

**Title:** Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee

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**Abstract:** The Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee – one of the nation’s oldest, continuously operating public interest law firms – was established in 1916 to provide legal assistance to persons who could not afford to hire an attorney and “to do all things necessary for the prevention of injustice.” It includes a Civil Division, Guardian ad Litem Division, and Mental Disability Law Division

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, correspondence, as well as historical information compiled by former Executive Director Thomas Cannon for use in his centennial history *Equal Justice: A History of the Legal Aid Society in Milwaukee*, published in 2010 by Marquette University Press.

**Access and Use:** Two files (noted below) are restricted. All others are available for research.

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was donated by the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, March 2021.

**Arrangement:**

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Annual Reports, 1916-2003	1	1
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Background Information (Newspaper Clippings), 1993-1994	1	4
Board of Directors – Correspondence/Memos, 1992-2000	1	5
Board of Directors – Rosters, 1971-2005	1	6
Board Meeting Minutes, 1941-1949	1	7
Board Meeting Minutes, 1950-1959	1	8
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Board Meeting Minutes, 1980-1989	1	11
Board Meeting Minutes, 1990-1995	1	12
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Braun, Mark – Paper re Milwaukee Legal Service Organizations, 1996	1	14
Cannon, Thomas G. – Correspondence re Publishing Legal Aid Society History, 2005-2012	1	15

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Consent Resolutions, 1976-2004	1	17
Dolan, Julia – Letters, Talks, Cases, 1948-1964	1	18
Executive Director – Reports/Memos/Correspondence, 1974, 1990-2009	1	19
Historical Photographs	1	20
Lawyer Referral, 1960s	2	1
Lawyer Referral, 1960s [RESTRICTED]	2	2
Legal Aid Society Board Members	2	3
Legal Aid Society History (1 of 4)	2	4
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Legal Aid Society History – Photos Used	2	10
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Legal Aid Society Logo	2	12
Legal Aid Society Restated Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws, 1997	2	13
Legal Aid Society Scrapbook, 1971-1981	2	Loose
Milwaukee Plan Legal Services, 1965-1966 (1 of 2)	2	14
Milwaukee Plan Legal Services, 1965-1966 (2 of 2)	2	15
Milwaukee Plan Legal Services, 1966-1971	2	16
Milwaukee Plan Legal Services – Advisory Committee to the Law Reform Program, 1968-1969	2	17
Minimum Wage, 2008-2009	3	1
News Articles, 1994-2009	3	2
Newsletter, 2005	3	3
Newsletters “Opening Statements,” 1996-2003	3	4
Newspaper Clippings, 1969-1994	3	5
Obituaries	3	6
Old Letterhead	3	7
Publications – Miscellaneous	3	8
– <i>The Legal Aid Society Summary of Services</i> (New York), 1957		
– <i>The Legal Aid Review</i> , Autumn 1954		
– <i>Your Rights in a Wisconsin Mental Hospital</i> , 1977		
– <i>Battered Women Handbook for Survival</i> , 1977		
– <i>Directory of Health and Welfare Resources Serving Milwaukee County</i> , February 1956		
– <i>Wisconsin Law Journal</i> , 2007 (re Unsung Heroes of Legal Community, Paulette Wymbs of Legal Aid Society)		
Reich, Jordan – Paper re Legal Aid Society History, 1973	3	9
Solicitation Letters, ca. 1987-1994	3	10
State of Wisconsin GAL Contract, 2011	3	11

Superintendent's Reports, 1941-1965	3	12
Tax Exempt Notices	3	13
Voluntary Defender Program, 1968	3	14
Women Superintendents	3	15
Miscellaneous	3	16
<b>Multimedia Items (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)</b>		
– VHS Tape: Thomas Cannon – History of Legal Aid Society, 1988		
– DVD: Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee Event Program, 2001		
– Audio Cassette: Judge Sullivan Finance Committee, 1976		