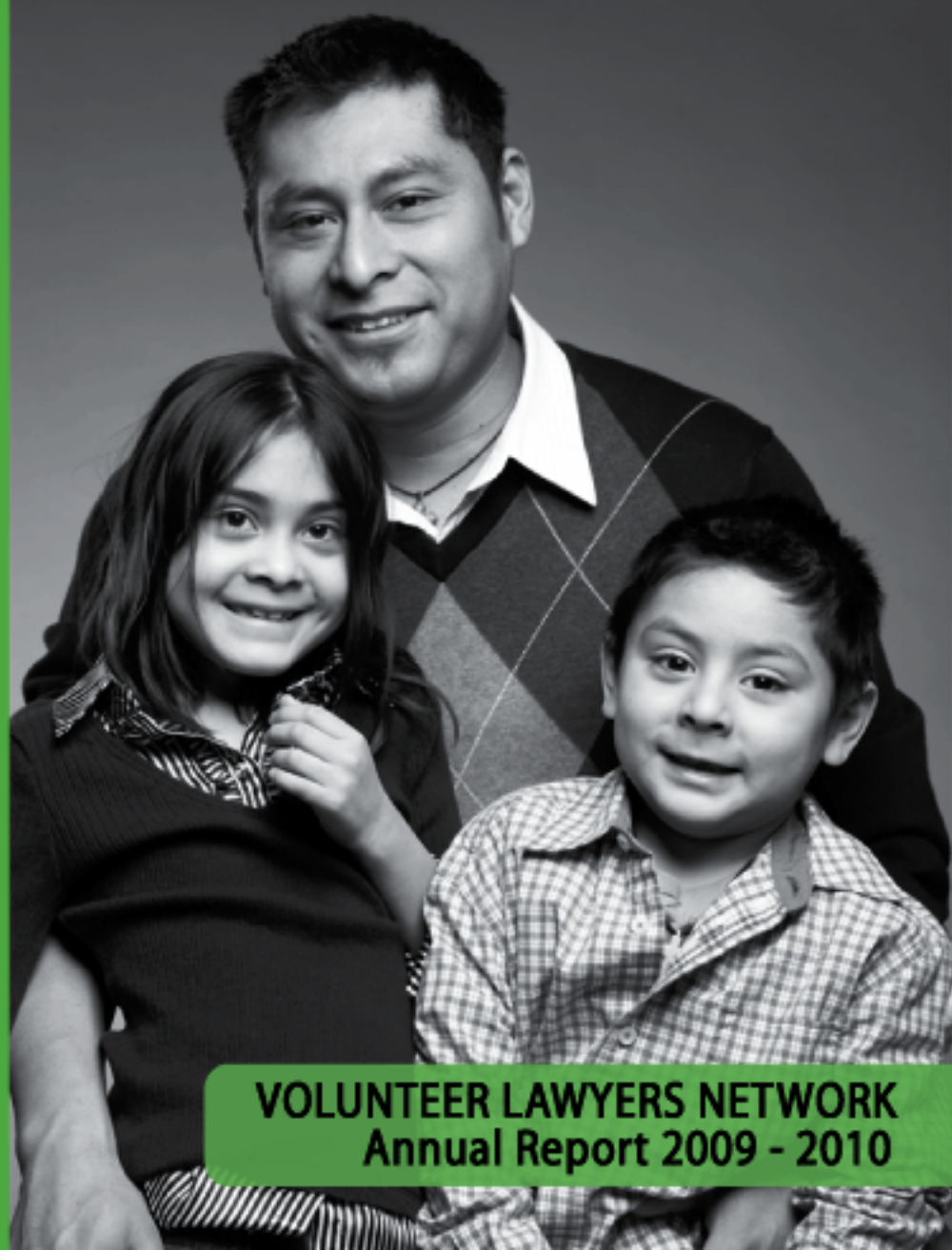


# VOLUNTEER LAWYERS STOPPING INJUSTICE



**VOLUNTEER LAWYERS NETWORK**  
**Annual Report 2009 - 2010**



Suzanne Pontinen  
Executive Director

## Reflecting on the past year

brings to mind the many exciting challenges that have been met, expanding our fundraising and finding new ways to increase client services while "tightening our belts" in every possible way.

