providing assistance to our clients at every step of the way through full legal representation. With the assistance of our incredibly dedicated panel of 1,744 volunteers, MVLS was able to provide free legal services to 5,730 clients from low-income backgrounds across the state in fiscal year 2018.

MVLS volunteers also assist with many workforce development sites in the city to provide a holistic approach to addressing many civil legal issues from debt collection to expungements. In partnership with our workforce development sites at Bon Secours Community Works, Center for Urban Families and Helping Up Mission, MVLS regularly holds criminal record expungement clinics. The help and support provided by volunteer attorneys is invaluable as we expunge records for Maryland residents who need clean records to access employment and housing.

THE MVLS PRO BONO PORTAL: AVAILABLE CASES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

In an effort to connect our volunteers with pro bono cases more easily, MVLS launched the Pro Bono Portal this past June. The Portal shows all of our available cases, color-coded by legal case type, and updates automatically, in real-time, as cases are placed.

Using an intuitive, mobile-friendly interface, pro bono attorneys can select the geographic area in which they practice and even share the case with a colleague if they know someone who may be interested. Since our launch in June 2018, MVLS has placed more than 80 cases with the help of the Portal. The Pro Bono Portal makes the lives of both our volunteers and our clients easier by matching clients with the legal services they need, more quickly than ever before.

Over the past year, our programs have expanded significantly because of your participation. With the introduction of our Pro Bono Portal, being an MVLS volunteer attorney and supporter of our mission is even easier and more rewarding than ever. We hope you will join us in serving more Maryland residents in FY19 with life changing pro bono legal services.

Try the MVLS Pro Bono Portal today to see how you can make a difference: www.mvlslaw.org/probonoportal
IMAGINE BEING A RETIRED HOMEOWNER on a fixed income. You have a budget in place, but each year it’s becoming more difficult to pay your bills, especially your water bill, which keeps increasing. Unfortunately, this is not a unique situation for Baltimore City residents, where according to a November 2017 report prepared by the Food and Water Watch, Baltimore’s water and wastewater rates have increased 127% since 2010 and are estimated to more than triple by 2022 ($347 in FY2010 to $1,115 in FY2022).

Mr. Bennett was one of the many Baltimore City residents severely impacted by increasing water bills, and like many vulnerable Marylanders, he was not aware that many of his issues had legal solutions or that help was available to him at no cost. Mr. Bennett is an 81-year-old widower whose home was in the name of his deceased wife. With Social Security as his only source of income, Mr. Bennett needed an attorney’s help to avoid losing his home to tax sale.

Last year, MVLS IT Director, Matthew Stubenberg, developed an innovative database called Client Legal Utility Engine (CLUE), which MVLS was able to use to gather public data from Baltimore City’s Department of Finance website to identify Baltimore City neighborhoods with the highest number of past-due water bills. MVLS conducted targeted outreach to the residents of these neighborhoods, notifying at-risk homeowners of their water bill delinquency and informing them of tax sale clinics in their area, hosted by MVLS and Pro Bono Resource Center, where they could receive legal assistance. Mr. Bennett was one of the homeowners identified by CLUE.

After receiving notification of the tax sale clinics, Mr. Bennett attended and met with a volunteer attorney who provided him with legal advice. MVLS then connected Mr. Bennett with a pro bono tax sale attorney who assisted him in delaying foreclosure and negotiating the repayment of an overdue water bill, which is what initially sent his home to tax sale. After helping Mr. Bennett redeem his home from tax sale, MVLS then connected him to a different volunteer attorney to assist with transferring the deed to his name.

Mr. Bennett’s situation was complicated, and all too common for Baltimore City residents in need of tax sale relief. He became aware of the free legal help he could receive only because of MVLS’s outreach efforts in his neighborhood. With the skilled support and legal assistance from MVLS volunteer attorneys, Mr. Bennett is now able to live out his years in the house that he and his family have called home for decades.

Unfortunately, many Baltimore City residents don’t have the same successful outcome as Mr. Bennett, but MVLS is fighting to change this. Due in large part to a generous $50,000 grant from Metabolic Studio, MVLS is on the forefront of advocacy efforts to put an end to the practice of tax sale for water bill debt and make water affordable for the City’s low-income homeowners. We are working to prevent Baltimore City homeowners from losing their homes and in doing so, stabilize city neighborhoods.

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Thank you MVLS for taking me on as a client. I appreciate all the hard work everyone did. Please pass on to my attorney that I truly understand the sacrifices she had to make so that I am able to live out my final years in my home.

– Mr. Bennett, 81*
MVLS, Pro Bono Client

*Pseudonym used to protect identity.
MORE LAWYERS ARE PRACTICING IN MARYLAND than ever before, according to the American Bar Association National Lawyer Population Survey. Over the last decade, the number of lawyers in Maryland has increased by 84 percent to a total of 38,000 members of the bar. With so many attorneys, one would think that securing sufficient pro bono representation for Maryland residents in need would be no problem, right? Wrong!

Statistics show that the majority of Maryland attorneys do not participate in pro bono work early in their careers. According to the Maryland Courts’ 2016 Pro Bono Report, 58 percent of full-time Maryland lawyers did not provide pro bono service in their first five years of being barred. During this critical time, when new lawyers are taking on a competitive legal job market and trying to establish themselves professionally, pro bono work can be the most rewarding and fruitful for building a career.

