

# Lawyer *in the* School

## is coming to your county!

### Who we are

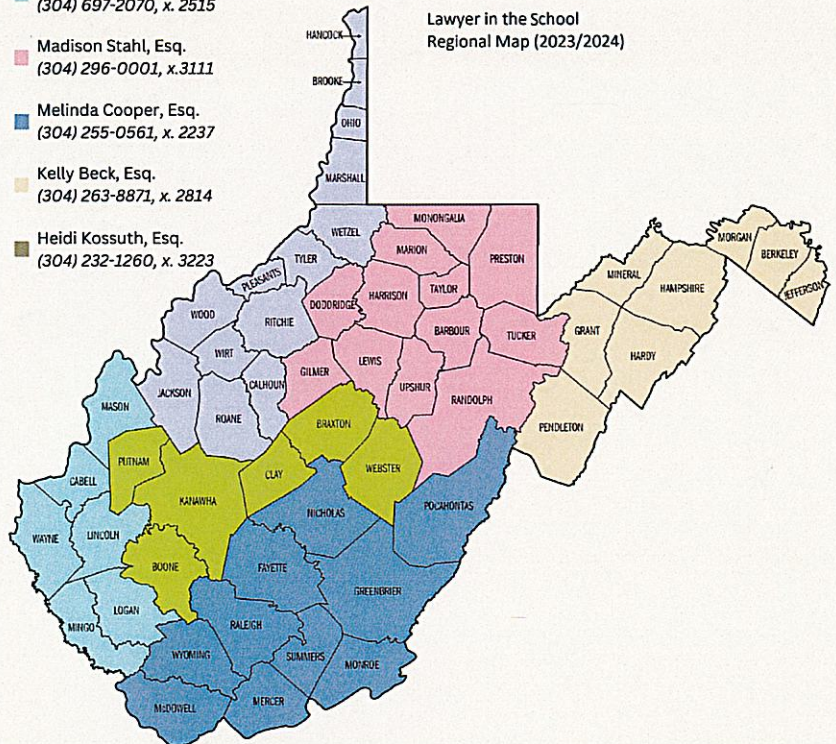
**Legal Aid of WV** is a statewide, non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income and vulnerable West Virginians. Our lawyers and advocates help families with legal problems like protection from domestic violence, family law issues, housing problems, and issues with public benefits. We receive funding from state, local, and federal agencies including the WV Department of Education.

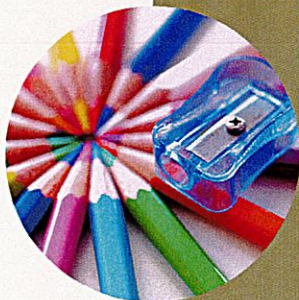
### What we do

The **Lawyer in the School** program works to stabilize the lives of children by providing onsite civil legal help to vulnerable school families on issues like eviction, disrupted income, and legal custody for caregivers, such as grandparents or relatives who are caring for children impacted by absent parents or the opioid epidemic. Our goal is to make a difference in stabilizing the lives of children, reducing trauma, and promoting conditions for educational success.

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## MENU OF SERVICES

Legal Aid's mission is to seek fairness and equal access to justice through legal services and advocacy. We know that you know the needs of your student communities and the capacity of your schools better than anyone. To facilitate that mission, we want to work with schools to identify which of the following services would have the most impact on your communities.

### Educational Materials

Monthly backpack stuffers providing general legal education on relevant topics such as child custody or estate planning

### Referrals

Paper and online forms for teachers, counselors, and other staff to request LIS reach out to families in need of legal assistance

### Dedicated Services

Dedicated phone line and email account to provide direct access to legal assistance regardless of geographic or transportation limitations

### School-based Clinics

Periodically held clinics to provide opportunities for caregivers to consult with an attorney and determine whether additional assistance is needed

### Education Outreach

Family Nights in coordination with school and local community partners to share information, dinner, and resources with caregivers

### Professional Development

Presentations to county and school professionals on identifying and working with families in need of legal assistance

The legal topics we help with include but are not limited to:

- Custody and Guardianship
- Adoption
- Public Benefits
- Eviction
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Unemployment
- Expungement
- Estate Planning
- Name Change



The organizations we partner with include but are not limited to:

- McKinney-Vento
- Communities in Schools
- WVSU Healthy Grandfamilies
- Local Libraries
- Mission WV
- Family Resource Networks

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

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