With the help of our wonderful community partners, VLN has made important gains. We've increased full representation services despite fewer staff. We increased brief legal services provided at walk-in clinics, such as phone calls, drafting paperwork and writing letters. At our Consumer Protection Workshop, we saved almost 100 clients an average of \$5,000 each, money essential to meeting their basic human needs. VLN is leaner and more focused on outcomes than ever in these troubling times when low-income families need help most.

And thanks both to our faithful donors and new partners, VLN's year finished with a healthy budget surplus, providing reserves essential to our continuing service and growth.

Now we're gearing up for more challenges and the opportunities they will bring. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our clients. Together, we can advance our mission to ensure that no one is deprived of justice based on economic status.

Suzanne Pontinen  
Executive Director

## 2009-2010 was an engaging period of

implementation for VLN as we embarked on our new strategic plan, following a productive period of planning and transition. Under the leadership of Suzanne Pontinen, Executive Director, and Martha Delaney, Assistant Executive Director, it was a very successful year filled with many accomplishments. Despite the economic downturn, VLN ended its budget year with a healthy surplus, allowing the Board to replenish VLN's depleted cash reserves. Largely, this was a result of a successful first VLN Benefactors' Annual Pro Bono Picnic, netting nearly \$60,000.

At the same time, VLN increased its full representation cases by 10%, limited-scope services by 34% and brief legal services through its Línea Legal Latina (Spanish Hotline) by 30%. We also launched a new Bankruptcy Advice Clinic and an Expungement Workshop, and in collaboration with other agencies created an interactive online resource to assist pro bono attorneys.

Even with the continuing economic uncertainties, VLN is well positioned for the coming years to flourish and increase its services to those most adversely affected.

Jon Bye  
Board Chair



Jon Bye  
Board Chair





"I want to deal with real people, and real people's problems. That's why serving with VLN remains so important for me." *Karen Canon*

*Karen Canon  
U.S. Bank*

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

### Karen Canon has demonstrated exemplary

service providing pro bono services to low-income clients. She has done this in many capacities, including providing direct services, assuming leadership positions at VLN, and serving on numerous statewide legal service committees.

Having volunteered for 23 years with VLN, Karen says, "I decided that I needed to make volunteer work a part of my daily practice. When I first got to Minnesota, VLN was the primary free legal aid service. Today, the work that VLN does is even more important." Currently, Karen is Chief Regulatory Counsel for U.S. Bank.

Since becoming a lawyer, Karen has sought to make community service a definitive aspect of her career. In 1998 Karen was instrumental in developing the award-winning Brian Coyle Clinic in south Minneapolis in partnership with the Dorsey & Whitney law firm and U.S. Bank. Karen is a driving force at the clinic, regularly volunteering her time providing legal services to clients, and recruiting, training and organizing her co-workers at U.S. Bank.

Karen has worked tirelessly to promote the delivery of high quality legal services to low-income people in Minnesota and raise awareness within the legal community of the unmet need and the obligation for private attorneys to work in partnership with legal service providers to help meet that need.

VLN serves the working poor, especially in its limited-scope service clinics.

Volunteer Lawyers Network's pro bono volunteers assisted more than

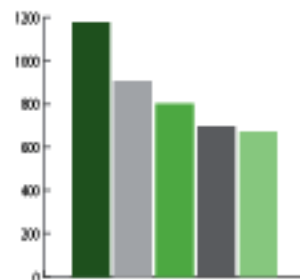
# 7,500

clients during 2009-2010 with a variety of legal issues including:

- Garnishment as creditors become more aggressive, claiming income and assets protected by law.
- Default judgments that are at an all-time high – often without debtor notification or representation.
- Medical debt that is rising sharply due to layoffs and lack of insurance.
- Domestic violence, which is always a problem but on the rise in these turbulent economic times.
- Child custody issues as this period of instability and stress threatens child safety and care.

