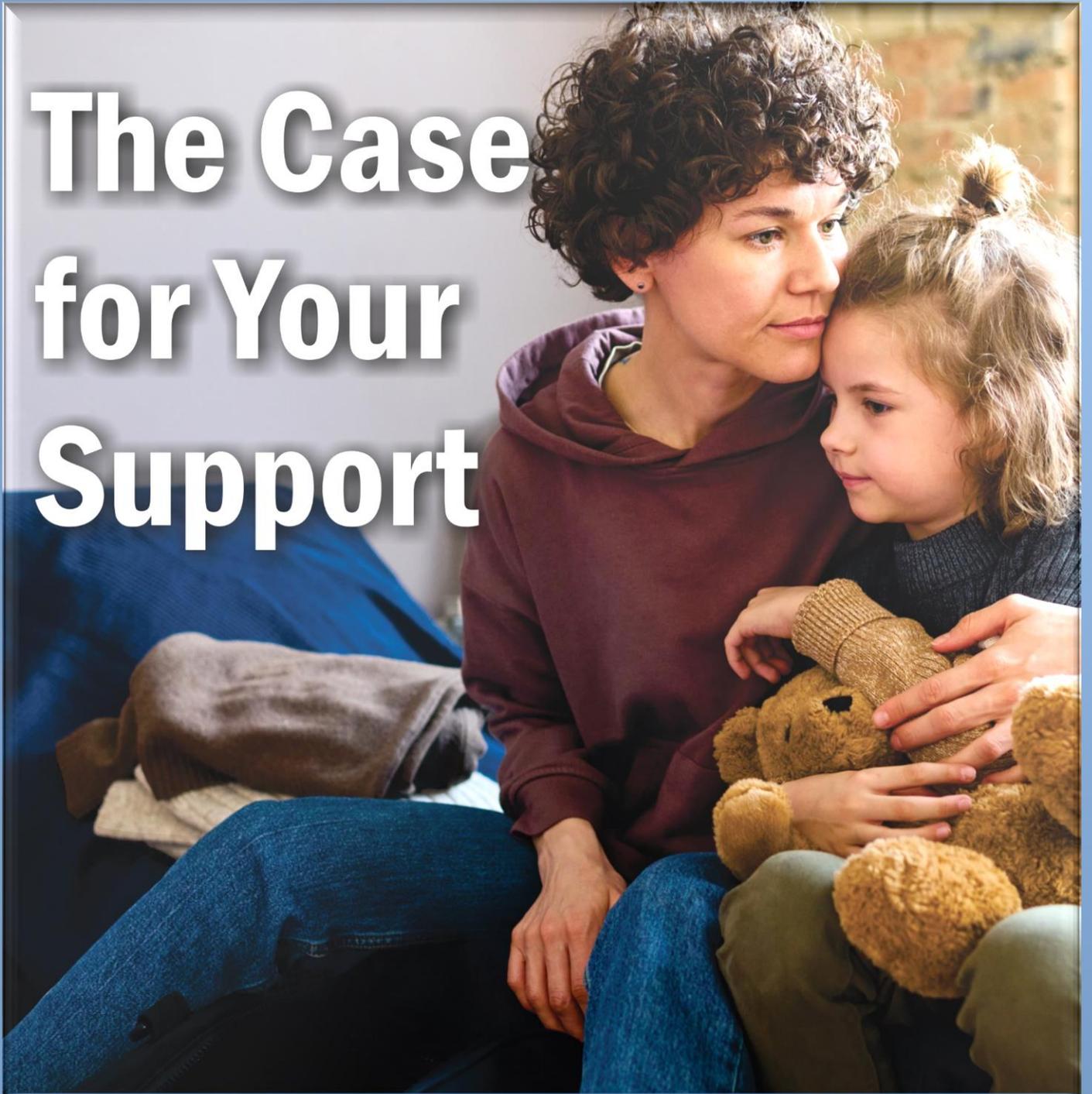


The Case for Your Support



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by addressing the growing need for legal advocates!

MCLE | New England® is a not-for-profit educational institution, with a mission to provide comprehensive, practical continuing legal education (CLE) of the highest quality to the broadest possible audience. In the past decade, MCLE awarded close to \$2 million in scholarship aid to pro bono counsel, legal advocates, and organizations representing children suffering abuse and neglect, survivors of partner violence, individuals with disabilities facing unfair conditions, and persons seeking political asylum.

The Need for Your Support

While an indigent criminal defendant has a state-based right to appointed counsel, this right is not available to those seeking justice in civil matters. Throughout Massachusetts and New England, civil legal aid agencies try to fill this gap, offering free legal services to persons who face financial insecurity – but the demand for such services far exceeds the capacity of the civil legal aid community. Civil legal aid services typically have very limited resources with which to help – and the situation grows worse with each passing year.

