



NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT

The Justice Gap

The severity of Washington’s justice gap is extreme and growing. Unlike the criminal justice system, the U.S. Constitution doesn’t guarantee legal representation in civil matters. This leaves low-income individuals and families in Washington to face and resolve their legal problems alone – without the help of a lawyer, no matter how complex or catastrophic a problem may be.

Many low-income Washingtonians don’t know how to navigate the justice system on their own. Mistrust of the State’s civil justice system is prevalent. Most believe they won’t receive fair treatment—that the courts are not meant to help people like them.

Northwest Justice Project

Our commitment is to make justice equally accessible to everyone in Washington State. With Northwest Justice Project (NJP) on their side, our low-income clients won’t have to face the legal system alone. Whether they face eviction, foreclosure, domestic violence, unlawful debt, or consumer fraud our legal team helps clients access the justice system with stronger confidence and improved outcomes. NJP’s staff of more than 130 attorneys will fight for their safety and stability—at no cost to them.

Northwest Justice Project is a dynamic nonprofit law firm established in 1995 and recognized as a national leader in the delivery of civil legal services. Washington’s largest legal aid provider, NJP’s attorneys staff 19 offices across the state; provide legal assistance on a toll-free hotline; maintain online self-help resources; and conduct outreach and clinics to inform and engage diverse communities.

Closing the Gap

More than 70% of the state’s low-income households experience at least one civil legal problem each year. Legal problems rarely exist in isolation. These households average nine related legal problems complicating their situation.

You can help. Last year NJP closed 14,000 cases, providing legal support to more than 11,000 households. This falls far short of adequate for 265,000 households in Washington with legal problems—a significant justice gap. Your generous support will help fuel our fight for justice and help more people restore freedom and balance in their lives.

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