John Garrahan, long-time member of South Middlesex Legal Services’ Board of Directors, died on September 7, 2003, at the age of 75. We remember him with fondness and gratitude for all he has done for our organization, our attorneys and our clients.

Charming, funny and shrewd, Attorney Garrahan was a well-connected and urbane power broker, when that role was helpful and valuable. His influence was felt in a great many charitable, business and political spheres. Since joining the Board in 1980, John Garrahan’s contributions helped shape SMLS’ mission, promoting expansion of our work into new areas, such as special education, as well as encouraging fundraising initiatives. He prized SMLS’ strong and independent voice for the most vulnerable. He was a firm proponent of SMLS’ advocates being involved in community activities. Understanding the importance of attorneys’ public support for legal aid and

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Nancy King Honored
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For years Nancy has been one of the most dedicated individuals in the community, working diligently for access to justice,” says Eileen Agnes, a former SMLS Board member, current member of the SMLS Campaign For Legal Services, and prominent attorney practicing in Framingham. “She is a tireless and selfless advocate for low-income people and she inspires her staff with those same qualities. She has persuaded local bar associations to join in the effort to provide access to justice for all individuals in the area. Attorneys support SMLS largely because of their working relationships with Nancy and her staff members.”

Ms. King serves as a model of dedication for community members working on SMLS’ Campaign For Legal Services. “Staples started working with SMLS because we knew that the program was likely to benefit some of our associates or their family members,” says Bob Molloy, Co-Chair of the SMLS Campaign For Legal Services and Assistant General Counsel and Vice President for Staples. “Nancy’s commitment to SMLS has been the key to our involvement in the program’s fundraising efforts. Working with her has been a truly rewarding experience and we endorse the United Way’s assessment of her as a Woman of Character.”

State Funding for Legal Services Rescued

With the strong support of the State Senators and Representatives from SMLS’ service area, the legislature overrode the Governor’s veto of funding for civil legal services. SMLS and other legal aid organizations stood on the brink of elimination from the state budget in July 2003. “We are extremely grateful to our local legislators for their willingness and determination in fighting for our clients,” said SMLS director Nancy King. All legislators who voted for the override recently received “Pillar of Justice” certificates at ceremonies hosted by their local legal aid offices. At one, Senator Mangani thanked advocates for the work they do, saying, “I can’t imagine not being able to call SMLS for help with constituent problems.” The vote for the override was 147-10 in the House and 35-5 in the Senate. The area legislators who supported the override are listed below.

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Thanks to our dedicated committee members, golf tournament participants, phonathon volunteers, and many con-tributors, the Campaign for Legal Services has held its ground in a difficult economic environment. Through their hard work, persistence and generosity, they raised $90,000 this year, with an additional $10,000 needed to meet the annual goal. “Our donor base continues to expand, thanks to the participation and support of attorneys in the SMLS service area,” said Michael Leon, Co-Chair of the Campaign Committee. “Local lawyers are the key to long-term success.” The donations raised by the Campaign will be especially significant in the face of the elimination of federal funding. As part of a nationwide effort to consolidate funding, the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C. is planning to fund fewer programs in the Commonwealth. SMLS will, therefore, lose $200,000 from its annual budget. While this will remove burdensome restrictions placed on advocates’ work by the federal government, it will also represent a substantial loss. We are planning to intensify the Campaign’s fundraising efforts to minimize the impact. We rely on support from you, our private donors. Please give generously so we may continue to represent the disadvantaged in our communities. Thank you!

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Six of our phonathon volunteers. Clockwise; Sheila Corkhill, Eileen Agnes, Suzanne Cartledge, Christopher Horblit, David Schuler, Anthony Moosey.
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volunteer work for low-income clients, he strongly encour-
aged participation in local bar associations.

“John was always there for us,” said Nancy King, Execu-
tive Director. “He was involved in many other community
activities, but he made his Board work a priority. He was
truly interested in what we were doing and wanted to con-
tribute. Even when he couldn’t attend a meeting, he’d read
the materials and call me to discuss his ideas. He had such
keen business sense and good judgment. He helped guide
our organization in many ways.”

Financially supportive of SMLS as well, Garrahan took part
in the annual golf tournament, donating a three-some at the
Hyannisport Club to the event each year. The opportunity to
spend time with him on the links was always a popular auc-
tion item. He was a member of SMLS’ Finance Committee,
and took a special interest in making sure the organization
was fiscally sound.

“He was genuinely concerned about the staff,” said King.
“No matter how busy he was, he’d always take the time to
ask about them. It was important to him that they have ac-
cess to the best legal training and that they were fairly com-
pensated - as fairly as our budget allowed.”

Many others have experienced the generosity of John
Garrahan. A dedicated husband and father, skilled attorney
and committed business associate, Garrahan contributed
many hours to community service. He was the founder of
the MetroWest Community Prayer Breakfast, a very success-
ful celebration of the area’s diversity, which is attended by
over 500 people each year. He was also the past president
of the South Middlesex Bar Association, Chairman of the
Board of Directors for the Catholic Charitable Bureau of Bos-
ton, Chairman of the Board of MetroWest Chamber of Com-
merce, Overseer of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society
and Commissioner of Framingham Public Works. He has
received many awards and honors for his dedication to the
community.

John Garrahan leaves his wife, eight children, 22 grand-
children and two great-grandchildren. He will be greatly
missed.

Story by Jan D’Angelo

Health Access Project:
Joan’s Story

Joan, a homeless cancer survivor, came to SMLS looking
for help in obtaining her prescription medications. She had
recently lost her health insurance from her former employer.
With Social Security benefits and long term disability insurance,
her monthly income was about $1,200. Her prescription needs
alone came to nearly $500 per month, so she applied for
MassHealth. When she was notified by MassHealth that she
would have to incur nearly $9,000 in medical bills (also called a
“spend-down”) before MassHealth would begin benefits, she
sought our help. The Health Access Project Paralegal, Fran
Bakstran, reviewed the situation thoroughly with Joan to edu-
cate her about all her options. Fran assisted Joan in obtaining
a stipend from the Susan B. Komen Foundation, coverage
through Prescription Advantage and assistance from certain
drug manufacturers’ programs. Finally, she helped Joan to lo-
cate and verify a number of unpaid medical bills to meet a lower
spend-down for MassHealth benefits. Throughout this process,
Joan’s income was adjusted a few times, requiring new calcu-
lations and changing her eligibility for health coverage programs.

“I could never have found my own way through the maze of
medical insurance without Fran. She is so knowledgeable and
friendly. She really went out of her way to get me help,” said
Joan recently. The Health Access Project is supported in large
part through a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massa-
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