

Annual Report 2015-2016

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is dedicated to promoting access to justice for all people in the community, particularly those struggling with poverty, abuse, and discrimination. We accomplish this mission by providing grants and technical assistance in support of quality legal services, addressing unmet legal needs and providing education on matters in the public interest.

During 2015-2016, your generous participation and support allowed the Bar Foundation to fulfill its role as Philadelphia's philanthropic hub for legal aid, engaging the entire legal community and embodying their commitment to access to justice for all.

Thank you for getting involved in sustaining and strengthening the full range of legal services in our region.

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PHILADELPHIA BAR FOUNDATION

Promoting Equal Access To Justice Since 1964

Letter from the President

December 2016

Dear Friends,

The conclusion of my two-year term as President of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is bittersweet. I am pleased with the accomplishments of the organization and the passing of the torch to my close friend, Tom Brophy. I feel somewhat nostalgic in reflecting on the ten-plus year journey that has brought me to this point.



When I was invited to join the Bar Foundation Board over ten years ago, I felt all of the emotions one might expect to feel when embarking on a new endeavor: excitement at the opportunity to make a difference; eagerness to plunge into a new organization and meet, befriend, and learn from my new colleagues. I was impressed by the lawyers who had interviewed me for the Board: Elaine Rinaldi, Amy Ginensky, Wendy (now U.S. District Judge) Beetlestone, and Deborah Gross. Each of them was a leader who had devoted considerable effort advocating through the Bar Foundation and otherwise for those facing discrimination and difficulty securing their legal rights. I figured they and the other Board members would show me the ropes and I would be able to make a difference. I'd find a way – through effort and dedication – to help the Foundation accomplish its mission of ensuring equal access to justice. I hoped to have an impact on the legal community and the city – to do something bigger than myself. While I thought I might be able to use the opportunity that participation on the Board would afford me to broaden my circle of business contacts, I was mostly focused on doing something positive for the community in which I live and work, and where my wife and I were raising our family.



My time on the Bar Foundation Board, and particularly the last four years as Vice President and President, gave me all I could hope for and more. But as my term as President draws to a close, I have come to realize that whatever I may have accomplished in our community, is dwarfed by the benefits I have reaped from the experience of participation. I have gained a circle of friends with whom I share a common

vision – that together our efforts can help those less fortunate to have access to the legal services they and their loved ones need to survive and perhaps even to thrive. Working together to support the Bar Foundation's fundraising initiatives and the development of a robust set of programs and fellowships has at times felt like working on my cases; I have



experienced a sense of camaraderie and teamwork that I found both gratifying and sustaining. In short, I have developed friendships that I look forward to maintaining long after my term as President, and my ongoing service on the Board, has come to an end.

Perhaps most significantly, my work on the Bar Foundation Board – and as its President – has given me perspective. I see better how privileged many of us are to be members of a learned profession; a profession that allows us to have an impact – sometimes a profoundly positive impact – on the lives of others and on the quality of life in our community. I also have come to appreciate the extraordinary work performed every single day by the Bar Foundations' grantees. The more than 35 public interest organizations to whom the Foundation makes grants each year are truly awe-inspiring organizations, run by individuals with an unswerving dedication to those less fortunate. They are on the front lines of the most pressing legal and social issues we face, and every day they do more with less than any group of lawyers and individuals I have ever met. Supporting them through our work and fundraising at the Bar Foundation, watching them exchange ideas and collaborate on the Bar Association's Delivery of Legal Services Committee, getting to know their leaders and staff, involving them in the Foundation's work, has given me a sense of fulfillment that I will always treasure.

I joined the Bar Foundation Board thinking I could perhaps help do some good, but also thinking that I would grow as a lawyer. I have grown much more than I could have hoped or expected. Indeed with the exception of being a husband and father, and of running a successful trial team, few endeavors in my life have brought me the sense of fulfillment I have experienced in this role. So my final message to all of you is to participate, to join the Bar Foundation in its important work, to seek out opportunities for community service not to fill out your resume but to fill out who you are as a human being. Perhaps you too will experience the same sense of satisfaction and personal growth that I have experienced. Thank you for all of your support.



Sincerely,

STEVEN E. BIZAR, ESQ.

