



Access to Justice Commission
Summary Report for June 25, 2025, Meeting

Case Statistics		
Assigned Program	Cases Opened YTD 2025 ¹	Cases Closed YTD 2025 ²
Clean Slate Project	64	70
Consumer Law Project	148	120
Core Services	622	546
Worker's Rights	10	8
General	25	11
HIV Impact/LGBT+ Initiative	50	48
Indian Law	37	11
Pro Bono	187	201
Senior Law Project	177	131
Tenant's Rights Center	1,032	1,021
Veterans Law Project	74	65
Lawyer in the School	34	2
TOTAL	2,460	2,234

Case Trends

- As of June 13, 2025, NLS has 1,200 cases in open status with an additional 303 pending case acceptance review.
- We have seen a slight increase in unemployment benefits matters opened so far this year, which is consistent with increased unemployment rates reported for Nevada
- Housing matters continue to account for a majority of our caseload. Federally subsidized housing matters account for 20% of housing cases opened, and 12.8% of cases organization-wide; however, 50% of case time spent on housing matters and 27% of case time organization-wide concerns federally subsidized housing matters.

¹ Figures as of June 13, 2025

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Highlights

- Please save the date for our annual Champions of Justice awards luncheons: Friday, October 3 in Las Vegas and Friday, October 24 in Reno!
- NLS was one of four organization's honored by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians at the Second Annual Forging Hope Yawa' Awards in April. The Yawa' Award is rooted in the Serrano cultural tradition of "acting on one's beliefs," and recognizes community organizations for their outstanding service, resilience, and lasting contributions to Nevada.
- Executive Director Alex Cherup's 17 in '25 initiative is ongoing. Since the last Commission meeting, we have completed visits to Carson City, Nye, Humboldt, and Lyon Counties.
- Our Lawyer in the School Program continues to expand with ongoing outreach to families at Title I schools and the CCSD Family Support Center. Additionally, the Program recently accepted its first case from outside of Clark County.
- NLS began a new partnership in April with The Just One Project in Las Vegas, holding monthly walk-in hours at The Just One Project's community market food pantry.
- We continue to conduct in-person outreach events at outlying senior centers across the state, including Fernley, Hawthorne, Fallon, Elko, Dayton, Lockwood, Carlin, Silver Springs, and Winnemucca.
- In response to demonstrated need in the community, we have created a guardianship unit with a senior attorney and a new staff attorney. We currently receive appointments as counsel for protected persons in Humboldt and Elko County guardianship matters. Additionally, we continue to provide pro bono assistance as appropriate to low-income guardians statewide, particularly in Clark and Washoe counties where conflicts of interest prevent assistance through other legal aid providers. NLS also provides community education on guardianship and alternatives to guardianship, including recent presentations in Winnemucca and Reno targeted to individuals with disabilities and those who support them.
- Legal Kiosks are now available in 28 libraries statewide. To view locations, please visit: <https://www.legalkiosks.com/projects/nevada>
- To bolster services in rural areas, NLS has developed a plan to recruit volunteers in geographically isolated communities to serve as justice ambassadors to help connect area residents with pro bono legal assistance.
- NLS is in regular contact with our primary grant funder, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), regarding the status of the federal budget. As the legislative process is ongoing, we are standing by for additional information as it becomes available. Funding LSC has been a bi-partisan priority for more than four decades, and we hope to see that trend continue.