

Invest in EQUAL JUSTICE

The Alliance for Equal Justice 2008 Legal Aid Days

We are in the midst of an uncertain economy, facing a tight budget in the 2009 legislative session. Hard times and budget cuts always hit our most vulnerable neighbors first. We cannot afford to let that happen. For the sake of our common future, Washington must invest in equal justice by increasing resources for legal aid.

Supporting legal aid is a proactive investment in the future. Unaddressed legal problems weaken families and communities, intensify poverty, and increase use of government assistance programs. Access to legal aid preempts a costly spiral of social problems by helping reduce homelessness, unemployment, deficient healthcare, domestic violence, and loss of livelihood.

There is a Justice Gap in Washington. Because funding for civil legal aid falls far short of the statewide need, over 80% of low income individuals and families with urgent legal problems are forced to face those problems without any legal help or representation. Despite offering assistance to over 40,000 low-income and vulnerable people in Washington each year, every day the Alliance for Equal Justice—Washington's network of legal aid providers & supporters—turns away eligible clients. We only have resources to help a fraction of those in need.

Invest yourself in equal justice. Join us at one of our 2008 Legal Aid Days to celebrate and promote the critical work of the Alliance for Equal Justice on behalf of low income and vulnerable people in need. You are an important part of our ability to successfully increase support and resources for legal aid in 2009.

2008 Legal Aid Days:

- LAW Advocates Annual Auction, *Lawyers Take Orders* (Bellingham) – October 9
- King County (Seattle) – October 13, 6:00pm
- Lewis County (Chehalis) – October 16, 7:00pm
- Clark & Cowlitz Counties (Vancouver) – October 20, Noon
- Spokane County (Spokane) – October 23, 4:00pm



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It's not justice if it's not equal.