

Name of applicant organization	State	Service area	Estimated Annualized 2021 Funding
Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc .....	RI	RI-1	1,036,191
South Carolina Legal Services, Inc .....	SC	MSC	166,572
South Carolina Legal Services, Inc .....	SC	SC-8	6,466,912
Dakota Plains Legal Services, Inc .....	SD	NSD-1	1,098,419
East River Legal Services .....	SD	SD-2	461,315
Dakota Plains Legal Services, Inc .....	SD	SD-4	501,191
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands .....	TN	TN-10	3,347,711
Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc .....	TN	TN-4	1,661,056
West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc .....	TN	TN-7	765,560
Legal Aid of East Tennessee .....	TN	TN-9	2,703,092
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc .....	TX	MSX-2	2,081,141
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc .....	TX	NTX-1	36,819
Lone Star Legal Aid .....	TX	TX-13	12,888,876
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas .....	TX	TX-14	9,794,740
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc .....	TX	TX-15	12,318,247
Utah Legal Services, Inc .....	UT	MUT	99,574
Utah Legal Services, Inc .....	UT	NUT-1	96,783
Utah Legal Services, Inc .....	UT	UT-1	2,516,704
Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc .....	VA	MVA	200,938
Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc .....	VA	VA-15	928,630
Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia .....	VA	VA-16	1,682,317
Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc .....	VA	VA-17	865,389
Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc .....	VA	VA-18	1,404,007
Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc .....	VA	VA-19	922,443
Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc .....	VA	VA-20	1,711,145
Legal Services of the Virgin Islands, Inc .....	VI	VI-1	208,408
Legal Services Vermont .....	VT	VT-1	558,386
Northwest Justice Project .....	WA	MWA	757,981
Northwest Justice Project .....	WA	NWA-1	335,121
Northwest Justice Project .....	WA	WA-1	6,318,864
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc .....	WI	MWI	428,697
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc .....	WI	NWI-1	182,487
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc .....	WI	WI-2	1,081,437
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc .....	WI	WI-5	4,132,260
Legal Aid of West Virginia, Inc .....	WV	WV-5	2,966,918
Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc .....	WY	NWY-1	203,288
Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc .....	WY	WY-4	565,108

These grants will be awarded under the authority conferred on LSC by section 1006(a)(1) of the Legal Services Corporation Act, 42 U.S.C. 2996e(a)(1). Grant awards are made to ensure civil legal services are provided in every service area, although no listed organization is guaranteed a grant award. Grants will become effective, and grant funds will be distributed, on or about January 1, 2021.

LSC issues this notice pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2996f(f). Comments and recommendations concerning potential grantees are invited and should be delivered to LSC within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: October 30, 2020.

**Stefanie Davis,**

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### Copyright Office

[Docket No. 2020-9]

### Sovereign Immunity Study: Announcement of Public Roundtables

**AGENCY:** U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice of public roundtables.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Copyright Office is conducting a study to evaluate the degree to which copyright owners are experiencing infringement by state entities without adequate remedies under state law, as well as the extent to which such infringements appear to be based on intentional or reckless conduct. To aid its analysis, the Office is announcing public roundtables to provide the opportunity for members of the public to address the following topics: Evidence of actual or threatened copyright infringement by states; state policies and practices for minimizing copyright infringement and addressing infringement claims; and alternative

remedies under state law for copyright infringement.

**DATES:** The roundtables will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020. Attendees will be able to join the event online starting at approximately 8:30 a.m., and the event will run until approximately 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Office will conduct the roundtables remotely using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. Requests to participate as a panelist in a roundtable session should be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 16, 2020 using the form available at <https://www.copyright.gov/policy/state-sovereign-immunity/hearing-request.html>. Any person who is unable to send a request via the website should contact the Office using the contact information below to make an alternative arrangement for submission of a request to participate. Additional information will be made available at <https://www.copyright.gov/policy/state-sovereign-immunity/roundtable>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 3, 2020, the U.S. Copyright Office issued a notice of inquiry (“NOI”) commencing a policy study on state sovereign immunity from copyright infringement suits.<sup>1</sup> Congress has requested that the Office “research this issue to determine whether there is sufficient basis for federal legislation abrogating State sovereign immunity when States infringe copyrights.”<sup>2</sup> To assist Congress in making that assessment, the Office solicited public comment on several issues concerning the degree to which copyright owners face infringement from state actors today, whether such infringement is based on intentional or reckless conduct, and what remedies, if any, are available to copyright owners under state law. Initial comments were due on September 2, 2020, and reply comments and empirical studies were due on October 22, 2020. Information about the study, including the NOI and public comments, may be accessed on the Copyright Office website at <https://www.copyright.gov/policy/state-sovereign-immunity/>.

