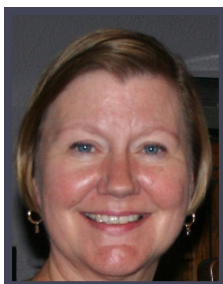


# 2009 Annual Report

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## A Message from the President of the Board



Jane Reister-Conard, Esq.  
2009 President of the DLC's  
Board of Trustees

Dear Friends of the Disability Law Center,

It is with great pleasure that I present this report of the accomplishments of the Disability Law Center (DLC) for Fiscal Year 2009. This report covers the period from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

The staff at the DLC work tirelessly to protect and advance the civil and human rights of the more than 400,000 Utahns with disabilities. Although 2009 came with some particularly complex challenges, as services to people with disabilities and their families continued to receive significant cuts, the staff found innovative ways to further the impact of their advocacy. Some highlights for the year include:

- Having more than 600 members of the community participate in the first annual Disability Film and Lecture series
- Receiving a grant from the United Way of Salt Lake to support our fair housing advocacy
- Partnering with Project Vote to train hundreds of people with intellectual disabilities about their right to participate in the electoral process
- Passage of HB340, the Respite Care Assistance Fund, which establishes a mechanism for public and private funds to support respite care services for families and caregivers
- Ensuring that school-aged residents of the Utah State Developmental Center receive a full day of instruction from the Alpine School District

As we look ahead to the coming year, it is clearer than ever before, that we need the support of the entire community to help us win these hard-fought battles. Together, we can create a future and a community where everyone is welcome, everyone has value, and everyone is treated with respect. We look forward to working with you to make this vision of the future a reality.

Sincerely,

Jane Reister-Conard

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# Who We Served in 2009

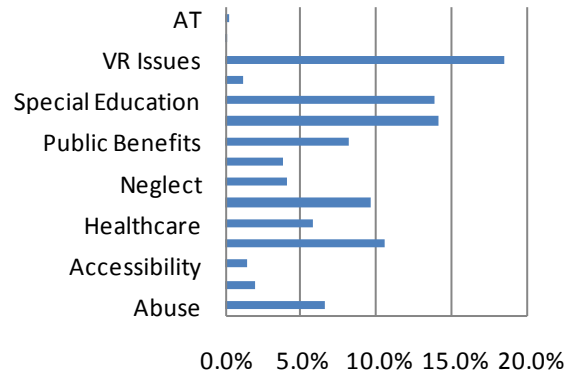
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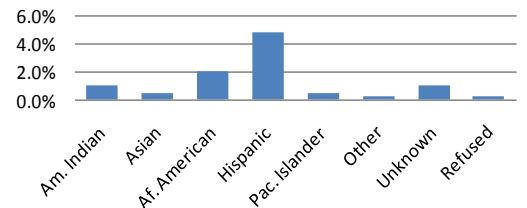
Our clients continued to experience a range of legal problems with the greatest percentage of cases in the areas of Vocational Rehabilitation followed by rights violations, special education, employment and housing. We have also seen increases in the number of abuse and neglect cases over the previous year. Please refer to *Case Problem Areas Chart*.

Each year, the DLC works to reach out to Utah's ethnic minorities with disabilities to ensure we are helping to protect the civil and human rights of those that have been traditionally underserved. The chart, *Ethnic Minorities Served* describes the minority communities we served in FY09. In fact, these communities comprised more than 10% of the DLC total client base.

## Case Problem Areas



## Ethnic Minorities Served



*The number of people served by the DLC that reported living in a rural community more than doubled from FY08 to FY09*

## Urban vs. Rural

In FY09, 79% of everyone served by the DLC reported living in one of Utah's urban communities. Another 13% reported living in a rural community — defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as living in a county with less than 50,000 residents. This represents more than double the number of people that reported living in a rural community in FY08 (6.09%) and receiving DLC services. An additional 8% chose not to disclose their residence.

## Reaching Out to the Community



DLC Advocate Stephanie Benally providing information at health fair hosted by the Red Mesa Chapter House.

In Fiscal Year 2009, the DLC provided more than 100 presentations to the community reaching over 7,100 people. The topics of the training ranged from the rights of children receiving special education services to how to handle an overpayment from the Social Security Administration. Another 12,800 people were reached through the DLC's participation in community outreach events such as

health fairs, ethnic festivals and other community events. DLC staff also worked closely with local media to inform people about issues impacting the disability community. In 2009, staff participated in 8 radio or T.V. interviews and had more than 40 feature articles in newspapers and other publications throughout the state. To learn more about our outreach and training efforts, you can visit our website at [www.disabilitylawcenter.org](http://www.disabilitylawcenter.org)

# 2008 Financials

## SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Federal Awards	
U.S. Department of Education	314,974
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	927,432
U.S. Social Security Administration	107,361
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	12,715
State Grants	
Utah Developmental Disabilities Council	25,025
Utah Statewide Independent Living Center	7,000
Private Gifts	
Individual Donations	40,831
"and Justice for All" Campaign	110,519
Foundations	
Utah State Bar Foundation	33,750
The George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation	35,000
Comcast	2,000
Qwest Foundation	10,000
Herbert and Elsa Michael Foundation	6,000
Arthur J. Gallagher Foundation	250
Cannon & Match, P.C.	500
Interest Income	1,729
Litigation Revenue	<u>11,500</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>1,649,586</b>

## EXPENSES

Program Services	
Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD)	382,445
Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Mental Illness (PAIMI)	330,675
Client Assistance Program (CAP)	105,515
Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR)	149,331
Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)	28,035
Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)	96,415
Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injuries (PATBI)	65,880
Protection and Advocacy for the Help America Vote Act (PAVA)	53,879
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	11,419
Services funded with private and foundation funds	<u>1,66,099</u>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>1,389,673</b>
Support Services	
Management and General	161,863
Fund Raising	<u>36,096</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>197,959</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>1,587,632</u></b>
Changes in Net Assets	61,954
Net assets, beginning of year	528,860
Net assets, end of year	590,814

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