



Blake Impact Review

Provider Outcomes:

Statewide Relief, Case Work, and Community Impact

Presentation to

House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee Friday, December 5, 2025



Civil Legal Aid's Blake Role: Out-of-Custody Relief & System Fixes

Broad Representation

- Out of custody
- Not represented by Public Defenders
- Outside of resentencing channels

Services Provided

- Direct assistance
- Navigation support
- Legal review

Removed Barriers

- Clerks only certifying a portion of LFOs paid
- Inconsistent documentation requirements
- Unclear refund instructions

Education and Outreach

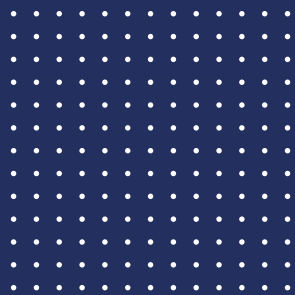
- Community events
- Multilingual materials
- Online guides
- Partnerships with service organizations

Results

- Improved court practices
- Reduced errors
- More consistent and accessible process

**OCLA
Funding for
2023-2025
Biennium**

\$5,234,000



Provided solely to continue legal information, advice, assistance, and representation for individuals eligible for civil relief under the supreme court's ruling in *State v. Blake*.



Blake Civil Legal Aid Providers

CS

Civil Survival

WTJ

• The Way to
Justice

LWC

Living with
Conviction

NJP

Northwest
Justice Project



Statewide Impacts: Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025

\$19 million

In legal financial obligations (LFOs) refunded, reallocated, or interest waived across all providers and across all case types.

5,000 Cases

Reviewed, screened, or assisted for people impacted by Blake, with hundreds of convictions vacated and refund motions granted.

Other Impacts:

- Services reached at least 37 counties, including rural and tribal communities with historically limited access to legal help
- Providers addressed not just individual *Blake* cases, but broader criminal and civil barriers that affect housing, income, immigration, and reentry
- Statewide outreach including targeted outreach to Indigenous communities and Tribes.
- Created guided interview
- Compiled and maintained self-help materials on [Washington Law Help](#)



Blake Investments: **Lasting Infrastructure & Long-Term Benefits**

Durable Systems

- Clean Slate Days
- Multilingual materials
- More uniform practices

Reduced Burden

- Standardized motions
- Improved documentation
- Corrected errors before escalation

Broad Statewide Relief

- Out of custody
- Unrepresented
- Others unlikely to benefit from resentencing efforts

Community Trust

- Supports housing, employment, and stability
- Reduces recidivism
- Strengthens community safety

Continued support will allow this infrastructure to pivot to other relief efforts, sustaining long-term benefits for people, courts, and state systems.



To ensure continuity of holistic reentry legal services created through *Blake*, OCLA is pursuing FY 2026 supplemental funding for Reentry Legal Assistance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.