## TOP AREAS OF LAW

- Bankruptcy
- Private Landlord / Tenant
- Custody / Visitation
- Immigration / Naturalization
- Divorce / Separation / Annulment



# 5,009

clients received one-on-one service clinic consultations in housing, family, youth, and consumer law.

## TOTAL SERVED AT VLN'S FOUR LARGEST CLINICS

- Legal Access Point: 1,246
- Family Justice Center: 804
- Housing Court: 665
- Conciliation Court: 433



Our mission is to promote access to justice and the administration of justice by providing legal services to low-income people, primarily in Hennepin County, through volunteer lawyers.

## TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED

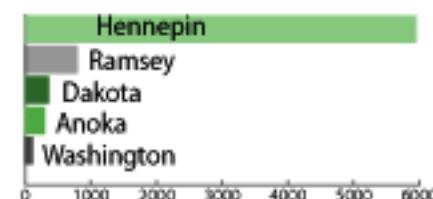
- Advice: 5,585
- Brief Services: 1,699
- Full Representation: 301



1,699 clients received brief services at VLN clinics. Brief services assist clients by writing letters, reviewing and explaining paperwork.

(All statistics include Linea Legal Latina)

## TOP COUNTIES SERVED



# 2,331

clients received telephone legal advice, including over

# 950

clients served through Linea Legal Latina's Spanish Hotline.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

### Bill Fisher has been a steady volunteer, a leading

bankruptcy attorney and an advocate striving to bridge the gap between everyday people and the legal system for over two decades. "I volunteer because I believe the system itself works better when people have the chance to actually talk to a lawyer." As an attorney with Gray Plant Mooty for over 25 years, Bill has seen the triumphs and pitfalls of justice. He volunteers with VLN to make a real difference.

As a bankruptcy volunteer, Bill sees people in financial turmoil. Competent, affordable representation and direction are invaluable to anyone facing a legal issue. VLN, through clinics and exceptional networking, connects clients in need with what is often their only option for justice. Pro bono legal counsel can mend a broken home, inspire confidence and provide desperate clients an opportunity to get back on their feet. Volunteers can help clients navigate a confusing legal system. "Too often, people find themselves overwhelmed, juggling the various aspects of life. To then deal with a legal issue can be the tipping point in a person's life."

Today, VLN is offering more clinics, conducting more workshops and serving more clients than ever before, so the need for volunteers is at an all-time high. In this regard, Bill is adamant. "We can always use more volunteers, always. Without VLN, there would be hundreds of people who wouldn't know what their rights are, who would not be represented and who would be lost to the system."

Today, with over

# 760

active volunteers, VLN is one of the nation's most respected volunteer-based nonprofit providers of legal services.

*"As the economy falls and government begins to withdraw, the crucial need for pro bono legal counsel has never been greater." Bill Fisher*

Bill Fisher  
Gray Plant Mooty





## Leo Perez came to Volunteer Lawyers Network seeking

representation in a divorce and custody matter. Leo was particularly concerned about protecting his relationship with his children. Leo's case was the first one taken as part of VLN's partnership with the Collaborative Law Institute of Minnesota. Knowing from

previous experience how difficult it is to go through the legal system without representation, Leo says this time around was "totally different, just the opposite of everything I went through the first time. It's not just the money; emotionally people are going through a lot. I just want to say *thank you*."

With the help of volunteer attorney Jane Van Valkenburg, Leo and his wife were able to

reach an agreement on all issues including a shared custody arrangement that met everyone's needs. Leo's case is a testament to VLN's mission that *everyone* deserves access to experienced, competent legal representation – regardless of economic or social standing. Jane says, "Every time there is a grant given, more people are able to be served. Every time a lawyer steps up, it gets someone out of a difficult situation."

### AREAS OF LAW

Administrative  
Bankruptcy  
Civil  
Criminal Expungement  
Debtor/Creditor  
Employment  
Family  
(Adoption, Custody,  
Marital Dissolution)  
Immigration  
Landlord/Tenant  
Real Estate  
Unemployment  
Compensation

VLN volunteers can represent both sides of the family dynamic - custodial and non-custodial parents - something many legal aid and pro bono legal services are unable to do.