President, Philadelphia Bar Foundation (2015 - 2016)

Partner, Dechert LLP

About the Bar Foundation

We are Philadelphia's philanthropic hub for legal aid, engaging the legal community and embodying their commitment to access to justice for all.

Our Vision

A Philadelphia community in which everyone has equal access to justice.

Our Mission

Through programs, grants, and partnerships, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation removes barriers to justice, engages the community in support of civil legal aid, and builds system-wide capacity in order to strengthen the provision of quality legal services and to ensure that all individuals understand their rights to equal justice under law.

Our Core Values

- We believe all people should have equal access to justice and the right to legal representation.
- We believe in a just and fair society; when we work to provide an equitable and inclusive playing field, we make our legal system fairer.
- We believe in our responsibility to advocate for equal access to justice wherever possible, to drive change and provide legal services to underserved communities.
- We believe in recognizing, supporting, and celebrating the efforts of partners and collaborators who further these principles; the whole is bigger than the sum of its parts.
- We believe in amplifying the unique value that the Philadelphia Legal Aid community provides.

Our History

We are one of the leading Bar Foundations in the nation.

- The Philadelphia Bar Foundation was founded in 1964 as a division of the Bar Association.
- Since 1964, the Bar Foundation has operated as an independent, charitable 501(c)(3) organization.
- We are the only foundation in Philadelphia solely dedicated to supporting our city's legal services community, awarding over \$3 million in grants and other assistance in the last five years.
- Nearly 40 non-profit legal aid organizations receive annual grants and other support from the Bar Foundation, representing the full range of vital services for people in need.

Philadelphia is the original home of the legal aid movement.



- In 1939, the Philadelphia Neighborhood Law Office Plan was formed and implemented, serving the civil legal needs of people living in poverty.
- The Philadelphia Bar Association eventually took over the funding and operation of the Neighborhood Law Offices.
- In 1964, President Johnson and the U.S. Congress used the Philadelphia model to create the first nationwide Legal Services Program as part of the Economic Opportunity Act.
- With support from the Bar Foundation, the legal aid network serving the Philadelphia community has grown over time to be one of the most effective, broad-based, and respected in the country.

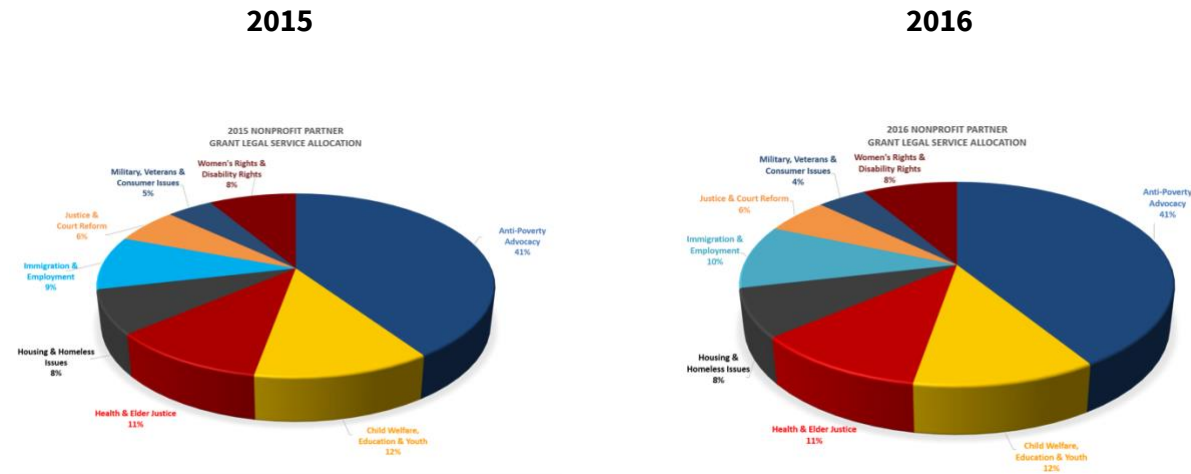


Grants for Legal Aid

During 2015 and 2016, the Bar Foundation provided grants and support for 38 non-profit legal aid organizations. Our legal aid partners provide access to justice for over 430,000 low-income Philadelphians, helping individuals and families facing poverty, abuse, and discrimination.

[Our Non-Profit Legal Aid Partners:](#) Read details and link to their websites to learn more.

Grant Totals: \$625,000 in 2015; \$433,050 in 2016.



