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At one time one of the stated goals of the federal legal aid program was to reduce poverty. I seldom see this goal stated or voiced. The emphasis has shifted to access. It is an elusive goal, hard to measure. However, I feel it should still be one of the goals of LSC and local programs. One way to measure would be to research a base-line and methods to measure progress. A simple method might be to gain certain information from each client to rate their level of poverty and then contact them some time later (a year or so, etc.) to measure their current situation. Access to the justice system does not mean very much if lives are not being improved. Taxpayers need to see a return on their investment and that their fellow citizens are getting to a place they no longer need free legal aid. No one wants to be locked into a revolving door of access that leads nowhere.

Thank you,

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