VLN paneled

**183**

full representation  
family law cases.

# 11 cosas que usted no sabía acerca de Línea Legal Latina...

(11 things you didn't know about the Spanish Hotline...)

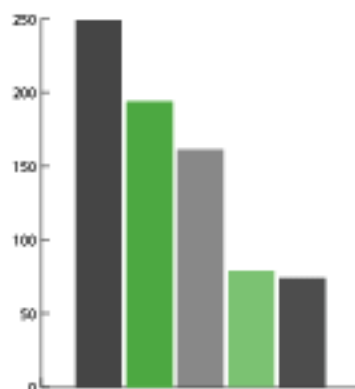
**1** Línea Legal Latina (LLL) has 36 Spanish-speaking volunteer attorneys.

**2** Sometimes those who don't speak English fall victim to unscrupulous people, and in their fruitless struggle to gain justice, simply give up. LLL provides those in the Spanish-speaking community who cannot afford an attorney access to the courts.

**3** LLL holds two Spanish-language clinics every week, providing brief assistance with pro se pleadings and letters, and reviewing legal documents in family law, immigration, housing, and consumer law cases.

**4** TOP 5 LEGAL ISSUES AT LLL:

- Divorce / Separation / Annulment
- Immigration / Naturalization
- Custody / Visitation
- Support (includes Child Support, Alimony)
- Collection / Repossession / Deficiency / Garnishment



**5** LLL assisted more than **1,300 clients** through telephone advice, clinics and workshops.



Diana Vilella Larson  
LLL Manager

Milca Domínguez de Corral  
LLL Administrator

**6** LLL has helped numerous people with custody cases where the father has been deported and the mother needs to get a passport in order to return to her home country.

**7** TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED:  
Telephone Advice: 959  
Brief Services: 400

**8** LLL helps clarify misconceptions in the Spanish-speaking community. Many clients are undocumented and are reluctant to take action for fear of deportation.

**9** TOP COUNTIES SERVED:


- Hennepin: 741
- Ramsey: 336
- Dakota: 113



**10** LLL has more than 15 non-attorney Spanish-speaking volunteers who provide attorneys information and resources.

**11** LLL is expanding to the suburbs, where there is a greater need due to lack of Spanish-speaking service providers and self-help centers in the courthouses.





"The courts are becoming inaccessible to the average person. People cannot exercise their rights unless there are attorneys out there willing to help." *Glen Drew*

Glen Drew  
Case Placement Coordinator  
Clinics Coordinator

## VLN's volunteers staff 13 legal clinics

in downtown Minneapolis and various locations in the Hennepin County community. Glen Drew, Clinics and Case Placement Coordinator, provides lawyers with support and useful resources to help them provide legal advice and brief services to low-income persons at several of these clinics.

One of the busiest clinics Glen coordinates is the Legal Access Point Clinic (LAP) located in the Hennepin County Government Center. Glen recalls one client who came to LAP seeking help after being sued by a creditor. The client had paid \$1,500 to a debt settlement company, but the company had not forwarded any of the money to the creditor or taken any steps to settle the suit on her behalf. With assistance from a volunteer attorney at LAP, the client sent a letter to the company canceling the contract. The company not only cancelled the contract, it refunded of all the funds she had paid to it. The attorney also helped her to properly draft and serve an answer to the lawsuit. The brief service this attorney was able to provide at the clinic yielded positive and dramatic results for this client.

During Glen's three years working at VLN, he has seen the organization strengthen and evolve, but he says, "The vision remains the same. VLN's work does impact people's lives. Keeping a roof over someone's head has an immediate effect by preventing a family catastrophe. VLN employs creative and dedicated individuals ready to make a change for the better in the face of ever-increasing challenges."