The Access to Justice Gap

Philadelphia has the worst poverty rate of the largest U.S. cities.

Only 1 in 5 low-income individuals and families in Philadelphia receive legal assistance needed for crucial problems affecting their lives.

The Bar Foundation Removes Barriers to Justice

We are the only foundation in Philadelphia solely dedicated to sustaining and strengthening our city's legal services community, providing over \$3 million in grants and other support in the last five years.

Research shows that every dollar invested in legal aid yields, on average, an \$11 benefit for the individual, their family, and the whole community.

Supporting the Full Range of Legal Services

Nearly 40 non-profit legal aid organizations receive annual grants and other support from the Bar Foundation, representing the full range of vital services for people in need.

Over 60,000 clients per year receive direct services from organizations funded by the Foundation, as well as tens of thousands more who benefit through impact litigation and advocacy.

More than Just Grants

The Bar Foundation addresses a wide variety of needs in the legal aid sector, including training programs, fellowships, awards, and assistance for technical and operational issues.

2015 Grants Committee Members

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A Record of Achievement

The Bar Foundation is Philadelphia's philanthropic hub for access to justice. We are the only foundation in Philadelphia solely dedicated to supporting our city's legal services community. But our work and achievements involve far more than grantmaking.

Click on the links below to read more about how the many programs of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation remove barriers to justice, engage the legal community, and build system-wide capacity.

Awards

The Bar Foundation issues awards each year acknowledging and promoting excellence and accomplishment in the legal profession for public interest service, pro bono service, non-profit legal aid achievement, and historical role models for justice.



PHILADELPHIA BAR FOUNDATION AWARD. This Award, originally established by the Apothaker family in honor of Louis D. Apothaker, recognizes a public interest attorney who is dedicating his or her life to promoting equal access to justice for all by working in the non-profit legal services community. 2015: Michael Churchill, Esq., Public Interest Law Center. 2016: Marsha I. Cohen, Esq., Homeless Advocacy Project.



PRO BONO AWARD OF THE PHILADELPHIA BAR FOUNDATION. The Award is presented annually to a Philadelphia law firm or corporate legal department that demonstrates outstanding volunteer efforts in providing legal services to those in need. 2015: North America Office of General Counsel of ACE Group. 2016: Peter "Tad" H. Levan, Jr., Esq., Levan Law Group LLC.



HONORABLE LOUIS H. POLLAK CHAMPION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD. This Award is presented on special occasions to honor a lawyer, in private practice, who throughout his or her career has provided extraordinary service, including through support of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, to the mission of accomplishing access to justice for all. 2016: Lawrence J. Beaser, Esq., Blank Rome LLP.



SAMUEL T. GOMEZ AWARD. In memory of Samuel T. Gomez, Esq. and in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Pennsylvania, this Award has been established for law students who demonstrate a commitment and compassion for the underserved through community service. 2015: Mary B. Jones. 2016: Linh H. Nguyen.



TRAILBLAZERS FOR JUSTICE. Trailblazers for Justice led the way in Philadelphia for creating equal access to justice for all. The lives of these individuals serve as historical role models and demonstrate the rich diversity of contributions that have made our community what it is today. 2016: Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, Esq. (1898-1989). (Dr. Rae Alexander-Minter pictured.)



Equal Justice Center

The Bar Foundation is working closely with our non-profit partners and others to build an Equal Justice Center (EJC) facility that will co-locate dozens of legal aid organizations and strengthen client services. During 2015 and 2016, the Bar Foundation sustained this important project through a series of challenges, including potential construction sites that did not come to fruition. Toward the

end of 2016, the City of Philadelphia invited our coalition to compete in an open, public process for awarding site control of a desirable location at 8th and Vine Streets in Chinatown. The partnership with legal aid organizations, development agencies, architects, and others grew stronger as we met with many public officials and community leaders. *In April 2017, this work came to fruition as the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority awarded the Chinatown site to the EJC Project.*

Diversity Corporate Summer Internship Program



The Association of Corporate Counsel Greater Philadelphia sponsors an annual full-time, eight-week Diversity Corporate Summer Internship Program, aimed at increasing diversity within corporate legal departments. Law students who are members of minority groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession are invited to apply to participate in the program. At a minimum, each intern will be compensated a total of \$7,500.00 for participation in the program, though a company may elect to compensate an individual

intern at a higher rate. A total of 14 individuals participated in the program in 2015 and eight people participated in 2016.

