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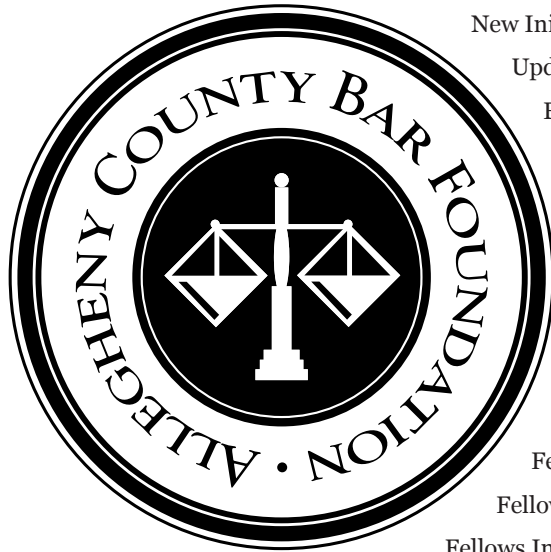
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation is to be a driving force in promoting justice for all and to improve the community through public service law-related programs as the charitable arm of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

To fulfill this mission, the foundation raises, manages, and distributes funds; encourages and assists lawyers to provide pro bono legal services; and develops and supports public information initiatives.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year 2009 was another full and rewarding year for the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. It is an unfortunate fact of life that in economic downturns the needs of our community increase. We have had the good fortune to be able to count on the generosity of the members of the Bar and other supporters to ensure that those needs can continue to be met.

As will become apparent by even a cursory review of this

annual report, the Foundation is a multi-faceted organization which impacts virtually every aspect of the legal community. Whether through its support of and direct representation in pro bono programs, its financial support for attorneys in public interest positions and those facing financial hardships, the grants awarded to legal service providers or the fundraising campaign for community hunger relief organizations, the Foundation and its donors continue to make a real difference in the lives of so many.

“The Foundation is a multi-faceted organization which impacts virtually every aspect of the legal community.”

In 2009, the Foundation was able to award over \$300,000 in grants, loans and scholarships. We awarded \$31,587 in grants to six legal service providers to enable them to continue to develop programs necessary to meeting the legal needs of our community. A \$5,000 grant was awarded from the Military Veterans & Elderly Fund for public educational seminars to protect the elderly against financial scams. This year an additional \$5,000 was awarded to Operation Safety Net’s H.E.L.P. Project (Homeless Experience Legal Protection). This first in the nation program adds a legal services component to a program which already got medical and social service providers onto the streets to address the issues facing the homeless head on. The Foundation’s Director Lorrie Albert has even made those visits to the homeless, on street corners and under bridges, with other members of Operation Safety Net in an effort to reach out to a population in need.

Over \$47,000 was awarded by the Foundation in loans and scholarships to deserving law students through our named funds. In 2009, approximately \$41,000 was awarded to 17 public interest attorneys to aid in the re-payment of their school loans, an impediment for many who seek to pursue public service careers. Since its inception in 2005, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) has been able to award over \$180,000 in financial assistance to 33 attorneys. Thanks to contributions from the Bar Association, the Lawyers Fund and the amazing fundraising efforts and leadership on the issue from the Young Lawyers Division, LRAP has been vital in allowing legal services programs to attract and retain quality legal representation for their clients.

The Foundation was very fortunate to obtain a \$100,000 two-year grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development to initiate a new Public Interest Law Fellowship program. In the first year, \$49,500 was awarded to 20 public interest attorneys.

The Attorneys Against Hunger campaign continued to make great strides in its battle against hunger in our community. In its 17th year, the campaign raised over \$111,000 which will be distributed directly to hunger relief agencies in the area. Thanks go to Eckert Seamans, the McGinley family and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation for their challenge grant.

The efforts of the Bar Foundation do not stop with monetary contributions. Through the efforts of our Pro Bono Coordinator Barbara Griffin, the programs developed and supported by the Pro Bono Center continue to grow. The Center works with approximately 33 community partners to develop programs to meet the legal needs of virtually every under-served population and recruit and train the volunteer attorney and paralegal pools needed to provide these services. In 2008, over 9,000 low income clients were served by over 900 volunteer attorneys. In addition, our Pro Bono Coordinator provided referral, advice, and direct legal services to over 650 callers this past year. This need is not subsiding. If anything, it is getting bigger and it will be necessary for more assets – funds and time – to be directed in the future to ensure the needy do not fall through the cracks in their attempts to access legal services.

In addition to the efforts of the Pro Bono Center, the Foundation’s Juvenile Court Project served approximately 2,500 cases representing indigent clients in dependency cases in juvenile court in 2009. The Divorce Law Project also handled approximately 150 no-fault divorces last year.

Despite increased demand for services and funding, the Foundation has been fortunate to be able to count on the continued generosity of our donors. Our “Building Bridges to the Future” Endowment campaign has now completed its fourth year and as of December 31, 2009, we reached a significant milestone with assets of \$1,164,684. While our named funds and other restricted funds allow us to do much good work, the Endowment will serve as the backbone for our continued efforts to be a driving force in promoting justice for all.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my privilege to thank you for your continued generosity and support for the Foundation’s programs. It is only with your assistance that we can demonstrate through actions and not just words, the commitment of the Bar to our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki L. Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vicki L. Beatty, President

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NEW INITIATIVES

Fundraising Events

Attorneys dance the night away at *Pro Bono Rocks!*

Guests received celebrity treatment as they walked the red-carpet at the Foundation's *Pro Bono Rocks* fundraiser on November 6, 2009. Held at the Hard Rock Café Station Square, "screaming fans" welcomed over 180 guests who turned out to support the Foundation's Pro Bono Center. Featuring the music of "Who's Bad: the Ultimate

"I think it is important to have events where our members can just kick back and have some fun."

– Lorrie Albert, ACBF Director

Michael Jackson Tribute Band," the event also offered upscale auction items and a chance to win a diamond pendant necklace valued at \$950. Guests, some dressed in 80's-era studded jackets and sequined gloves, danced to Jackson's greatest hits from Motown to *Thriller*. KDKA morning news anchor Rick Dayton served as emcee for the evening's festivities, which raised nearly \$6,500 for the Pro Bono Center. The first *Pro Bono Rocks*, held in 2007, featured local Beatles tribute band "Get Back."