### VLN WALK-IN CLINICS

Bankruptcy Clinic  
Conciliation Court Clinic  
Family Law Clinic  
Housing Court Project  
Legal Access Point Clinic

### COMMUNITY CLINICS

Brian Coyle Center  
The Minneapolis Urban League Real Estate Clinic  
The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center  
Park Avenue Methodist  
Phyllis Wheatley Community Center  
Sexual Violence Center  
Simpson House Clinic  
Youth Law Clinic



## CONTRIBUTORS

### SERVICE GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Central Minnesota Legal Services  
Greater Twin Cities United Way  
Hennepin County Bar Association  
Lawyers Trust Account Board  
Legal Services Advisory Committee  
LegalCORPS  
Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association  
Endowment Fund  
Minnesota State Bar Association  
United States District Court

### FOUNDATIONS

Best Buy Foundation  
Briggs and Morgan Foundation  
Dorsey & Whitney Foundation  
Edina Realty Foundation  
Faegre & Benson Foundation  
Federal Bar Association Foundation,  
Minnesota Chapter  
Fredrikson & Byron Foundation  
Gray Plant Moory Foundation  
Hennepin County Bar Foundation  
Leonard, Street and Deland Foundation  
Littler Mendelson Foundation  
Mandag Foundation  
Martin and Brown Foundation  
REC Foundation  
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciesi LLP  
Private Foundation  
The Saint Paul Foundation  
Thomson Reuters Foundation  
U.S. Bancorp Foundation

### COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Achieve Minneapolis  
Alliance Management, Liquidating Agent  
Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak &  
Pkala, P.A.  
Bassford Remle  
Best & Flanagan LLP  
Best Buy Co., Inc.  
Bowman and Brooke LLP  
Briggs and Morgan, Professional Association  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
Faegre & Benson Community Service  
Committee  
Faegre & Benson LLP  
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.  
Gustafson Gluck PLLC  
GiveMN  
Gray Plant Moory  
Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson P.A.  
Henson & Byron, P.A.  
Kelly & Berens, P.A.  
Lindquist & Vennum PLLP  
Littler Mendelson P.C.

Madison Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP  
Merchant & Gould PC  
Minnesota Association of Law Librarians  
Moss & Barnett, A Professional Association  
Nolan Johnson Lewis, P.A.  
Oppenheimer Wolf & Donnelly LLP  
Patterson Thuermer Christensen  
Pederson, P.A.  
Pauly, DeVries Smith & Deffen, L.L.C.  
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciesi LLP  
Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner, P.A.  
Stoel Rives LLP  
Thomson Reuters  
U.S. Bank Legal Department  
U.S. Bank The Private Client Reserve  
University of Minnesota Law School  
(Robina Fellowship)  
Zeile Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP  
Zeiler Solutions

### IN-KIND

Blue Sky Guide  
Center for Alternative Healing  
DiPasquale, David  
Dooley, Bill  
Doyle, Jennifer  
DuCharme, Laurie  
Froeming, Neil  
HealthSource Chiropractic &  
Progressive Rehab  
Hetland, Ryan  
Holloway, Gabe  
Lindquist & Vennum PLLP  
Louis, Denise  
Mills, Annette  
Mills, Brianna  
Moore, Shirley  
Nguyen, Lucy  
Russell, Jim  
Russell, Scott L.  
Stephens, Josh  
Sittta, Christina Marie  
Tinkham, Thomas  
Unleashed Productions  
Valley Chiropractic Associates  
Valley Natural Foods

### MATCHING GIFTS

Ameriprise Financial  
Best Buy Co., Inc.  
Honeywell Hometown Solutions  
NBL Inc.  
Razoo LLC  
RBC Dain Raucher  
Thomson Reuters Corp  
U.S. Bancorp Foundation

### MEMBERSHIPS

#### SENIOR PARTNER

Born, Suzanne  
Dickstein, Hon. Mel  
Driggs, Jaime  
Froese, Thomas  
Gallagher, Susan  
Herber, Dan  
Hofman, Kevin D.  
Kennedy, Bruce  
Myrdahl, Kimberly Jean  
Ojile, Fred  
Sicoli, Robert  
Sittta, Christina Marie

