



## Justice For All: Washington State falls far short

*"We're witnessing the erosion of the proud American principle of Justice for all," former United States Attorney John McKay.*

By the numbers:

**7 in 10**

71% of the state's low-income households face at least one civil legal problem each year.

**9.3**

The average number of civil legal problems per low-income household has tripled since 2003.

**500,000+**

More than a half million low-income Washingtonians are unable to access needed civil legal help each year

**1:10,783**

Washington State has one state-funded legal aid lawyer for every 10,783 low-income residents, less than half of the national minimal service level of 1 attorney for every 5,000 residents.

**3 in 4**

76% of Washington's low-income residents with a civil legal problem will not get the help they need, which means the vast majority of individuals and families face their problems alone.

**124.5**

Additional number of state-funded, basic client service attorneys needed to meet the nationally recognized minimum level of access of 1 professional civil legal aid attorney to every 5,000 eligible residents.

**\$15.5 Million**

Additional funding per year needed to close the civil Justice Gap and meet the minimum level of access to legal help.

*"We can and we must do better," Supreme Court Justice Charles K. Wiggins*