

# Legal Action Wisconsin: Legal Action's work with elderly garnering national attention

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*New All Rise for Civil Justice Website Features Legal Action's Own Green Bay Managing Attorney*

Milwaukee- Legal Action of Wisconsin (LAW) is pleased to announce that [All Rise for Civil Justice](#)—a national website that tells the story of America's broken civil justice system, the people it hurts, and those advocates who are working to make it better—recently launched with a feature story on our own Andrea Gage-Michaels, the managing attorney of LAW's Green Bay office.

In addition to her managing duties, Attorney Gage-Michaels is a practitioner with the [Elder Rights Project](#) (ERP), a joint collaboration between LAW and Wisconsin Judicare. Her work, and the work of our ERP team, has garnered statewide and now national attention for helping Wisconsin residents, age 60 and over, who are victims of crime with the civil legal needs that result from their victimization.

In the feature article, entitled *A Day in the Life of a Civil Legal Aid Lawyer*, Attorney Gage-Michaels describes her work as “[p]art lawyer, part first responder.” Gage-Michaels and her colleagues on the ERP/Legal Action staff will often head to court

with little notice, and pay house calls to homebound clients.

“We understand that there are a lot of hurdles to getting to court. The prospect of even going to a lawyer’s office is terrifying,” said Gage-Michaels. “So we meet people where they are to get them the help they need.”

[All Rise for Civil Justice](#) uses video, photo essays, animations, mapping and other media to tell the stories of people living with the consequences of a civil justice system in desperate need of fixing. The website spotlights practical solutions and dials up the urgency of repairing our broken and unequal court systems. It’s a one-stop shop for resources to better tell the stories of affected people, families and communities.

“It’s an honor for Legal Action to be featured in such an important online initiative,” said LAW Executive Director David Pifer. “Our clients struggle to make ends meet. They struggle to make their rent, feed their kids, and buy gas to get to work or school. They’re elderly men and women, students, veterans, and people with disabilities. They’re working moms and dads. Throughout Wisconsin, they come to us when they face a serious civil legal problem. We’re proud to be a part of the solution for them, and for those clients and advocates who are looking for solutions nationwide.”

**See the full text of the article here**  
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