#### PARTNER

Ahl, Sheri A.  
Heins, Dianne C.  
Johnson, Kevin  
Krenn, John  
Ledray, Susan  
Lepore, Martha  
Mastie, C. Scott  
Morris, Chris  
Murphy, Kathleen  
Pontinen, Suzanne  
Siewering, Craig  
Swenson, Brooke C.  
Uono, Andrew  
Yasaly, Mary  
Yyryan, Mark

#### ASSOCIATE

Abramson, Frank  
Boderman, Jodie  
Busch, Trudi  
Chaudhary, Satveer  
Jensen-Carter, Mary Jo  
Kilbarda, Sarah  
Lynd, Thomas  
Neaton, Michael  
Obstad, Stuart  
Renz, Christopher  
Stem, Leo

Aberle, Shari  
Aden, Nikki  
Albrecht, Hon. Peter  
Aldrich, Hon. Steve  
Al, Jeff  
Anderson, John  
Athens, Carl  
Axtel, David  
Bailla, Constance  
Bailla, James L.  
Barbeau, James  
Belo, Hon. Patricia  
Bernhardson, Hon. Ivy  
Bibelhausen, Joan  
Bimberg, Paul  
Blackburn, Bruce  
Bodas, Margie  
Boisvert, Robert  
Boos, Matthew  
Boyd, Elizabeth  
Brabbitt, Lisa  
Brand, Charity  
Brandt, Hon. Gina  
Brown, Matthew  
Bulinski, Gregory  
Burns, Patrick R.  
Bye, Jonathan  
Cameron, William  
Canon, Karen  
Carlson, Andrew  
Carlson, Kristina  
Carlson, Steven  
Carter, Peter  
Carvell, Jeremy  
Chang, Bill  
Chaudhary, Siama  
Christensen, Robert  
Christensen, James  
Comp, Raine  
Conlin, Thomas  
Corey, Marc  
Cox, Prentiss  
DeBoer, Thomas  
DeLaney, Martha  
DeVries Smith, Kate  
Dixon, Joseph T.  
Doan, Kristina  
Donatelli, Kristina  
Donsky, Tracey  
Dooley, John  
Dove, Norina  
Doyle, Jennifer  
Drinane, Valerie  
Dunick, David  
D'Zurilla, David  
Eddy, Ryan  
Feneis, Michael  
Fisher, David

Fisher, William  
Fishman, Fay E.  
Forris, Dave  
Frey, Mark  
Friedman, Michael  
Frohle, Melissa  
Fulte, Kathleen  
Galey, Stefanie  
Gallagher, Susan  
Gallenberg, Deborah  
Genereux, Joe  
Ginsburg, Roy S.  
Gipson, Robin Caneff  
Glover, Samuel  
Godfrey, Jane  
Gordon, John  
Goss, Peter J.  
Gourlay, Aimee  
Grams, Mary  
Grape, Jewelle  
Greene, William  
Haag, Michael  
Halla, Trudy  
Halverson, Terry  
Hansen, Anne  
Harrington, William  
Hast, Susan  
Haukelahl, Catharine  
Haynes, David  
Headrick, Cassandra  
Heins, Samuel  
Helfand, Jerry  
Hensley, Sheryl  
Hittler, William  
Holloway, Gabe  
Holt, Karin  
Huang, Jennifer  
Huber, Heidi  
Hudick, Kelly  
Hudleston, Sarah  
Hughes, Theresia Mumay  
James, Joyce  
Jensen, Thomas  
Johnson, Peter  
Kaeding, Monica  
Kalla, Mark  
Karyusik, Anne  
Kelley, Timothy  
Khalid, Dina  
Klutho, Michael  
Knowles, Faye  
Krugel, Maria  
Labine, Hon. Mark  
Lambert, Janet Lou  
Lambert, Virginia  
Lane, Jeremy  
Langdon II, James K.  
Lange, Lindsey  
Lansing, Carol E.