Pro Bono Rocks Planning Committee member Aaron Asher, right, poses with wife Karin and a cut-out of Michael Jackson.



"Who's Bad: the Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band" performs Michael Jackson's greatest hits.

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NEW INITIATIVES

YLD Comedy Night brings on the laughs to benefit ACBF



YLD Comedy Night co-chairs Jill Albrecht, left, and Marla Presley pose with emcee Gene Collier and opening act comedian Shaun Blackham.

There were laughs galore at the Improve Comedy Club on March 26, 2009 for the ACBA Young Lawyers Division Inaugural Comedy Night Fundraiser benefitting the Foundation. The successful event gathered more than 160 guests. Gene Collier, comedian and columnist at the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, took on emcee duties while local comedian Shaun Blackham served as the opening act for featured comedian Mike Veneman whose in-your-face comedy had the audience in stitches. In addition to the entertainment, the event offered a variety of specialty auction items. Co-chaired by YLD President Marla Presley and Jill Albrecht, the event raised an impressive \$19,000 to support the charitable, educational and public service programs of the Foundation.

New Programs & Funds

ACBF launches Public Interest Law Fellowship Program (PILFP)

Through a generous grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, the ACBF recently established the Public Interest Law Fellowship Program (PILFP). The \$100,000 grant will allow the Foundation to award stipends, over a two-year period, to public service attorneys who have shown exemplary performance and commitment in their fields of law, and demonstrate financial need. In September 2009, the Foundation awarded stipends, ranging from \$1,500 to \$4,000, to twenty eligible public interest attorneys.

To qualify for the program, applicants must be active members of the ACBA, employed full-time by an ACBA recognized civil legal service agency as defined by the ACBA dues structure, and commit to an additional year of full-time employment at one of the recognized agencies. Applicants must apply each year to be considered to receive funding.

For more information on this program or how to apply, please contact Foundation Director Lorrie Albert at (412) 402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.

ACBF to manage Sorg Fund for Professional Ethics

In May 2009, the ACBF Board of Trustees approved the transfer of a portion of the ACBA's John H. Sorg Fund to the ACBF to create the John H. Sorg Fund for Professional Ethics for the sole purpose of maintaining and elevating the standard of ethics in Allegheny County. Established by the will of John H. Sorg in 1954, the fund was created to 1) support the candidacy of lawyers endorsed by the association seeking judicial preferment in Allegheny County and 2) elevate the standards of ethics of the Allegheny County Bar. The Foundation plans to accept grant requests seeking support for seminars and programs on ethics. The ACBA will continue to administer the portion of the fund dealing with judicial candidacy.

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Endowment Campaign

Foundation's Endowment surpasses \$1 million milestone



The Foundation is excited to announce that the Endowment has arrived at a very important milestone- reaching over \$1 million! As of December 31, 2009, the Endowment Fund's assets totaled \$1,164,684. Since its creation in 1996, the Endowment has been steadily raising money to allow the Foundation to successfully carry out its mission well into the future. In 2005, the Foundation launched the "Building Bridges to the Future" Endowment Campaign, resulting in over \$1.2 million being pledged to the campaign by generous firms and attorneys (see full list of donors below). As of December 31, 2009, the Foundation exceeded the \$1 million cash mark by \$16,149. The \$1,016,149 cash balance includes \$136,168 in unrealized gain from increases in the market value of the portfolio.

Interest income from the Endowment will enable the Foundation to continue with its mission to balance justice in the community. It will help the Foundation continue to support its pro bono program and grow its Grants Program by awarding additional funding to legal service agencies representing low-income clients.

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Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

LRAP paves way for future of law school loan repayment programs

Now in its third and final year, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) has assisted a total of thirty-three public service attorneys in paying off their law school debt. Created in 2006 to help civil legal

One of the first programs of its kind, LRAP has served as a model for other loan repayment assistance programs, including the William B. Billock Loan Repayment Assistance Program for alumni of Duquesne University School of Law, and a state-wide program which is currently in the planning stages.

"I am very grateful to the ACBF for this program, because it has assisted me in pursuing the career of my choice without worrying about getting a second job to supplement my income and pay my school loans."

– Nicole Scialabba, LRAP recipient

service agencies retain quality attorneys, LRAP provides financial awards to eligible attorneys who have demonstrated financial need and significant law school debt.

Funded by the Allegheny County Bar Association and the ACBF Lawyers Fund, each providing \$75,000 in funding over three years, LRAP has received \$24,000 in additional funding through the Skate-a-thon and iCarnivale! events sponsored by the ACBA Young Lawyers Division.

In 2009, over \$41,000 was awarded to seventeen recipients. Since its inception, LRAP has distributed nearly \$175,000 in financial awards.

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

“I truly enjoy interviewing [the applicants].

Some of their stories have been deeply emotional.”

– Leo Kevican, Loans & Scholarship Committee member

ACBF distributes \$47,750 in educational awards

In 2009, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation awarded a total of \$47,750 in education loans and scholarships to deserving law school and high school students. The awards are established by a variety of named-funds administered by the foundation and require each student to meet criteria depending on the fund’s purpose. Some factors taken into consideration may include financial need, strong academic performance, excellent writing and oral argument skills or students who excel in certain areas of the law. The awards have become more competitive each year, making this year’s winners the most impressive group yet.

2009 ACBF Scholarship Recipients



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1st Place Eric Wasserman Stern - Allderdice High School
2nd Place Rachel Isaacs - Baldwin High School
3rd Place Scott Wasserman Stern - Allderdice High School

For more information on scholarship and award funds, see page 31.

WHO WE ARE

The Foundation's Juvenile Court Project reunites families



Juvenile Court Project attorneys and staff

The ACBF Juvenile Court Project (JCP) contracts with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to provide free legal representation to parents with pending child welfare cases in Allegheny County Children's Court. The JCP's mission is to advocate for the interests and protect the legal rights of our clients who face many challenges to maintaining their families not the least of which is poverty.

lives of families. To protect client confidentiality, the names of the clients have been changed.