[2015 Participants](#)

[2016 Participants](#)

Board Observer Program

The Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division | Philadelphia Bar Foundation

BOARD OBSERVER PROGRAM

The Board Observer Program gives young lawyers the opportunity to serve on the boards of local legal services and other public interest organizations, learning about this work and developing leadership skills. Five years after we first developed this Program, it serves as a model for replication in other states. 30 non-profit organizations and over 35 attorneys participated in this program in each of the last two years (2015 and 2016).

[2015 Participants](#)

[2016 Participants](#)

R. Nicholas Gimbel Fund for Legal Excellence

Through the R. Nicholas Gimbel Fund for Legal Excellence, the Bar Foundation utilizes proven examples of effective training programs and makes them available for local legal aid attorneys. We offer NITA-style trial skills training to our non-profit partners at no cost, through an acclaimed three-day intensive program in conjunction with Rutgers Law School. In March 2016, we held a three-day Trial Advocacy Training Program for 35 legal aid attorneys, in partnership with Rutgers Law School-Camden and hosted by Pepper Hamilton LLP.

LexisNexis Research Grant Program

The LexisNexis Research Grant Program provides online research time, tools, and training to selected grantees of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. 14 non-profit legal aid organizations benefited from this program in 2015 and 2016.

[2015 Participants](#)

[2016 Participants](#)

Morris M. Shuster Fellowship

The Morris M. Shuster Fellowship provides awards each year to deserving public interest attorneys to help them retire their law school debt. 9 legal aid attorneys from 8 organizations received either \$5,000 or \$2,500 awards in 2015 and 2016.

2015 Honorees

Emilia Golenske-Kovac, Philadelphia Legal Assistance

Katherine J. Gomez, Community Legal Services

Eileen S. Horgan, Women Against Abuse

2016 Honorees

Robert W. Ballenger, Community Legal Services

Sarah Coburn, Community Legal Services

Jennifer Collins, AIDS Law Project

Jeni Hergenreder, Disability Rights Pennsylvania



Honorable Albert W. Sheppard Scholarship Fund

The memory of Judge Albert W. Sheppard, Jr. has been honored through the Honorable Albert W. Sheppard Scholarship Fund and its annual support for a law student clerkship position with the Commerce Case Management Program. The Fund was established by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and the Business Law Section's Business Litigation Committee (Philadelphia Bar Association).

2015 Honoree

Daniel J. Abrams, Temple University

2016 Honoree

Rachel C. Sellers, Temple University

Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship

In memory of Judge Marutani and in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania, the Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship provides a stipend to subsidize a summer internship position with a non-profit public interest organization or with a federal, state or municipal government entity (including the judiciary) in Pennsylvania or in the Greater Philadelphia area. 6 students from 3 different law schools won the Fellowship in 2015 and 2016.

2015 Honorees

Qiwei Chen, University of Pittsburgh
Anannya Tripathy, Temple University

2016 Honorees

Courtney Chlebina, Temple University
Angela Ruan, Drexel University
Renu Uravashi Sagrieya, Drexel University
Yeyun Carrie Xu, University of Pittsburgh

Judge Alfred L. Luongo Fund

The Judge Alfred L. Luongo Fund supports the "Supervision to Aid Reentry" or STAR Program of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, helping ex-offenders succeed in transitioning back to the community. The Fund was established by Federal Judge Gerald Austin (Jerry) McHugh, Jr. and named in honor of one of his mentors, the late Alfred L. Luongo. 23 individuals received a total of nearly \$4,000 in assistance in 2015 and 2016.



Events with Impact

The annual events benefiting the Philadelphia Bar Foundation provide truly fun and meaningful opportunities for the legal community to come together for a great cause – equal access to justice for all. Through these events, many generous law firms, businesses and individuals help to raise the profile of the Foundation’s philanthropic efforts in support of non-profit legal aid organizations. The legal aid network in Philadelphia depends on the funding generated through event sponsorships and ticket sales, and the publicity surrounding the events is important to increase awareness and understanding of these issues.

We greatly appreciate all who contribute to the success of our events!



