UNDERSTANDING LEGAL CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY...AND WORKING TO ADDRESS THEM

## JUDGE DARLENE BYRNE

126<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County

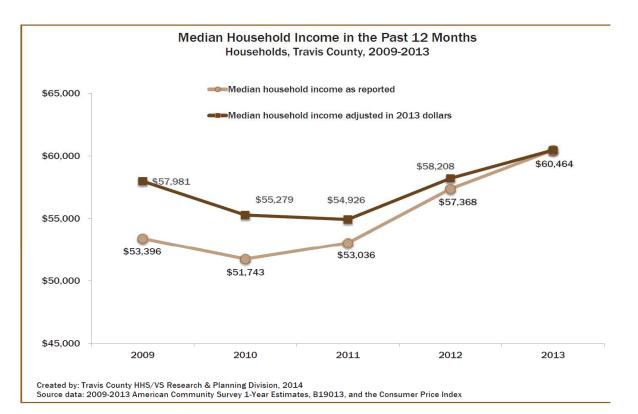
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## EXAMPLES OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE

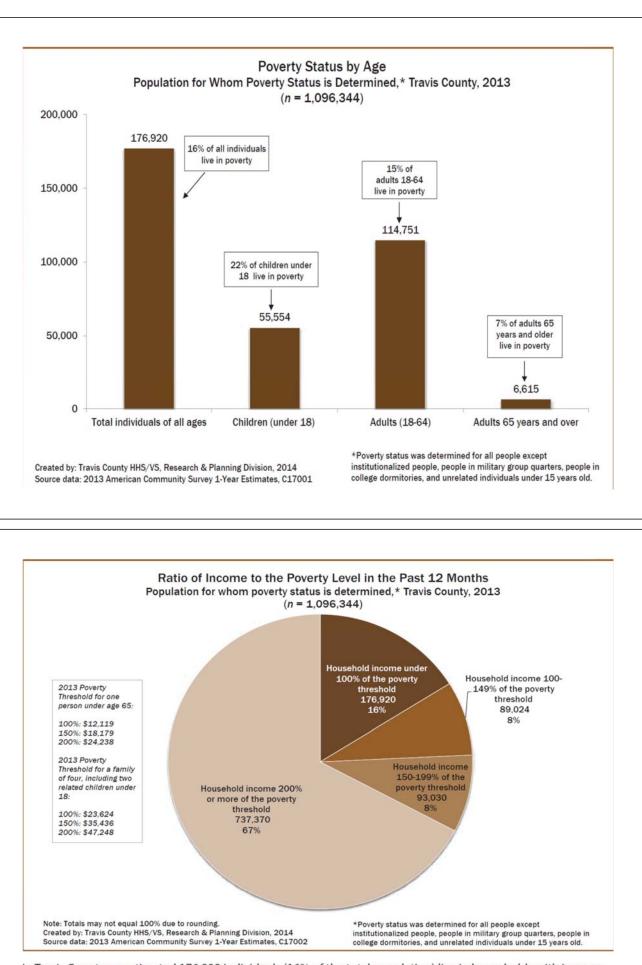
- Family & Relationship (ex: divorce)
- Business, Consumer, and Employment
- Housing & Foreclosure
- Domestic Violence, Child Abuse/Neglect

## EXAMPLES OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Criminal & Juvenile Delinquency
- Poverty & Economic Hardship contributes to and exacerbates all of the above



**Median Household Income:**<sup>6</sup> Reported median income increased between 2012 and 2013 by more than \$3,000. While reported median household income has increased each year since 2010, the actual value of Travis County's median household income<sup>7</sup> (indicated by the top line on the chart above) began moving upward in 2011.



In Travis County an estimated 176,900 individuals (16% of the total population) live in households with incomes below the poverty threshold.<sup>10</sup> One-third (33%) of Travis County residents, or nearly 358,950 individuals, live at or below 200% of the poverty threshold.

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