Karen M's children were removed from parental care based on allegations of domestic violence and drug abuse. After the children were removed, Karen applied for a JCP attorney. Upon meeting with her attorney, Karen followed his advice and enrolled in domestic violence

“JCP attorneys provide parents with strong advocacy both inside and outside the courtroom.”

– Eleanor Grainy, JCP Director

With a staff of seventeen attorneys and seven support staff, the JCP represents approximately 1,200 parents per year in all facets of a dependency case from emergency shelter hearings to termination of parental rights hearings. In addition, JCP attorneys represent clients in child abuse expungement proceedings before the Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.

The JCP attorneys work collaboratively with staff social workers who are trained to locate services and provide encouragement and support to our clients. We also engage in outreach to the community. For example, JCP social workers host a housing fair each year giving agencies that provide temporary or permanent housing to the homeless the opportunity to share information with the JCP and each other. This collaboration benefits our homeless clients by enabling the JCP to make direct referrals to many programs throughout Allegheny County. JCP staff members often give presentations to community groups, law school classes and other social service agencies in an effort to educate the public about the workings of juvenile court and the misconceptions the public may have about our clientele.

With the help of the JCP several hundred families were reunited during the past year. The following clients' stories illustrate how strong advocacy can make a difference in the

treatment, secured a PFA, and submitted to a drug abuse evaluation. At the petition hearing, Karen's attorney was able to provide the court with the proof needed to show that the children were safe in Karen's care. The court dismissed the petition and awarded Karen sole custody of the children. The total time the children were in care after Karen secured a JCP attorney was sixteen days.

Robin E. is a young mentally challenged mother of a six-year-old boy. Due to her disability, Robin was unable to manage her household finances and was easily taken advantage of by people that Robin thought were friends. Robin was dependent on a roommate to help her provide proper care to her child. Unfortunately, Robin's son was placed in foster care after Robin's roommate left the household. Robin's JCP attorney and support advocate worked diligently to assist Robin in finding supportive housing and services that would help Robin maintain her son successfully in her home. Robin and her child were soon reunited in a safe supportive environment with services that will aid Robin until her son reaches adulthood.

These are just two of the many cases that closed successfully. Without strong advocacy, the cases may have ended differently. The attorneys at the JCP work hard every day to help parents get the support they need to reunite with their children.



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The Foundation's Lawyers Fund assists lawyers in time of need

Over the past two years, the Foundation has provided over \$60,000 (\$56,000 in 2008 and \$4,000 in 2009) of assistance to lawyers in times of crisis. As far back as the late 1800s, the

confidential basis, the Foundation assists members of the bar facing a variety of issues, including serious medical conditions, substance abuse, and financial problems. One of only a few programs of its kind, the Lawyers Fund also helps in emergency situations. When the 2004 floods devastated parts of Allegheny County, the Fund provided \$36,000 of assistance to attorneys impacted by flooding. The fund currently has approximately \$1.3 million in assets.

More information on the Lawyers Fund can be found on page 33 of the annual report.

“We stand ready to assist lawyers in need and their families. Everything is extremely confidential, and we never use the names of the individuals who receive assistance.”

– Vincent Grogan, Lawyers Fund Committee Chair

bar association was assisting needy attorneys and their families through what was known informally as the “Potato Fund.” After various incarnations, today's Lawyers Fund helps attorneys dealing with life-changing issues and financial setbacks. On a

For more details on the Lawyers Fund, please contact ACBA Executive Director David Blaner at (412) 402-6600 or dblaner@acba.org.

The Foundation's Divorce Law Project helps people start over



Divorce Law Project staff attorney Juli Marhefka

The Allegheny County Bar Foundation Divorce Law Project, which has been in existence since the 1970s, has been a model for many bar associations in the country. Originally named the Indigent Divorce Program, the project assists low-income residents of Allegheny County in obtaining simple uncontested no-fault divorces. The project currently has over two hundred active clients and completed 137 cases in 2009. The program also accepted 207 new clients and received close to two thousand phone calls during that time.

Most of the cases are handled in-house by the program's staff attorney, Juli Marhefka, while a small number are given to volunteer attorneys. The program allows newly licensed attorneys the opportunity to gain experience working with both clients and the court system by entering an appearance limited by the program.

Because the Divorce Law Project waives its one year separation requirement for applicants who have been granted a Protection from Abuse (PFA) against their spouse, the program is able to assist victims of domestic violence in moving on and starting new chapters in their lives. It receives referrals from domestic violence shelters and programs, as well as directly from the court, to address this need.

Although the divorces handled through the program are simple, there are virtually no other agencies or programs that assist individuals in preparing and filing the necessary paperwork. Many of the clients have attempted to file divorces on their own, some multiple times over a lengthy period of time, but are not successful due to the particular complexities of the process. When the court is unwilling to accept their filing attempts or unable to grant a final divorce due to errors in form or substance, they are often referred to the program directly from the Department of Court Records. Additionally the court waives filing fees for Divorce Law Project clients, allowing those who are unable to afford the filing fee for the divorce access to the court. Completing divorce actions for clients allows them to tie up loose ends in their personal lives and in some cases qualify for benefits or programs that they would not otherwise be able to obtain.

Behind the Scenes at the Bar Foundation



*Lorrie Albert
Director, Allegheny County
Bar Foundation*

*Erin Rhodes
Development and
Pro Bono Assistant*

On a given day at the Bar Foundation, staff can be found working on any number of different projects. From Attorneys Against Hunger mailings to reading Loans & Scholarship applications, the Foundation staff's primary purpose is to make a positive impact in the legal community and beyond. Foundation Director Lorrie Albert oversees the Foundation's daily operations while also brainstorming new and innovative ways to improve and expand the Foundation. Development & Pro Bono Assistant Erin Rhodes coordinates many of the Foundation's programs and events and assists Ms. Albert and Pro Bono Coordinator Barbara Griffin with various duties.

The Foundation could not perform its daily functions without the in-kind assistance of ACBA/ACBF Executive Director David Blaner, Senior Director of Operations and Human Resources Ann Ewart, and Senior Director of Finance David Leonard, as well as ACBA departments and staff, including CLE/Membership, Communications/Publications, Finance, Graphics, Information Systems, Marketing, Special Events, and ACBA Services, Inc.

