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SLC PROGRAM REPORT November 20th, 2024

By the Numbers

- We've opened 572 cases year to date
- In October we opened 53 new files
- One New Attorney Hired
 - Sarah Molleck, Esq. has joined Northern Nevada Legal Aid providing her expertise for both the Housing and Consumer Unit and Senior Legal Center. Sarah is a very experienced attorney who has worked as a partner at large multinational law firm doing large scale litigation, a government attorney, and a Litigation Associate at a boutique local law firm. Sarah is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno and Gonzaga University School of Law. She is excited to bring her knowledge and compassion to NNLA.

In the News & Good Stories

NNLA Helps Disabled Veteran with Consumer Debt Dispute

NNLA resolved a consumer debt case for a disabled veteran whose only source of income was Social Security. The Client came in with a writ of execution for a debt which had been renewed since 2009. NNLA's Attorney took on representation and filed a claim of exemption on his property and reached out to the attorney for the creditor to try to settle. Creditor attorney agreed to not pursue the debt any further and would stop sending claims or any garnishment against the client. The Client was very relieved and thankful for the assistance. The total financial impact was over \$7,000.

NNLA Defends Widow Against Credit Card Company

NNLA recently represented an elderly widow in subsidized housing against a credit card company that could not produce evidence of money owed. NNLA litigated the case through the discovery process and achieved dismissal resulting in over \$6,000 plus attorney's fees that will not be collected from client. Our client was very happy and relieved since the client is on government benefits and indigent.

- Supervising Attorney Jennifer Richards quoted for her legislative work addressing elder abuse and exploitation by KTVN.



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- <https://www.ktnv.com/news/crime/are-elders-protected-in-southern-nevada-crimes-against-elderly-up-50>

Outreach and Community Events

- Monthly “Ask a Lawyer” events at Washoe County Senior Centers/congregate meal sites in Washoe County
- Power of Attorney Seminars

Legal Services Planning Needs

- Recently, the Senior Advisory Board considered legal planning needs for the future. We are in need of a Civil Legal Needs Study – the last one was conducted in 2017 by the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission.
 - https://nvbar.org/wp-content/uploads/NV-Legal-Needs-and-Econ-Impact-Study-Final-Report_PDF-COPY-11-30-2018.pdf
- Highlight the importance of the partnership between Washoe County Human Services and Legal Services
 - Not only one on one client referrals but we are addressing systemic issues