

**RETAIN  
HIGH QUALITY  
PUBLIC SERVANTS**

Restore state funding  
for NC LEAF

**THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGAL EDUCATION  
ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION (NC LEAF)**

- ▶ Prosecutors, public defenders and legal aid lawyers keep communities safe, protect the rights of citizens and promote fair and efficient administration of justice and public safety
- ▶ NC LEAF encourages attorneys to pursue careers in public service and retains well-trained public servants in prosecutor, public defender, clerk and legal aid careers
- ▶ NC LEAF has provided loan repayment assistance of more than \$7 million to nearly 1,500 public service attorneys in NC with the least ability to repay their law school debt

**\$154,012**

the average debt  
of NC LEAF applicants

**\$42,193**

the starting salary for a  
prosecutor or public defender

Without the assistance of NC LEAF, it would be a constant financial struggle for me to keep working in public service. I know I could make more money in private practice, but this work is what I went to law school to do and I appreciate that NC LEAF makes it possible for me.  
- Legal Aid Attorney

During my tenure as a prosecutor in the 26<sup>th</sup> District, I have been assigned to the following units: domestic violence, misdemeanor, crimes against persons, juvenile and narcotics. My work is rewarding and necessary. I could not have served my community in this capacity without the assistance of NC LEAF.  
- Assistant District Attorney

**\$500,000**

the amount of state funding  
cut from NC LEAF in 2011

**104**

the number of additional public  
service attorneys who would be  
supported by restored state funding

**RESTORATION OF NC LEAF FUNDING IS SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:** Conference of District Attorneys  
Equal Justice Alliance | NC Association of Public Defenders | NC Bar Association | NC Conference of Clerks of Superior Court | NC Courts Commission

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE  
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