PRO BONO CENTER



*Pro Bono Coordinator
Barbara Griffin*

The recent economic downturn has impacted all elements of our society, including attorneys, but none are impacted harder than those already living in poverty. This presents great challenges for legal service providers, who are facing cuts in funding just as the need for services rises. Through its efforts to increase legal services to the poor, the Pro Bono Center plays a vital role in addressing these challenges. Since the Pro Bono Coordinator position was established in 2005, the number of Pro Bono Center community partners and programs has more than doubled, growing from 14 to 33. The number of indigent clients served from these agencies has increased with more well-trained volunteer attorneys than ever before who are meeting targeted legal needs that previously went unidentified. In 2009, the Coordinator provided referral, advice or direct legal services to over 600 callers and organized 10 volunteer attorney training programs. The Pro Bono Center's Divorce Law Project continues to obtain approximately 150 no-fault divorces per year. In 2009, the Coordinator developed new programs, resulting in more volunteer opportunities for attorneys and more pro bono legal services provided to our community.

What's New In *Pro Bono*

"Save Your Home" Mortgage Foreclosure Conciliation Program

The Pro Bono Center worked with the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas to launch the "Save Your Home" mortgage foreclosure conciliation program in January 2009. Attorneys were recruited to represent low-income borrowers in judicial conciliations of residential foreclosure actions. A training program for volunteers sponsored by Neighborhood Legal Services Association was held in February and the first conciliations began in April. Dozens of homeowners have been helped by this program.

Federal Probationers ECSEL Program

The Pro Bono Center partnered with a federal task force working on ways to help former inmates return to productive lives in our communities to create a program to provide civil legal services to federal probationers. The ECSEL program (Enhancing Community Safety Through Education and Legal Services) provides direct legal services and informational sessions to former federal inmates who are participating in the Workforce Development Services program of the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Attorneys from Neighborhood Legal Services Association and volunteer attorneys from the ACBA assist clients with legal issues that are impeding their return to the workforce.

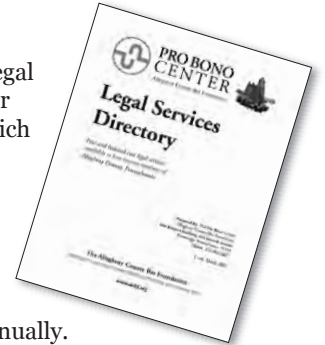


PRO BONO CENTER

Allegheny County Bar Foundation

Legal Services Directory

With the help of the Pittsburgh Paralegal Association, the Pro Bono Coordinator created a Legal Services Directory, which lists programs and organizations in Allegheny County that provide free or reduced-fee legal services to eligible low-income residents and small non-profit agencies. The directory is available online for download at the ACBF website, and will be updated annually.



Pro Bono Rocks!

The return of Pro Bono Rocks! brought fun and excitement to the close of the year, with hundreds of supporters turning out at the Hard Rock Café to hear "Who's Bad," a Michael Jackson tribute band. This event raised funds that are essential to continuing the operation of the Pro Bono Center.

New Pro Bono Center member

The Equity Protection Legal Clinic provides legacy preservation services to low-income home owner-occupants. The organization offers legal services that secure and preserve ownership interests in real property.

Volunteer with the Pro Bono Center

The Pro Bono Center encourages attorneys, paralegals and law students to volunteer their services to the Center's organizations and projects that provide direct legal services to the poor.

Volunteer benefits include:

- Malpractice insurance coverage provided by Bar Foundation for referred cases
- Eligibility for reduced-fee and free CLE programs
- Opportunities to gain courtroom experience
- Exposure to different areas of the law
- Access to training mentoring and practice manuals
- Opportunities to network with attorneys and other professionals
- Access to free on-line research through LexisNexis

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ACBA & ACBF Projects:

Disaster Relief Project

Primarily provides representation and advice to victims of disasters.

Divorce Law Project

Represents plaintiffs in simple, no-fault divorce actions and conduction outreach clinics at community service agencies.

Federal Court Section Prisoners

Civil Rights Pro Bono Project

Represents prisoners who have filed non-frivolous civil claims in federal court. The most common appointment is as trial counsel, although representation of prisoner throughout the case is possible.

Federal Probationers "ECSEL" Program

Represents federal probationers enrolled in the Workforce Development Program who are facing legal issues that impede their return to the workforce, including criminal records expungement, child support, Social Security, drivers license suspension.

Flood Assistance Program

Provides legal advice, referrals, and/or representation to individuals who are impacted by flooding in Allegheny County.

Indigent Birthparent Attorney Project

Represents indigent birthparents in termination of parental rights proceedings in Orphans' Court.

Military Personnel Pro Bono Project

Offers legal advice, referrals, and/or representation to military personnel and their immediate family members who are Allegheny County residents who have been called to active duty as a result of war and/or military action.

Military and Veterans Legal Advice Call-in Day

Four-hour call-in program at KDKA providing legal advice to military and veterans. Managed by the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership

Group of law firms and corporate and governmental legal departments who develop signature pro bono projects.

"Save Your Home" Mortgage

Foreclosure Conciliation Project

Provides limited representation at judicial conciliation conferences to low-income borrowers in residential mortgage foreclosure proceedings as part of the "Save Your Home" program of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

Member Organizations:

Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh

Provides free legal consultations on non-criminal matters including but not limited to family law, protection from abuse orders, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant issues, and elder law.

Education Law Center

Provides legal advocacy to families who have public education-related problems. Services include individual counseling and technical support, legal representation in select individual cases and cases involving key issues affecting large numbers of students, and advocating for administrative and legislative reforms at the local, state, and national levels.

Equity Protection Legal Clinic

Provides transactional legal services to residential real property owners with the goal of securing and preserving ownership interests for owner-occupants.

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Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

Provides advice and representation to emerging and small arts organizations and low-income individual artists in the following areas: incorporation, by-laws and 501(c)(3) status filings, entertainment contracts, immigration law, trademark, copyright and other IP issues.