The Office is now announcing that it will hold roundtable discussions on December 11, 2020, to allow interested members of the public to discuss and provide additional information on the topics of the study. The roundtables will be held virtually over Zoom to allow maximum participation and avoid the need for participants to travel. Each roundtable session will cover a topic relevant to the study, as discussed below. Depending on the level of interest, the Office may hold multiple sessions on the same topic to accommodate a greater number of participants and provide additional time for discussion.

Members of the public who seek to participate in a roundtable should complete and submit the form available on the Office website at <https://www.copyright.gov/policy/state-sovereign-immunity/hearing-request.html> no later than November 16, 2020. Shortly thereafter, the Office will notify participants of their selection and panel assignments. In order to

accommodate the expected level of interest, the Office plans to assign no more than one representative per organization to each session.

The Office will post a tentative agenda for the roundtables on its website on or about December 4, 2020. The Office also will provide sign-up information for members of the public who wish to observe, but not participate in, one or more of the roundtable sessions. The sessions will be video recorded and transcribed, and copies of the recording and transcript will be made available on the Copyright Office website

#### Roundtable Subjects of Inquiry

The roundtables will consist of sessions on the following topics: (1) Evidence of actual or threatened copyright infringement by states; (2) state policies and practices for minimizing copyright infringement and addressing infringement claims; and (3) alternative remedies under state law for copyright infringement.

#### *Evidence of Actual or Threatened Copyright Infringement by States*

Congress has asked the Office to “study the extent to which copyright owners are experiencing infringements by state entities without adequate remedies under state law.”<sup>3</sup> To this end, the Office seeks evidence concerning actual or threatened copyright infringement by states, including both specific instances of infringing conduct and empirical information relating to broader trends. Relevant issues include, but are not limited to, the prevalence and outcomes of infringement suits brought against state actors; whether the frequency of infringement by states has changed over time and whether it is likely to increase or decrease in the future; and the extent to which state immunity affects sales and licensing practices in transactions involving state entities. In addition, in light of the Supreme Court’s articulation of the standard of intent required to establish unconstitutional infringement,<sup>4</sup> the Office is particularly interested in information that would allow it to assess the extent to which state infringements have involved intentional or reckless conduct.

#### *State Policies and Practices for Minimizing Copyright Infringement and Addressing Infringement Claims*

The Office is interested in whether or to what extent states have adopted policies to address complaints of

copyright infringement and/or to decrease the likelihood of inadvertent infringement by state employees and institutions. The Office is particularly interested in testimony by state officials about their own practices, but the Office also invites participation by organizations or individuals who have navigated the relevant processes or otherwise have experience with this topic.

#### *Alternative Remedies Under State Law for Copyright Infringement*

The Supreme Court’s decision in *Allen v. Cooper* requires Congress to consider whether states “fail[] to offer an adequate remedy for an infringement.”<sup>5</sup> The Office accordingly is interested in hearing from members of the public about what remedies states provide for infringement of copyright, as well as whether those remedies are adequate for enforcement purposes. The Office would be particularly interested in hearing from those who have asserted alternative state-law remedies in court and how such cases were resolved. Discussion of these issues should include consideration of the relationship of any state-law cause of action to the preemption provisions under section 301 of the Copyright Act.<sup>6</sup>

Dated: November 2, 2020.

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#### **MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION**

#### **Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (MST), Friday, November 20, 2020.

**PLACE:** The offices of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public. Due to COVID-19, visitors are currently prohibited from entering the Udall Foundation offices. Members of the public who would like to attend this meeting should contact Elizabeth Monroe at [monroe@udall.gov](mailto:monroe@udall.gov) prior to November 20 to request the teleconference connection information.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Call to Order and Chair’s Remarks; (2) Executive Director’s Remarks; (3) Remarks from Senator Tom Udall; (4)

<sup>1</sup> 85 FR 34252 (June 3, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Sens. Thom Tillis & Patrick Leahy to Maria Strong, Acting Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office at 1 (Apr. 28, 2020), <https://www.copyright.gov/policy/state-sovereign-immunity/letter.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> See *Allen v. Cooper*, 140 S. Ct. 994, 1004 (2020).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> 17 U.S.C. 301.