



## OPEN LEGAL SERVICES

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### *Open Legal Services Gets Funding Boost*

March 17, 2016 --- Open Legal Services, a nonprofit law firm headquartered in Salt Lake City, is feeling the love. The firm - which serves low and moderate income clients for as little as \$60 per hour - has received just over \$35,000 to expand its operations along the Wasatch Front. The donations come from three sources – the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, And Justice For All, and 100 Women Who Care. An additional boost came from a crowd-lending initiative called Kiva Zip in the form of an interest-free loan of \$10,000.

Open Legal Services was founded in 2013 to serve the estimated 51% of Utah residents who make too much money to get free Legal Aid, but struggle to afford private attorneys. The firm is an access to justice organization representing clients in Custody, Divorce, and Criminal Defense cases at about a third the market rate.

Open Legal Services is a sustainable nonprofit – it doesn't use donations to pay its bills. Instead, donations and grants are used to help expand operations into new regions and practice areas. Founders A. Daniel Spencer and Shantelle Argyle decided to develop the business model to operate without the need for annual grant renewals. This ensures that once a client get access to justice - they keep it. Argyle, who serves as the firm's Executive Director, is grateful for the support. "We literally founded this firm with \$2,000 between the two of us, and have grown to ten employees in just over two years," Argyle said. "With this level of support from the community, we can really take it to the next level."

Open Legal Services can be reached at (801) 433-9915, and on the web at [www.openlegalservices.org](http://www.openlegalservices.org).