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh

Offers family and immigration law assistance to low-income refugees and immigrants in Pittsburgh.

KidsVoice

Represents abused, neglected and at-risk children in Juvenile Court dependency proceedings.

LawLinks, a program of the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University

Provides legal services, education and advice to small, grassroots non-profit organizations.

Mental Health America —Allegheny County

Provides legal consultations and limited representation on non-criminal matters to individuals receiving mental-health services.

Neighborhood Legal Services Association

Provides advice and representation in the following areas: employment and unemployment compensation law, family law, tenant's rights, debt collection and bankruptcy law, protection from abuse, SSI and social security disability, litigation defense, estates with limited assets, and adult guardianships. Special programs: Debt Advice Clinic; Family Law Clinic; PFA; Older & Wiser.

North Hills Community Outreach, Inc.

Provides counseling and referral services at clinics in the North Hills regarding family, consumer, and landlord/tenant issues.

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force Legal Committee

Advises, refers and/or represents people living with AIDS and HIV infection, their family and friends legal matters including: wills; living wills; powers of attorney; SSI/SSDI; guardianship; and issues involving civil rights, employment discrimination, medical treatment discrimination, confidentiality issues and medical insurance.

Pro Se Assistance Program, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County

Assists eligible unrepresented applicants in the preparation of motions to be presented to a Family Court judge.

Uptown Legal Clinic

Offers pro bono legal services at Bethlehem Haven to indigent and low-income individuals in matters pertaining to family law, housing, debtor-creditor, and benefits issues.

YWCA's Legal Resources for Women

Advises, refers and represents women in a wide variety of legal matters; services include seminars and individual counseling.

ACBA PRO BONO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Public Service Committee created the Pro Bono Achievement Awards in 1990 as a means to recognize outstanding pro bono contributions. The annual awards have expanded from one individual award to eight categories for which nominations are accepted. At times, the Public Service Committee and bar foundation may designate special awards to recognize unique pro bono services. These awards have included the Career Achievement Award for Pro Bono Services, Special Services Awards, and the ACBF Presidential Merit Award.

In February 2002, the Board of Trustees of the ACBF adopted a resolution to rename the annual individual Pro Bono Award to the Jane F. Hepting Individual Pro Bono Award. The award recognizes her dedication to the delivery of pro bono legal services through her 26 years as an NLSA attorney, the many and varied pro bono programs that she helped create and implement, her recruitment initiatives and exceptional training programs to attract and prepare volunteer attorneys, her exceptional expenditures of time and energy on behalf of pro bono legal services, and her outstanding commitment and dedication to public service, the legal profession, and the community.

As a national economic crisis hit in late 2008 and 2009, the need for free legal services grew rapidly just as attorneys and staff members in the legal community faced increasing demands upon their resources. Dedicated members of the legal community nevertheless continued to give of their time and talents to help members of our community who are unable to pay for representation. The 2008 ACBA Pro Bono Achievement Awards were presented during the 12th annual Fellows Dinner at LeMont Restaurant on September 17, 2009.

2008 ACBA PRO BONO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award



Nancy A. Hubley, Esq.

Nancy Hubley is the founder and current Director of the Pittsburgh office of the Education Law Center, a non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring that all Pennsylvania's children have access to quality public education. She was the recipient of the 2003 Professional Service Award from Achieva and is praised consistently by parents, advocates, educators, and fellow attorneys for her dedication to children and her expansive legal knowledge of public education. Hubley mentors law students

from the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University and in this way continues to inspire young lawyers with her commitment to community and professional service.

Jane F. Hepting Individual Pro Bono Awards

Edward T. Harvey, Esq.

Ed Harvey is an attorney at the law firm of Hergenroeder Rega & Sommer. Although he normally practices in the areas of real estate and general commercial litigation, Harvey has been volunteering his legal services to the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force for more than twenty years and has assisted hundreds of clients with a variety of legal issues, including preparing powers of attorney, advance health care directives, and estate documents for clients, many of whom are facing a terminal illness. Harvey consistently has provided services with expertise, understanding, and a wealth of compassion. Harvey's career-long commitment to the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force and its clients is genuinely remarkable.



Lindsay A. Oliver, Esq. & Nicklaus A. Oliver, Esq.

Nick and Lindsay Oliver are a husband and wife volunteer team with Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh. Nick is an in-house attorney at Alcoa and Lindsay is a corporate associate at Cohen & Grigsby. They are both extremely compassionate and caring lawyers who also have provided full representation to numerous

clients over the several years that they have volunteered with Christian Legal Aid. Their consistent high standard of volunteerism and commitment to providing legal services to the poor that makes them worthy of this award.

Law Firm Pro Bono Awards

Dickie McCamey & Chilcote



After joining the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership in 2008, Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote established a new community legal clinic to serve the needs of low-income residents of the

Millvale area. Attorneys from the firm have assisted over 100 clients with a variety of legal problems. In another area of service, Dickie McCamey ranks first among the eleven, large, non-family law firms accepting referrals of Protection from Abuse cases from Neighborhood Legal Services Association, having accepted 136 referrals in 2008. Individual attorneys from the firm have also volunteered with the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership's Custody Conciliation Project, KidsVoice, and in prisoners' rights cases. The firm of Dickey, McCamey & Chilcote has been an outstanding example of the difference one firm can make in assuring equal access to justice for low-income individuals and families.

Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis



Schnader Harrison's firm-wide commitment to pro bono is an integral characteristic of the law firm. Over the past year, its Pittsburgh office has made a particular impact through its

service to local organizations addressing the needs of low-income residents of Allegheny County. Schnader Harrison assisted the Pittsburgh Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center by representing low-income immigrants who are facing deportation, cases that can sometimes be lengthy and complicated, and performing the work with both competence and compassion. Schnader also provided substantial assistance to NeighborWorks Western Pennsylvania, a housing services organization whose goal for its clients is financial empowerment that promotes homeownership and stable communities. Schnader's assistance to these organizations and their low-income clients is yet another demonstration of the firm's long-standing commitment to pro bono.