The fundraising events benefiting the Bar Foundation included:

2015

Philly Idol: A Talent Show (presented by the YLD) – June 4 at World Live Cafe

YLD Chair: Maria E. Bermudez, Martin Law

27th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic – June 15 at Waynesborough Country Club

Co-Chairs: Robert Hart, Bernstein Wealth Management and Caesar Williams, Aflac

2015 Access to Justice Benefit – November 7 at Loews Hotel

Co-Chairs: Gaetan Alfano, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti and Larry Walker, Cozen O'Connor

2016

28th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic – June 20 at Waynesborough Country Club

Co-Chairs: Robert Hart, Bernstein Wealth Management and Nicholas LePore, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis

Striking Injustice: The Bar Abides (presented by the YLD) – October 6 at North Bowl

YLD Chair: Erin Lamb, Freeman Mathis & Gary

2016 Access to Justice Benefit – November 5 at Independence Seaport Museum

Co-Chairs: Deborah Gross, Kaufman, Coren & Ress and Tricia Buck Horter, Citizens Bank



EVENT SPONSORS *(most sponsors supported more than one event in 2015 and 2016)*

YLD Event

2015 (Philly Idol Talent Show)

Artist Enthusiast (\$2000)

Blank Rome LLP
Dechert LLP
Fox Rothschild LLP
Heritage Therapeutics, LLC
Landmark Legal Solutions, Inc.
Pepper Hamilton LLP

Roadie (\$1500)

Cozen O'Connor
White and Williams LLP

Fan (\$1000)

German, Gallagher & Murtagh, P.C.
KML Law Group
Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP
Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky, PC

Supporter (\$750)

Gay Chacker & Mitten, PC
Krasno, Krasno & Onwudinjo
Magna Legal Services
Reed Smith LLP
Rosen, Schafer & DiMeo

Contributor (\$500)

Dilworth Paxson LLP
Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby, LLP

2016 (Striking Injustice: The Bar Abides)

King Pins (\$2000)

Anapol Weiss
Fox Rothschild LLP
Gian-Grasso, Tomczak & Hufe P.C.
Hogan Lovells
Kaufman, Coren & Ress
Kline & Specter, PC
Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Pepper Hamilton LLP
Saul Ewing LLP
White and Williams LLP

Alley Allies (\$1000)

Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry
Cozen O'Connor
Dechert LLP
Gaetan J. Alfano & Kathy McCarthy
Nochumson P.C.
Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky, PC

Pin Pals (\$500)

Blank Rome LLP
Berner Klaw & Watson LLP
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
Pogust Braslow & Millrood, LLC
Thomson Reuters



Golf & Tennis Classic

2015

Presenting (\$10,000)

Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP

Platinum (\$8,000)

LexisNexis - Law360 - Reed Technology

Gold (\$5,000)

ALM

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

Cozen O'Connor

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin,
P.C.

Pepper Hamilton LLP

Reliable

Saul Ewing LLP

Silver (\$3,500)

Ardent Credit Union

Chartwell Investment Partners

The Graham Company

Hole (\$2,500)

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Duane Morris LLP

Esquire Deposition Solutions

Feldman Shepherd Wohlgernter Tanner

Weinstock & Dodig LLP

Gateway Mortgage Group

Kolsby, Gordon Robin & Shore

Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP

Strategic Claim Services

Transperfect Legal Solutions

US Legal Support

USI Affinity

Tennis Presenting (\$2,500)

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Tennis Court (\$1,000)

CHPR LLC

Deborah Gross & Stuart Kurtz

Lisa Brody & Steven Bizar

PNC Wealth Management

Reed Smith LLP

2016

Platinum (\$8,000)

LexisNexis - Law360 - Reed Technology

Gold (\$5,000)

Saul Ewing LLP

Cozen O'Connor

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin,
P.C.

Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP

Philips Lytle LLP

Silver (\$3,500)

Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP

The Graham Company

Pepper Hamilton LLP

Barrister Wealth Management

Hole (\$2,500)

Dechert LLP

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Duane Morris LLP

Feldman Shepherd Wohlgernter Tanner

Weinstock & Dodig LLP

Haverford Trust Company

MCS Group

Paul Hastings LLP

Reed Smith LLP

Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky, PC

Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

TransPerfect Legal Solutions

Presenting Tennis (\$2,500)

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Pond Lehocky Stern & Giordano

Tennis Court (\$1,000)

Bernstein Wealth Management

Kreischer Miller

Kurtz & Revness, P.C.



