

## James J. Sandman

President, Legal Services Corporation



**Jim Sandman** has been President of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) since 2011. LSC, created by an act of Congress in 1974, is the nation's largest funder of civil legal aid programs for low-income people in the United States, supporting 132 independent programs with more than 840 offices serving every state and territory. LSC is funded by an annual Congressional appropriation, currently \$415 million.

Sandman practiced with the international, Washington-based law firm of Arnold & Porter for 30 years. He served as the firm's managing partner for a decade and, as managing partner, led the firm's diversity program. In 2007, he began a new career in public service, starting as general counsel for the District of Columbia Public Schools. He is a past president of the 100,000-member District of Columbia Bar. In 2008, *Legal Times* named him one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years." The University of Pennsylvania Law School, his alma mater, has honored him with its Alumni Award of Merit and its Howard Lesnick Pro Bono Award. He has received a number of other awards, including the District of Columbia Bar's highest honor, the Justice William J. Brennan Award.

Sandman began his career as a law clerk to Judge Max Rosenn of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, who was his first and most important mentor and role model as a lawyer.



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