

KEEP NC ATTORNEYS IN PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS

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 and legal aid careers
- ▶ NC LEAF has provided loan repayment assistance of nearly \$5 million to more than 1,000 public service attorneys in NC with the least ability to repay their law school debt

\$109,610

the average amount of debt load
of NC LEAF applicants

\$40,366

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 26th 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:

Equal Justice Alliance | Conference of District Attorneys | NC Courts Commission | NC Bar Association | NC Association of Public Defenders

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