



An Important Message for All Arbitrators – Supporting Legal Aid

Thank you for serving as an Arbitrator in the Court of Common Pleas. Your public service sets an example for our profession and helps to strengthen confidence in the rule of law and the justice system. Our legal community is known and respected nationally, both for its professional excellence and for its generosity in meeting the legal needs of the poor. Because our responsibility as attorneys includes supporting equal access to justice for all, we ask you to consider donating your arbitration fee today.

To recognize you for your time and expertise today, you will be offered a check; more of an honorarium than a fee, it is a token of appreciation for your service. For many of you it is less than one billable hour, but for a legal aid organization, it would be a most welcome gift.

Through the efforts of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Court will allow you to designate a portion of, or your entire fee, to one or both of these organizations:

- **The Philadelphia Bar Foundation** serves more than 35 nonprofit legal aid organizations in Philadelphia, which in turn serve our most vulnerable neighbors, including children and the elderly, the homeless and disabled, and those confronting abuse and discrimination.
- **Community Legal Services** is the oldest and largest public interest firm in Philadelphia. A beneficiary of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, CLS provides civil legal aid, from advice and referral to individual and class representation in a wide range of civil matters, at all levels of the judicial system.

To give today, please complete the form on the back of this letter and turn it in at the beginning of the day. The portion that you designate will be sent in your name to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and/or Community Legal Services. All participating attorneys will be appropriately recognized and thanked in the Bar Foundation's Annual Report, Community Legal Services' Annual Report and in a Bar Association publication.

Once again, thank you for serving as an Arbitrator today.

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CIVIL TRIAL DIVISION

Date: _____

To help ensure equal access to justice for all of our city’s citizens, I wish to make a charitable gift from my fee for services rendered as an Arbitrator today. I hereby authorize payment as designated below (please circle desired portion of fee to be given):

All Half _____ % to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation

All Half _____ % to Community Legal Services, Inc.

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

ID NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

If you donate a portion of, or your entire fee, you need not register as a vendor with the City of Philadelphia and will not receive an IRS Form 1099.

You will receive a letter of thanks and acknowledgement of your donation from the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and/or Community Legal Services.

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