Larson, Kristen  
Lasley, Matthew  
Lastina, Jean  
Larik, Bricker  
Leamonth, Laurel  
Lee, Ann  
Lepore, Martha  
Lewis, Jonathan  
Linsk, Eric  
Lott, April  
Lucia, Stephen  
Maas, Jeffrey  
Mabley, Frank  
Maltz, Emily  
Manrique, Hon. Tanja  
Massey, Cynthia  
Mastie, C. Scott  
McCoy, Jayne  
McDonald, Daniel  
McElroy, Alison  
Melendez, Brian  
Messerli, William  
Michaud, Peter  
Moe, Paul  
Moen, Nicole  
Moersfelder, Karol  
Mohamed, Irah  
Molanen, Robert  
Morgan, Timothy  
Morris, Christopher  
Morris, Judith Alison  
Moy, Daniel  
Moy, Nicholas  
Myrdahl, Kimberly Jean  
Nelson, Thomas  
Nygren, Jonathan  
O'Brien, Daniel  
Ojile, Fred  
Okragly, Valeska  
Olson, Sandra  
Patterson, James  
Peoples, Teri  
Perrone, Catherine  
Peters, Jean  
Peterson, Hon. Bruce  
Pins, Rick  
Piper, Hon. David  
Plummer, Edward and Peggy  
Pontinen, Suzanne  
Pontinen, Thomas  
Priebe, Robin  
Protokowicz, Brandon  
Rajkumar, Rosihan  
Ranum, Hon. Jane  
Rausch, Chris  
Rauscher, Andrea  
Reading, Hon. Jeannice  
Reedy, Jennifer and Chris  
Renz, Christopher

Rice, John  
Richardson, Lisa  
Riehl, Jonathan  
Robiner, Hon. Susan  
Rosenbaum, Hon. James  
Rubenstein, Jim  
Russell, Scott L.  
Rytkien, Hon. Miriam  
Saeki, Linda  
Sampson, Ellen  
Saunders, Lindsay  
Schack, Rebecca  
Schellhas, Heidi  
Scherler, Norman  
Schlesinger, Jeff  
Senechal, Markene  
Shark, Miriam  
Siegel, Mark  
Singer, George  
Skoglund, Michael  
Smith, Franklin  
Sparrow, Ephraim  
Stanley, Duane  
Storment, James M.  
Sutherland, Mark  
Swaden, Debra  
Swenson, Brooke C.  
Swenson, Hon. James T.  
Sittta, Christina Marie  
Sittta, Linda  
Tessier, Julie  
Thomas, Laura  
Thompson, Larry  
Tinkham, Thomas  
Toft, Heather  
Tomizuka, Lisa  
Tyson, Daniel  
Uono, Andrew  
Vaaler, Bryn  
Vander Sanden, Karen  
Vilchez, Armando  
Villala, Larson, Diana  
Yu, Emily  
Yyryan, Mark  
Walsh, Thomas  
Ward-Reichard, Courtney  
Weig, Paul  
Wernick, Hon. Mark  
Wenz, William  
Wickoff-Kaufman, Pamela  
Williams, Robin  
Wilson II, Perry  
Windhorst, John  
Woodward, David and Mary  
Wray, Linda K.  
Yokanovich, Linda  
Zern, Alycia  
Zimmelman, Hon. Lloyd

Thank you to our many contributors, sponsors, members and community partners who have so generously given to assist in the continued work of VLN. Your support helps us provide life-changing access to justice for so many people living in poverty in our communities.

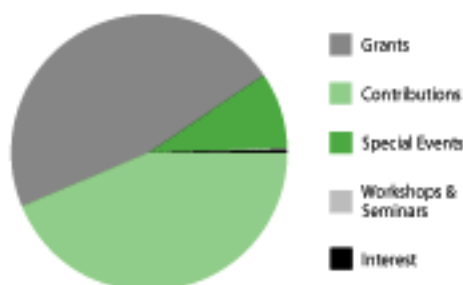
## FINANCIAL REPORT

### July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

2009 - 2010 Audited Financial Statement

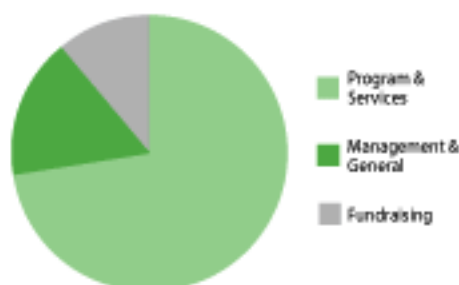
#### INCOME

Grants	444,001.00
Contributions	476,093.00
Special Events	90,864.00
Workshops & Seminars	3,555.00
Interest	702.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,015,215.00</b>