Access to Justice Benefit

2015

Justice (\$20,000)

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Pepper Hamilton LLP

Brotherly Love (\$15,000)

Cozen O'Connor

Equality (\$10,000)

ALM
Ballard Spahr LLP
Dechert LLP
Furia Rubel Communications
Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Diversity (\$7,500)

Drinker Biddle & Reath
Duane Morris
Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin
White and Williams

Integrity (\$5,000)

Blank Rome LLP
Chubb
Comcast
Fox Rothschild LLP
Gay Chacker & Mittin, PC
The Haverford Trust Company
Hon. Gerald A. McHugh and Maureen Tate
Kleinbard
Martin Law
PECO Energy Company/Exelon Corporation
Saul Ewing LLP
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP

Freedom (\$3,000)

Boni & Zack
Chimicles & Tikellis LLP
Reed Smith LLP
Wapner, Newman, Wigrizer, Brecher & Miller

2016

Equality (\$10,000)

Baker & Hostletler
Ballard Spahr LLP
Dechert LLP
E. Rhoda Shaten Charitable Foundation (L. Beaser)
Furia Rubel Communications
Greenberg Traurig
The Philadelphia Foundation
Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
White and Williams

Diversity (\$7,500)

Drinker Biddle & Reath
Duane Morris
Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin

Integrity (\$5,000)

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Comcast
DLA Piper
Fox Rothschild
Kleinbard
Kohn Swift & Graf
Paul Hastings LLP
PECO Energy Company/Exelon Corporation
Reliable
Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky
Saul Ewing
Sheila and Edward Chacker Philanthropic Fund
Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Freedom (\$3,000)

Dilworth Paxson LLP
Feldman Shepherd
The Haverford Trust Company
Kline & Specter
Lavin O'Neil Cedrone & DiSipio
Law Offices, Bernard M. Gross, P.C.
Raynes McCarty
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis
US Legal Support



Opportunity (\$1,500)

The Beasley Firm
Charisse Lillie
Eckert Seamans
Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck
Emmanuel Law Firm
Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner
Weinstock Dodig
Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads
Nilam Sanghvi and Stephen Fogdall
Oppenheimer & Co.
Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti

Opportunity (\$1,500)

Brookman, Rosenberg, Brown & Sandler
Charisse Lillie
Eckert Seamans
Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck
Emmanuel Law Firm
GlaxoSmithKline
Golkow Technologies
Hon. Anita B. Brody
Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads
Nilam Sanghvi and Stephen Fogdall
Reed Smith
Swartz Campbell LLC
Wapner, Newman, Wigrizer, Brecher & Miller



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By supporting the work of the Bar Foundation, the legal community fulfills its professional responsibility to ensure equal access to justice for all and helps to strengthen public trust in the legal profession.

We express our deepest appreciation for the generous philanthropy of the many donors and supporters of the Bar Foundation who contributed during 2015 and 2016.

Tax-deductible

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. The official registration and financial information of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

The next few pages allow you to read more about each of the options for supporting our work, including lists of recent donors and supporters:

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Individual Giving

Thank you for getting engaged in our work and supporting access to justice. The Bar Foundation maximizes the impact of your gift through our grants and other support for the full range of non-profit legal aid organizations in our community.

Monthly Donations: Choose to give on a recurring basis, which will appear on your credit card statement.

Donate Online: Give safely and securely through our easy-to-use online portal.

Donate by Check: Complete a simple form and mail to our office.

Paycheck Deduction & Employer Matching Options

Ask your payroll or human resources department about these opportunities to give.

United Way Workplace Campaign

If you participate in your company or firm's United Way campaign, you can designate the Bar Foundation as the recipient of your United Way contributions by choosing Donor Option #1578.

YOUR DONATION MATTERS

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is in a unique position to ensure your individual donation has maximum impact on access to justice in our community.

- Philadelphia has the worst poverty rate of the largest U.S. cities, with over 28% of all residents or more than 430,000 individuals and families living in poverty.
- Only 1 in 5 low-income individuals and families in Philadelphia receive legal assistance needed for crucial problems affecting their lives.

Your generous gift to the Bar Foundation will combine with donations from many others to close the access to justice gap in our community.

