

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS FOR RURAL NEVADANS (VARN)
UPDATE
FOR
ACCESS TO JUSTICE MEETING
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VARN served approximately two thousand two hundred seventy-two (2,272) persons in the calendar year 2023. Most of these persons reside in the Rural Counties of Nevada. The breakdown by counties is attached to this update, as Exhibit "1". VARN provided direct services to eighty-six (86) victims and survivors of domestic violence through its Domestic Violence Victims Assistance Program (DVVAP). The services provided were crisis counseling, emergency legal services for Protection Orders, and family law services. VARN also assisted the victims and survivors of domestic violence in receiving services, such as, payments for medical payments and counseling services which were paid by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). DVVAP program receives most of its referrals from the domestic violence agencies in the Rural Counties of Nevada.

VARN provided direct services to one hundred and forty- seven (147) Seniors who resided in Carson City, Douglas County, Churchill County, Lyon County, Elko County, and Storey County through its Rural Senior Legal Program (RSLP). These direct services included housing assistance, consumer problems, abuse and neglect, healthcare, and defense of guardianship.

VARN organized five (5) pro bono Lawyer in the Lobby events each month during 2023. Two (2) of these monthly events focused on Family Law questions. One (1) of these monthly sessions focused on General Law questions. One (1) of these monthly sessions focused on questions from Senior Citizens. And one (1) of these monthly sessions was devoted to questions from Spanish Speakers. Approximately six hundred and nine (609) residents of the Nevada Rural Counties participated in these Lawyer in the Lobby sessions during 2023. The Lawyer in the Lobby program served residents of Carson City, Churchill County, Douglas County, Elko County,

Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Humboldt County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nye County, Pershing County, Storey County, and White Pine County. VARN also participated in two (2) Legal Aid Fairs in Carson City in collaboration with Nevada Legal Services (NLS) during 2023.

EXHIBIT '1'

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Total Clients (households) -2023	DWAP	Pro Bono	Online	LinL	LAF	Phone Logs	RSLP	Total
Carson City	86	2	393	530	3	1111	147	2272
Churchill	21	1		167	3	415	73	680
Douglas	12			30		40	2	84
Elko	9	1		96		161	43	310
Esmeralda	12			16		33	7	68
Eureka	0			3		1	0	4
Humboldt	0			9		5	0	14
Lander	7			9		17	0	33
Lincoln	0			0		6	0	6
Lyon	0			8		17	0	25
Mineral	18			81		145	17	261
Nye	1			7		16	2	26
Pershing	1			10		26	0	37
Storey	1			3		6	0	10
Washoe	0			12		9	1	22
White Pine	1			63		105	2	171
Clark	2			6		9	0	17
out of state	0			13		84	0	97
Assisted w/o Litigation	1			2		16	0	19
Assisted w/ Litigation	55			530	3	1111	147	1846
Participant in class, clinic or hotline	31	2					0	33
Participant in LinL or Ask a Lawyer					530		79	609
Guardianship				13			0	13
TPR/Adoption				6			0	6
Consumer/Finance				24			14	38
Housing/Foreclosure				66			46	112
Abused/Neglected Children				0			6	6
Family Law	86	2		134	3		0	225
Domestic Violence	86		218	67			0	371
Real Property				22			6	28
Estate Planning/Probate/POA				40			56	96
Employment				11			0	11
Income Maintenance/Public Benefits				13			0	13
Immigration				6			0	6
other(personal property)				82			19	101
Criminal				8				8
Medical				7				7
Legal Forms				60				60