Law Student Pro Bono Award

Sarah Connelly

Sarah Connelly has provided assistance to clients of Neighborhood Legal Services Association through her participation in the Duquesne University School of Law civil and family justice law clinic for the 2008-2009 academic year. In that capacity she provided telephone advice to clients with a variety of landlord tenant problems, assisted in the preparation of unemployment compensation cases, and helped with the preparation of motions for consumer cases in Common Pleas Court. Connelly continued this work in NLSA's ten-week summer intern program, where she represented clients at hearings before district judges and at

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arbitration. Her empathy for the legal needs of low income individuals and families and her enthusiastic approach to assisting these clients and to improving her own legal skills in the process has made her an outstanding intern in the NLSA program.

Paralegal Pro Bono Award

Kathy DeCesare

Prior to her retirement in 2009, Kathy DeCesare worked with the Pittsburgh Office of Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more than thirty years, the majority of that time as a paralegal, where she was held in the highest regard by her peers, both professionally and personally. DeCesare enthusiastically brought those fine qualities to the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership's Wills Project at the Stephen Foster Community Center in Lawrenceville, a legal clinic staffed by Department volunteers assisting elderly clients in preparing important end-of-life documents such as wills, powers of attorney, and advanced health care directives. Her interaction with the Project's clients has demonstrated a caring, warmth, and attentiveness on her part such that the legal product of the executed documents becomes for all involved, especially the client, something much greater in human terms.

Corporate Legal Department Pro Bono Award



Alcoa, Inc.

Alcoa's attorneys have long played an important role in providing pro bono assistance to those individuals

and families in need in Allegheny County. Staff attorneys and paralegals participate in a wide range of pro bono projects, including protection from abuse cases, Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership legal clinics, and organizations such as Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh. The Alcoa legal department exemplifies the idea that transactional attorneys need not fear jumping into pro bono work that involves litigation. This is a Pittsburgh corporation which, despite its worldwide growth, has never forgotten its roots in Pittsburgh and its commitment to those in need in its home city.

Government Agency

Pro Bono Award

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Since February 2008, the Pittsburgh Office of Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has committed to assisting elderly clients in preparing important end-of-life documents such as wills, powers of attorney, and advanced health care directives as part of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership's Wills Project, operating a clinic site at the Stephen Foster Community Center in Lawrenceville. According to the Director of the Stephen Foster Center, the Department

staff have exhibited a kindness and consideration of their elderly clients that reveals a true understanding of the importance of these documents to low-income individuals. Led by the efforts of attorney Edward Stokan, the Department has 100 percent participation in this project, involving the Department's fourteen attorneys and one paralegal.

Judicial Service Award



Hon. Alan D. Hertzberg

Since his arrival on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County in 2005, Judge Hertzberg has been a consistent supporter of pro bono legal services in Allegheny County. As a judge formerly in the Family Division, he has been particularly helpful in the area of family law, perennially an area of high demand for legal services to the poor. Judge Hertzberg sits on the administrative board of the

Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership, where he assists in the creation, implementation, and continuing success of legal services programs. He has served many times as a speaker at volunteer training programs for pro bono projects, and always gives extremely helpful and insightful advice. His commitment to public service and his support of volunteer attorneys and pro bono programs make him a deserving recipient of this award.

Special Service Pro Bono Awards



Aaron P. Asher, Esq. and

Francis E. Corbett, Esq.

The Family Law and Debt Advice Clinics at Neighborhood Legal Services Association have been in operation for eight years, providing legal advice and reduced fee or pro bono referrals for clients

faced with sometimes overwhelming debt problems or with various family law issues. Each clinic is staffed by one NLSA attorney and two private attorneys. The job of recruiting and scheduling those private attorneys has been undertaken by two men who are outstanding volunteer attorneys in their own right. Aaron Asher began scheduling attorneys for the Family Law Clinic when he was an associate in a family-law firm and has continued this work since he joined the law firm of K&L Gates. Francis E. Corbett II of Calaiaro & Corbett PC has been recruiting and scheduling the attorneys for the Debt Advice clinic for the last seven years and during that period he has been a frequent volunteer himself. The Family Law and Debt Advice clinics served a combined total of 557 clients in 2008. Without the work of these two dedicated attorneys, it would not have been possible for NLSA to offer legal assistance to all of these clients.

To Nominate a Colleague

For more information about nominating an individual and/or group for their outstanding commitment to pro bono service, please contact Barbara Griffin at bgriffin@acba.org. Nominations for the 2009 Pro Bono Achievement Awards will be accepted through July 2010.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Public Service Committee is a joint committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. Among its purposes are to “promote and encourage the members of the Association to provide pro bono public services” and “support public or private agencies or other organizations dedicated to providing legal services for those not otherwise able to afford them.” The Committee met these goals and others by undertaking projects that have become committee traditions as well as initiatives designed to meet newly-identified needs.

“Calling All Suits”

Over 160 suits, dresses, and other articles of clothing and accessories were collected and distributed to programs that provide job training and interview preparation to low-income men and women.



“We wanted the students to understand that the law affects every aspect of their lives.”

Law Day 2009

ACBA volunteers, including Judge Beth Lazzara, challenged a group of 75 fifth graders to connect the law to everyday life with this year’s program, “Five Things I’d Rather Be Doing.” Dana Levine and Nicole Scialabba reprised their roles as Law Day co-chairs, and helped design an interactive program to teach the students how the law is a part of everything they do.



“Give From the Heart” Blood Drive

34 ACBA donors participated in a February blood drive inspired and organized by ACBA member Jeff Pollock.

I-CAN™ E-File!

For the second year, the PSC gave low-income residents the opportunity to file their tax returns and claim Earned Income Tax Credit with I-CAN™ E-File. A total of 17 individuals took advantage of the tax preparation program, claiming \$36,978 in income tax refunds, including \$14,474 of Earned Income Tax Credit.

Volunteers honored and recognized

Over 80 volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and others attended a free CLE course, titled “Programs, Trends, and Best Practices in Pro Bono Representation” as part of a volunteer recognition breakfast held in May at the Rivers Club. The committee selected and recognized the 2008 ACBA Pro Bono Achievement Awards at the 12th annual Fellows Reception & Dinner in September. The Pennsylvania Bar Association 2009 Pro Bono Award winners were honored at a special committee meeting in November.