- Nearly 40 non-profit legal aid organizations receive annual grants and other support from the Bar Foundation, representing the full range of vital services for people in need.
- Research shows that every dollar invested in legal aid yields, on average, an \$11 benefit for the individual, their family, and the whole community.
- When a legal problem is successfully addressed and resolved, both the client and the whole community benefit from the resulting improvement in family stability, safe housing, educational opportunities, needed health care, new or continued employment, increased income for food and clothing, and more.



Major Gifts & Endowment

Thank you for your extraordinary commitment to long-term solutions ensuring access to justice for all. Your remarkable philanthropy through the Bar Foundation will have maximum impact through our grants and other support for the full range of non-profit legal aid organizations in our community.

Support for the Bar Foundation's Endowment Fund over time has raised its value to over \$7 million. We rely on interest earned on the funds in the endowment to maintain a substantial, predictable source of income to carry out our mission. Endowment-related revenue is crucial for supplementing other forms of fundraising, allowing the Foundation to award unrestricted substantial annual grants to nearly 40 non-profit legal aid organizations.

Pillars of Justice

Pillars of Justice are individuals who make the highest commitment to supporting the Foundation's access to justice work. Pillars give \$100,000 over a multi-year period, either through gifts to the endowment and/or to the annual unrestricted funds of the Bar Foundation.

Advocates of Justice

Advocates of Justice pledge to give \$25,000 payable over three years.

Life Fellows of the Hamilton Circle

Life Fellows are Hamilton Circle members who complete their initial pledge and agree to donate an additional \$15,000 over a multi-year period.

Andrew Hamilton Circle Members

This vital philanthropic program was founded in 1992 by Chancellor Deborah R. Willig and Bar Foundation President Timothy J. Carson to grow the Bar Foundation's endowment fund. Members of the Hamilton Circle make a commitment to give \$10,000 over a multi-year period.

Young Lawyers Division Hamilton Circle Members

YLD members of the Philadelphia Bar Association may participate in the Hamilton Circle by pledging to give \$300 - \$500 over a multi-year period.

[See the list of individuals](#) who have made the extraordinary commitment to participate in these major gift and endowment programs of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.



CLOSING THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE GAP

- The lack of access to justice often leads to lost opportunities for education, employment, housing, family unity, health care, safety, and much more.
- Successfully addressing the full variety of legal needs requires providing a wide range of legal services. Gaps in legal services mean gaps in our system of justice.
- Your ability and long-term dedication to helping will ensure access to justice for many individuals and families struggling with poverty, abuse, and discrimination.
- You can count on the Bar Foundation's enduring commitment to supporting and strengthening the full range of non-profit legal aid organizations working on issues from education to employment, health to housing, youth to seniors, and people with disabilities to immigrants.

Raising the Bar Campaign

Raising the Bar (RTB) is the hallmark institutional giving campaign of the Philadelphia legal community, through which law firms and corporate legal departments pledge an annual amount per attorney to support legal aid.

RTB is the result of a strategic collaboration between the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the Philadelphia Bar Association, and the non-profit legal aid community. This vital philanthropic program started in 2006 to stimulate funding by the private Bar to close the access to justice gap.

Your commitment to RTB says to all in our community – those who battle daily for education, employment, shelter, health, safety, dignity, and protection from abuse and neglect – and to the rest of the world: ***“Philadelphia lawyers care about justice.”***

We are grateful to the many firms and corporate legal departments that have participated in Raising the Bar, individually and collectively making a huge impact over the years.

The Bar Foundation is making plans to further strengthen this vital part of Philadelphia's philanthropy for justice.

Contact Jessica Hilburn-Holmes at 215-238-6347 (jhilburnholmes@philabarfoundation.org) for more information.

Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Making a Memorial or Tribute gift to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is a meaningful way to congratulate a colleague on a promotion or a victory in a case, or to honor or remember someone special in your life. Your gift will support access to justice for all people in the community, particularly those struggling with poverty, abuse and discrimination. You may choose to share your gift privately, or to ask the Bar Foundation to list it online and in monthly publications.

[List of Memorial & Tribute Gift Donors](#)

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Cy Pres Awards

You can help to initiate a cy pres award to promote equal justice for all individuals and families in the Philadelphia region.

Cy pres funds left from class action lawsuits can make a significant difference by supporting the charitable and public service causes of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation in our community.