#### EXPENSES

Program & Services	595,673.00
Management & General	133,803.00
Fundraising	90,804.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>820,280.00</b>



## BALANCE SHEET

### June 30, 2010

#### ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	300,243.00
Accounts Receivables	177,258.00
Prepaid Expenses	5,412.00
Net Property & Equipment	58,135.00
Other Assets	4,568.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>545,626.00</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Payroll Liabilities	44,959.00
Accounts Payable	807.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>499,860.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>545,626.00</b>



VLN extends its appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful talents and generosity of our volunteers.

PHOTOGRAPHY John Mowers  
Unleashed Productions  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER Lex Knowles  
EDITOR Jim Russell

Thank you for making this project a success!

Printing donated by  
Allegra Print & Imaging

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Bye, Chair  
Lindquist & Vennum PLLP

Fred Ojile,  
Vice Chair/Treasurer  
Messenger & Ojile PLLP

Peter Goss, Secretary  
Faegre & Benson LLP

Alysia Zens, Past Chair  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Matt Boos  
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

Robin Caneff Gipson  
Briggs and Morgan,  
Professional Association

Karen Canon  
U.S. Bank

Mark Carter  
Carter Legal Services, PA

Jeremy Carvell  
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance

Kate DeVries Smith  
Pauly, DeVries Smith &  
Deffner, L.L.C.

Nancy DiPasquale  
Messerli & Kramer P.A.

Jennifer L. Doyle  
Robins, Kaplan, Miller &  
Ciresi LLP

David Galle  
Oppenheimer Wolff &  
Donnelly LLP

Bricker Lavik  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Laurel Learmonth,  
Primus Law Office, P.A.

Judge Tanja Manrique  
Fourth Judicial District Court

J. Alison Morris  
William Mitchell College of Law

Tim Shields  
Shields Legal Services PA

Michael L. Skoglund  
Cargill, Inc.

Douglas Stafford  
Client Representative

Debra Lozoff Swaden  
Fourth Judicial District Court

Brooke C. Swenson  
Briggs and Morgan,  
Professional Association

Dan Tyson  
Daniel R. Tyson, PA

Armando Vilchez  
Fourth Judicial District Court

Mark Vyvyan  
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

#### HCBA REPRESENTATIVE

Courtney Ward-Reichard  
Nilan Johnson Lewis, P.A.

#### LEGAL AID REPRESENTATIVE

Catharine Haukedahl  
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance

(Denotes 2009-2010 Board)

## STAFF

Suzanne Pontinen  
Executive Director

Martha Delaney  
Assistant Executive Director

Patricia Bogle  
Intake Specialist

Sharon Boodoo  
Director of Administration

Bill Chang  
Case Placement Coordinator

Milca Dominguez de Corral  
LLL Administrator

Bill Dooley  
Case Placement Coordinator

Glen Drew  
Case Placement Coordinator  
Clinics Coordinator

Heidi Huber  
Case Placement Coordinator  
Data Manager

Molly Irwin  
Intake Specialist

Nancy Nguyen  
Administrative Coordinator

Greg Rachwal  
Case Placement Coordinator

Christy Szitta  
Resource Attorney

Diana Vilella Larson  
LLL Manager

Thomas Walsh  
Resource Attorney

(Denotes Current Staff)



**VOLUNTEER LAWYERS NETWORK**

600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 390A  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

VLN Admin Line 612-752-6655

VLN Client/Intake Line 612-752-6677

LLL Client Line 651-379-4223

[www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org](http://www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org)

VLN's mission is to promote access to justice and the administration of justice by providing legal services to low-income people, primarily in Hennepin County, through volunteer lawyers.