The Backpack Project

700 backpacks were filled with school supplies and delivered to elementary children at four Pittsburgh public schools and two homeless shelters.



“Without the Backpack Project, these children wouldn’t have their school supplies for the year.”

- Barbara Payne, Public Service Committee Chair

PITTSBURGH PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP

The Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership (PPBP) is a collaboration of law firms, corporate and governmental legal departments, legal service providers, law-related organizations, and the Pro Bono Center of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. This year the PPBP continued to offer a unique avenue for a variety of groups to work together with one goal in mind: increase legal services to those in our community who can not afford an attorney.

The ninth year of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership was one of continued growth with the addition of new members and new signature projects that provide critical legal services to low-income residents of Allegheny County. These projects, along with some of the Partnership's most active volunteers, were showcased at the group's annual meeting held on October 29, 2009, at the Rivers Club. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd spoke to current and prospective Partnership members about the importance of volunteerism to the judicial system. Her remarks were followed by an interactive panel of attorneys who shared with the audience their pro bono experiences and tips for representation.



Kathy DeCesare, left, a paralegal at the Department of Environmental Protection, at the Wills Project. Photo courtesy of the PA D.E.P.

This year, the Partnership added as a new member the law firm of McCarthy McDonald Schulberg & Joy, a family-law practice whose attorneys have demonstrated for many years their commitment to pro bono legal services. Attorney Dawn Gull immediately got to work forming a new Partnership project that provides experienced family-law mentors to guide non-family law attorneys through community clinic cases. A new community legal clinic was launched downtown at the offices of Catholic Charities. It meets once a month and is staffed by attorneys from EQT Corp. and Pepper Hamilton. In September, the Partnership brought U.S. District Court Judge Jay Zainey from New Orleans to Pittsburgh to launch H.E.L.P. (Homeless Experience Legal Protection), a project spearheaded by Partnership member Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney. H.E.L.P. is a national program that operates in over fifteen cities and provides free legal services to homeless individuals and families seeking help through shelters and other social service agencies. Existing Partnership projects, such as the Custody Conciliation Project and the Wills Project, continued to experience need and growth.

Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership Members (2009)

Academy of Trial Lawyers
Alcoa Inc.
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PPG Industries, Inc.
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Reed Smith, LLP
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP
Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP
Tucker Arensberg, PC
United States Steel Corporation
UPMC
White and Williams, LLP

Signature Projects:

Anti-Predatory Lending Project — Provides representation to individuals who have been victimized by unfair or illegal lending practices. Staffed by attorneys from U.S. Steel Corporation and Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon, LLP.

Catholic Charities Legal Clinic* — General legal clinic held once a month at the offices of Catholic Charities in downtown Pittsburgh. Staffed by attorneys from Pepper Hamilton and EQT Corporation.

Child Custody Guardian Project — Provides attorneys to serve as guardians representing the best interests of at-risk children in high-conflict custody cases. Staffed by attorneys from Reed Smith, LLP.

Custody Conciliation Pro Bono Project — Limited representation of clients at family law custody conciliations. Staffed by Pro Bono Partnership member organizations. Managed by Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC.

Family Law Mentor Volunteer Program* — Provides experienced family-law attorneys to serve as mentors to attorneys at community legal clinics. Managed by McCarthy McDonald Schulberg & Joy.

H.E.L.P. Project—Homeless Experience Legal Protection* — In partnership with Operation Safety Net, provides legal advice and representation to individuals and families who are experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness. Staffed by Pro Bono Partnership members. Managed by Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.

McKees Rocks Clinic — General clinic held two times per month at Focus on Renewal in McKees Rocks. Staffed by attorneys from ALCOA, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, and Burns, White & Hickton.

Millvale Community Clinic — General legal clinic held once a month at the Wellness Center of the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale, Pennsylvania. Provides legal advice to low-income residents of the Millvale area on a variety of legal issues. Staffed by attorneys from Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, PC.

Reduced-Fee Referral Assistance Project — Provides NLSA clients with subsidies for reduced-fee referrals to private attorneys in child custody trials. Funded by a grant from the Alcoa Foundation.

Veterans Legal Clinic — General legal clinic held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard. Provides legal advice to veterans on a variety of legal issues, including obtaining benefits to which the veteran may be entitled. Staffed by attorneys from Jones Day and Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP.

The Wills Project — Provides drafting of wills, living wills, and Healthcare Powers of Attorney for senior citizens who meet income-eligibility guidelines. Staffed by attorneys from Reed Smith, LLP, GlaxoSmithKline, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

*Launched in 2009

PRO BONO CENTER VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

Names are listed as they have been provided by the Pro Bono Center agencies and programs. For confidentiality reasons, volunteer attorneys from the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force Legal Committee have not been published. Please contact Barbara Griffin at the foundation at 412-402-6677 or bgriffin@acba.org if your name has been misspelled or mistakenly omitted. Thank you for your efforts to support the worthwhile programs of the Pro Bono Center.

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* Denotes New Volunteers in 2009

FELLOWS PROGRAM



In 1996, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation established the Fellows Program as a formal means to:

- Recognize and honor attorneys who have shown a commitment to excellence in charitable, community, professional, and/or public service activities.
- Recognize a level of professional distinction in the legal community based on significant contributions.
- Create an endowment for bar foundation programs and foster new and innovative programs.
- Create an organization of members who recognize and accept the Bar's on-going challenge to fund public service activities.

Fellows pledges, in the amount of \$1,000, are to be paid over a four-year period. These pledges support the foundation in two important ways. Fifty percent of each pledge helps build the foundation's Endowment. Interest income from the Endowment supports the foundation's initiatives to enhance the delivery of pro bono legal services to low-income clients in Allegheny County. The other fifty percent of each pledge helps grow the foundation's Grants Program.

Sustaining Fellows

In October 2001, the Board of Trustees initiated a new level of support for the Fellows Program, the Sustaining Fellow. This program continues to recognize a commitment to excellence in charitable, community, professional, and/or public service activities, and a level of professional distinction in the legal community based on significant contributions. Sustaining Fellows pledge an additional \$1,000 to be paid over a four-year period. As with Fellows pledges, Sustaining Fellows contributions also support the Endowment and help grow the Grants Program.

