

# Lack of Funding Causes Community Legal Services Lay Offs

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Budget cuts both federally and locally combined with a fall in IOLTA revenue has caused Community Legal Services (CLS) to be in dire need of funds to maintain services. The non-profit legal aid recently laid off 7 attorneys, since funding was not going to be available to keep them on staff. On average a legal aid attorney handles 300 cases per year. The loss of 7 attorneys means approximately 2100 people will not receive legal help or court representation for issues such as housing, domestic violence and child custody. For more information on how you can help agencies like CLS contact Lara Slifko at [Lara.Slifko@azflse.org](mailto:Lara.Slifko@azflse.org) or visit [https://www.azflse.org/azflse/get\\_involved/donatenow.cfm](https://www.azflse.org/azflse/get_involved/donatenow.cfm)