In early 2018, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) formed a volunteer recruitment and engagement initiative called MVLS CAN (Community Advocacy Network) to inspire new attorneys and law students to give low-income Marylanders equal access to justice through pro bono. Led by a diverse leadership committee of Maryland attorneys from large and small firms, MVLS CAN members receive immediate access to professional development opportunities, relationship and network building, mentors and support, as well as the path to provide life-changing legal services to low-income Maryland residents.

Since our launch, MVLS recruited 30 CAN members who assisted with more than 100 cases. MVLS CAN member Chelsea Ortega said, “Since becoming an MVLS volunteer, I have gained clients who continue to bring me their cases and refer their friends and family to my firm. I have made valuable connections with advocates who are in the trenches every day and can often provide invaluable insights on judges, debt collectors and their attorneys, and the law.”

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Chelsea Ortega
Partner at Santoni, Vocci & Ortega, LLC
**Cy Pres Award**

Highlighting Thomas Minton

**CY PRES AWARDS** most often arise from undistributed residual funds in class action lawsuits. These funds have become an important source of funding for legal services. The one common denominator in all class action cases is that they are fundamentally about access to justice. MVLS has been fortunate enough to be a recipient of many cy pres awards, including a large cy pres settlement of $100,000 funded by Wells Fargo from a consumer case represented by Thomas Minton and his firm, Goldman & Minton, P.C., with support from the Law Offices of Treanor Pope & Hughes.

MVLS believes cy pres awards are a great way to honor and advance access to justice for victims of class action settlements, and these funds are instrumental in providing civil legal assistance for Marylanders through our pro bono legal services.

Mr. Minton chose MVLS as the recipient of this particular cy pres award because of MVLS’s track record of providing quality pro bono legal services. Mr. Minton elaborated, “There is really no other organization that does so much work for low-income consumers who are faced with potentially crippling debt and the possibility of adverse judgments and wage garnishment.” Minton continued by offering advice to other litigators, “Most lawyers who handle class action litigation know how to generate and maximize cy pres awards. I have learned that it is good to try to identify prospective recipients before serious settlement negotiations begin. I try to find an organization that works on helping people whose circumstances resemble those of the class members, and I try to anticipate objections that a defendant might raise in negotiations. Spending some time preparing to argue in favor of a particular beneficiary can help the process go more smoothly.”

Pro bono legal services can be rewarding to the clients impacted and the attorneys as well. Mr. Minton added, “In my world of consumer litigation, legal representation can make a tremendous difference in the outcome. And while pro bono work can be challenging, I have found that in every case I have taken, judges and even opposing counsel generally appreciate what I am doing. They recognize that while it is of course good for the client, it’s helpful for the civil justice system, and a credit to the profession too.”

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– Thomas Minton
Goldman & Minton, P.C.
MVLS has the substantial impact it does because of our volunteer attorneys. Below are the attorneys who helped us open the legal door to thousands of Marylanders by providing legal representation or attending a clinic between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Volunteers are listed by county of their primary residence. Volunteers who closed more than one case or volunteered at multiple clinics have the total number of clients they assisted in parentheses.

ALLEGANY
Kelly A. Clark (2)  Tara L. Kellermeyer (4)  Gregg Schauf (4)  Kristen M. Snyder


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CASES CLOSED BY REGION

- Central MD: 74%
- Western MD: 15%
- Southern MD: 7%
- Eastern Shore MD: 4%
I am grateful to have been able to receive the help that I did.
“I can now move forward with my life because of MVLS’s help.”
Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this listing. If we have inadvertantly omitted your name or listed it incorrectly, please accept our apologies and notify us of the error at 443-451-4065.

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In Memoriam: John H. Michener, Esq. (1925-2018)

Last February, we learned of the passing of our founding executive director, John H. Michener. A life-long Quaker, civil rights advocate and public servant, John dedicated his life to the cause of social justice. While his leadership of MVLS was only one of a long list of public service positions he held during his career, he made a lasting impact. Under his visionary leadership, MVLS significantly expanded our panel of volunteer lawyers and established a statewide litigation fund to reimburse volunteers for out-of-pocket costs. Both actions greatly contributed to MVLS’s early success, 10 years before Maryland adopted pro bono reporting rules. Although John left MVLS in 1990, he remained a loyal supporter of our program until his passing. In 2016, MVLS awarded John a Lifetime Achievement Award at our annual Celebrate Pro Bono event which he attended with his wife Jane. We will miss John’s energy and tireless efforts to make the world a better place for everyone.
5,730 MVLS Clients Served in FY18

994 Attorneys Provided Legal Services in FY18

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– Susan T. Preston
MVLS Board Member & Volunteer

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2018 Financial Highlights
July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

REVENUE | Total: $10,708,291

- MLSC Grants: $728,042
- Federal & State Grants: $828,245
- Fundraising & Foundations: $502,683
- Benefit Income: $183,483
- Investment Income: $48,452
- Miscellaneous Income: $162,962
- Value of Volunteer Hours Donated*: $8,254,424

*Includes pro bono and donated Judicial hours. Donated hours = 1130 x $300 per hour; Judicial reduced fee = $220 per hour ($300 - $60) x 6,397 hours.

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE ALLOCATION

- Program*: $10,366,858
- Management & General: $310,578
- Fundraising: $233,652

*Includes the total value of donated volunteer hours = Donated legal fees $8,254,424 (8.3 million)

Total Net Assets $1,412,878
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets $441,771
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