 Thanks to MCLE OnlinePass scholarships, Volunteer Lawyers Project staff enjoy unlimited access to a full catalog of online educational programs and materials. MCLE trainings have always been valuable to our attorneys, and they have taken full advantage of this benefit – in 2022, our staff accessed nearly 400 MCLE products through the Volunteer Lawyers Project's OnlinePass. Our attorneys and their clients alike have benefitted significantly from this expansive access to continuing legal education.

Joanna Allison, Esq., Executive Director,
Volunteer Lawyers Project

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“MCLE’s programs are an integral part of the core training that our staff receives. These vouchers allow CLA staff to attend top-notch trainings that would otherwise be inaccessible to them due to CLA’s limited resources.”

*Jonathan L. Mannina, Esq.,
Executive Director,
Community Legal Aid*

Your Gift’s Impact

In 2023, MCLE provided nearly 300 attorneys with affordable access to MCLE programs through our scholarship and voucher programs. In addition, all staff (including, but not limited to, a total of 472 attorneys) at 18 legal services organizations benefited from unlimited, free access to the MCLE OnlinePass®—a comprehensive research database of all MCLE online programs and practice manuals.

MCLE’s Scholarship Program helps free up legal aid organizations’ resources by allowing them to reduce their training budgets without sacrificing their staffs’ development. Nevertheless, close to two-thirds of eligible Massachusetts citizens still must be turned away by legal aid agencies that cannot meet the need due to an ongoing lack of resources.

MCLE’s goal is to expand our Scholarship Program to provide every legal services agency in Massachusetts with comprehensive and tuition-free legal education and training, enabling them to fully focus their resources on assisting every person in need of representation. This goal is attainable—through a true public-private partnership. Together, your organization and MCLE can make it happen with a tax deductible, charitable donation to the MCLE Scholarship Endowment.



MCLE OnlinePass® Benefits

Since 2020, MCLE has awarded 24/7 free access to the MCLE OnlinePass® subscription to 18 legal services organizations, whose staffs include almost 500 attorneys. The dollar value of the content in the OnlinePass® subscription totals over \$130,000.



Vouchers for Pro Bono Organizations

Ten of Massachusetts' major pro-bono organizations rely on MCLE scholarship vouchers to help recruit, train, and retain private lawyers to accept pro bono cases. In 2023, MCLE awarded nearly 900 vouchers to these pro bono organizations.



Program Scholarships

MCLE regularly awards direct scholarships to individuals in need who apply to attend a particular program at a deep discount. These direct program scholarships most often benefit solo practitioners and lawyers in small firms. They ensure equitable access for attorneys in need of financial assistance.



New Lawyer Scholarships

In 2022, MCLE began offering a 50% scholarship for *all* MCLE products to all Massachusetts lawyers in practice for five or fewer years. This scholarship helps new lawyers access professional development and education at a critical point in their careers, launching them for long-term success as capable attorneys.



MLRI Programs

Through a collaboration with the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, MCLE offers programs on topics highly relevant to legal services attorneys and non-lawyer community advocates—like housing, disability, health care access, and immigration. Attendees who serve the public interest enjoy a significantly reduced-tuition fee.

“When I started working with Northeast Legal Aid I changed from my previous practice areas to a whole new world of Child Welfare Law. MCLE is where I went to attend a conference on Child Welfare Law, as well as where I found practice manuals to start me on my journey. Lots of great information in one place.”

*Maureen Lynch, Esq., Family Preservation Attorney,
Northeast Legal Aid*

Help Us Today!

A privilege of running one's own business is the opportunity to be a responsible neighbor within the community. You can achieve a great impact by giving generously to not-for-profit organizations and charitable causes that matter most to you. Sponsoring an MCLE program is a worthy charitable endeavor. It is also a way in which to benefit and showcase your business.

MCLE Donor Recognition

MCLE strives to appropriately and visibly acknowledge every generous donation. If you are interested in making a contribution to our Scholarship Endowment, please contact us to learn more about our donor recognition opportunities, such as:

Scholarship Fund

A leadership gift of \$25,000 or more can establish a new Named Scholarship Fund in honor of the person or institution of your choice. Each Named Scholarship Fund has a designated page on MCLE's website and is regularly acknowledged as part of scholarship award notifications.

Program Sponsor

A leadership gift may alternatively be used to become an MCLE Program Sponsor. Your firm's generosity will be acknowledged on a series of programs' webpages and related emails, brochures, and catalog pages, for a predetermined number of years.

Program Supporter

Donors of \$5,000 or more will have their gift acknowledged on one to three MCLE programs, including all related program materials, for one year.

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Giving Back Is Good

As a leader in Massachusetts' business community, you are empowered to collaborate with legal advocates and organizations to help people in need and build a stronger community.



Recognition at All Levels

No matter the amount, each and every MCLE donor is included on our Donor Honor Roll at the appropriate level and on all applicable fund-specific donor lists.



Individualized and Flexible

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