The Bar Foundation is uniquely positioned to be a highly appropriate recipient of cy pres in many cases:

- We serve the entire community, both in Philadelphia and beyond.
- We provide grants and other support to nearly 40 non-profit legal aid organizations.
- We support the full range of access to justice issues, including children and youth, consumer issues, education, health, homeless individuals, housing, immigration, incarcerated individuals, individuals with disabilities, seniors, veterans, women, and workers.
- We are an independent, non-profit organization, aligned with the Philadelphia Bar Association, and governed by a Board of Trustees representing many prominent law firms and businesses in the region.

For more information, contact [Jessica R. Hilburn-Holmes, Esq.](#)



Arbitration Fee Donations

Lawyers who volunteer their services as arbitrators in the Court of Common Pleas may designate that all or part of their honorarium be donated to either the Philadelphia Bar Foundation or Community Legal Services. The Arbitration Fee Donation Program is made possible through the joint efforts of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, and the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

Click to [download a letter](#) and a form you can complete to donate your arbitration fee.

We know you understand the mission of the Bar Foundation for access to justice, because your public service as an arbitrator sets an example for our profession and helps to strengthen confidence in the rule of law and the justice system.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation serves nearly 40 non-profit 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.

THANK YOU! All participating arbitrators will be appropriately recognized and thanked in the Bar Foundation's Annual Report.

[List of Arbitration Fee Donors](#)

Testimonials

The Bar Foundation believes that our donors, other supporters, and the individuals and organizations engaged in our work all share the common principle that access to justice is fundamental to the American experience.

[Use this simple form](#) to share with us your stories of dedication, advocacy, struggle and success through your support of legal aid and pro bono.

I support legal aid and pro bono because . . .

Deborah R. Gross, Kaufman, Coren & Ress (Chancellor 2017): “Non-profit legal aid organizations depend on the funding generated through donations and events of the Bar Foundation, and the publicity surrounding the Foundation’s many programs is important to keep access to justice issues in the minds of the legal community.”

Louis W. Fryman, partner, Conrad O’Brien PC (Bar Foundation President 1995): “All citizens are entitled to equal justice. The support of the agencies that serve the underrepresented of our community are essential to the well-being of our citizens. The Bar Association and the Foundation must continue to provide financial aid to those dedicated lawyers devoted to the legal protection of those underrepresented people to assure them of equal justice under the law. . . . Access to justice for all was permanently engraved in the Foundation by one of the grants, . . . given to an organization [HIAS] working for the benefit of new immigrants to the United States. . . . To the present day, we must still provide protection, security, and safety for those seeking asylum in America.”

Kathleen D. Wilkinson, partner, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker (Chancellor 2013): “2013 was the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Gideon v. Wainwright where a right to counsel was established in criminal cases. We applied for and got a grant from the American Bar Association to conduct statewide hearings on whether there is a right to counsel in civil cases, where one’s basic human needs, such as shelter, food, custody are at stake. . . . Chief Justice Ron Castille not only supported a right to counsel in civil cases but also testified that such a right is something so basic that it should be budgeted for by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, just as we budget for roads and bridges.”

Amy B. Ginensky, partner, Pepper Hamilton (President 2009-2010): “I was President of the Foundation during the great recession. Seeing its impact on the non-profits, when funding was drastically cut by almost everyone but the Foundation, taught me how much these organizations and their clients depend on all of us. . . . Each and every one of us in the legal community can make a real difference by financially supporting the non-profit legal services organizations that day to day are fighting this fight. They can’t do it alone; but they can do it and we can make it happen.”



Matthew S. Olesh, Chamberlain Hrdlicka (Chair 2017, Young Lawyers Division): “Events benefiting the Bar Foundation, including the annual event sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division, provide great opportunities to raise awareness and increase support for the Bar Foundation’s access to justice mission and its programs benefiting legal aid in Philadelphia.”

William P. Fedullo, of counsel, Rosen, Schafer DiMeo (Chancellor 2014): “My time as Chancellor influenced me to understand the overwhelming need we have for access to justice for all. Our very best public interest organizations can only serve about 20 percent of those in need. ... I would like to see more lawyers and law firms sponsor our public schools and get involved in the education of our young. I would also like more of our lawyers to get more involved in helping all of those who are vulnerable in our society. ... Finally, I would like to see more lawyers emulate our public interest lawyers who are the heart and soul of our legal community.”

