

LRAP MINNESOTA

HELPING LAWYERS HELP THE DISADVANTAGED

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR MISSION

LRAP helps reduce the education debt burden experienced by dedicated public interest lawyers who represent low-income clients seeking legal services to secure essential needs like food, shelter and safety, and fundamental rights like equal access to justice.

LRAP EXPANDS LEGAL AID WITH NEW RECIPIENTS

Joining 41 returning applicants with up to 12 years of experience, LRAP recently welcomed nine (9) new recipients with up to five (5) years of experience. Due to limited resources, support for five (5) of these attorneys would have been impossible without new funding from the State of Minnesota.

LRAP recipients are serving low-income clients in all Minnesota counties, and nearly 60% serve low-income clients in Greater Minnesota exclusively or as part of their statewide service. New LRAP recipient Katherine Pauk (pictured below) is helping disadvantaged clients through Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota in Alexandria. Katherine recently represented a senior woman whose husband was abusive. His abuse was exasperating her existing health problems. She called Legal Aid for help, and Katherine helped the client get an Order for Protection and a divorce. The client is now thriving in a senior living facility.

LRAP allows attorneys like Katherine to focus on their clients' urgent needs instead of worrying about affording student loan payments and all other bills on a modest income. Katherine said, "Without LRAP, I would have to find a private firm or a second job."



Comments? Questions? We'd love to hear from you!

Contact Heather Rastorfer Vlieger at **612-278-6315** or HeatherRV@mnbar.org.

Sustain the work of legal aid attorneys like Katherine with a recurring or one-time gift at givemn.org/organization/lrapmn

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