

Boston Legal Services

2001-11: I continue as Executive Director of Greater Boston Legal Services. We are now wrestling with the economic impact of September 11th. Layoffs of low wage workers and fear in the immigrant community has increased the demands for our services just as our income starts to go down as state government, foundations and individuals all have less funding for us. My son Alan graduates Wesleyan this December. My daughter works in New York for Accion International doing "micro lending". Right now they are lending money to minority entrepreneurs in the World Trade Center area whose businesses have suffered. Sloan, my wife, continues as Chair of the History Department at the Winsor School.

2003: Our latest ventures are trying to find alternative health care for about 6,000 Boston long term unemployed area residents cut off from health insurance in our new Governor's cost cutting spree and suing the Mass Bay Transit Authority on behalf of a number of people with disabilities, mostly African-Americans who frequently lose jobs or drop out of school or training programs because the accessibility features of the busses and subways in Boston never seem to work.

35th Reunion: The demand for legal services has grown and resources have declined, compounding the situation of increased economic inequality. No one seems to care anymore, having a hard time persuading the best law school graduates, who often have a \$120,000 debt, to practice law for \$37,000 a year with us.