In spring 2008, the foundation spearheaded a successful appeal for new Sustaining Fellows. The initiative resulted in thirty-six Fellows pledging to become Sustaining Fellows. Through their increased donations, these generous individuals were instrumental in helping the foundation expand its Grants Program which awarded a record \$40,000 in grants in early 2009.

Sustaining Fellows as of April 6, 2010:

Alan L. Ackerman	Laura E. Ellsworth	Robert O. Lampl	Adrian N. Roe
Effie G. Alexander	Arnold M. Epstein	Gary Marshall Lang	Carl E. Rothenberger
Kenneth M. Argentieri	Ann Ewart	Jeffrey J. Leech	Melaine Shannon Rothey
David J. Armstrong	David B. Fawcett	Penina Kessler Lieber	Vincent C. Scully, Jr.
Mary K. Austin	Ronald J. Fischer	Hon. Frank J. Lucchino	Hon. Jacqueline O. Shogan
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Albert Bates	Ronald J. Fischer	Michael P. Malakoff	Eileen Rielly Sisca
Edwin H. Beachler	Robert Gentile	John R. McGinley, Jr.	Edgar M. Snyder
Philip E. Beard	Andrea Geraghty	W. Thomas McGough, Jr.	Hon. William L. Standish
Vicki L. Beatty	Norman E. Gilkey	J. Frank McKenna, III	Eric W. Springer
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Joan Ellenbogen	Andrew G. Kimball	Patrick R. Riley	Lester E. Zittrain *

* Denotes deceased

Patron Fellows

In conjunction with the "Building Bridges to the Future" Campaign to strengthen the Endowment, the Foundation Board of Trustees introduced the Patron Fellow level of support in September 2005. Patron Fellows pledge an additional \$5,000, payable over five years, above the initial Fellows-level pledge. Once the Sustaining Fellows level has been reached, the remaining \$4,000 pledged goes directly to build the foundation's Endowment.

Patron Fellows as of April 6, 2010:

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Vicki L. Beatty	Ronald J. Fischer	Edward G. O'Connor	Bruce Lord Wilder
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Joan Ellenbogen	Michael P. & Louise Malakoff	Hon. Jacqueline O. Shogan	Susan Yohe
Laura E. Ellsworth			

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Young Lawyers Fellows Program

In 2009, attorney Mark Martini came before the ACBF Fellows Committee with a proposal - to create an initiative within the Fellows Program that would recognize the work of outstanding young attorneys. The Fellows Committee approved the idea, and the Young Lawyers Fellows program was born. In the same vein as the Fellows Program, the mission of the YLF program is to acknowledge attorneys who have shown distinction in charitable, public service and professional activities. Nominees must be a member of the ACBA and have practiced law for more than five years, but less than ten. Young Lawyers Fellows pledge \$500 over five years. Once a member of the Young

Lawyers Fellows program fulfills his/her pledge and has practiced law for at least ten years, he/she will be eligible for the regular Fellows program. A limited number of Young Lawyer Fellows will be selected each year. At the Twelfth annual Fellows Dinner on September 17, 2009, fourteen attorneys were inducted into the Inaugural Young Lawyers Fellows Class.

“I think the people inducted into the Fellows Program and the [Young Lawyer Fellows Program] recognize that we might be facing hardships as attorneys and individuals, but the people who rely on the services the foundation provides—they’re struggling even more.”

– Mark Martini, Founder, Young Lawyers Fellows Program

Inaugural Young Lawyers Fellows

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To Nominate a Fellow

To nominate a Fellow for the Class of 2010, send your name and the name of the nominee, nominee’s firm, and nominee’s accomplishments to the foundation at lalbert@acba.org or 400 Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. All nominations must be approved by the Fellows Committee.

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INDUCTION DINNER

Each year, the foundation inducts the newest class of Fellows at the annual Fellows Reception and Dinner which is held every fall. Those invited have heard local, state, and national keynote speakers discuss the importance of community service, philanthropy, and pro bono activities.

Twelfth Annual Event

September 17, 2009 • LeMont Restaurant on Mt. Washington

Keynote address provided by Dr. Jim Withers, Co-Founder of Operation Safety Net, one of the nation's first street medicine programs.



Keynote speaker Dr. Jim Withers accepts 2009 Excellence in Public Service award from ACBF President Vicki Beatty.



2009 Edward G. O'Connor Fellows Award winner Edward Van Stevenson, Jr.

Edward G. O'Connor Fellows Award

In 2006, the bar foundation established the Edward G. O'Connor Fellows Award in recognition of Edward O'Connor's outstanding work on behalf of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. The foundation annually awards an honorary Fellows membership to an attorney who has shown exemplary commitment to excellence in charitable, community, professional, and/or public service activities; is a member of the ACBA; has been in practice for at least ten years; and is employed in the legal service field.

Past recipients:

Catherine T. Martin (2006) Paul W. O'Hanlon (2007) Daniel L. Haller (2008) Edward Van Stevenson, Jr. (2009)

Dr. Jim Withers inspires guests at Twelfth Annual Fellows Dinner

At the annual induction dinner, the Fellows had an opportunity to learn about Operation Safety Net ("OSN") through its founder and keynote speaker, Dr. Jim Withers. Many audience members were amazed to learn that Dr. Withers has been making nighttime "street" medical rounds to this area's homeless since 1992. He began providing medical care to the homeless directly on the streets of Pittsburgh, in the alleys and under the bridges, with only a former homeless person as a guide. Now, he has teams of clinical volunteers who cover every night of the week in the downtown area, as well as the North Side, South Side and Oakland. Through his efforts, he has become nationally recognized as the first doctor to develop the program which has come to be known as "street medicine."

A very soft spoken and unassuming man, once Dr. Withers began to tell his story, it was not hard to understand why he has remained dedicated to providing care to the homeless on their own terms and how he has influenced and inspired his volunteers. Some medical students even start their own programs once they graduate and begin practicing medicine in their new hometowns.

It was truly inspiring to learn that as most people are comfortably resting at night after a long day's work, Dr. Withers and his teams are busy reaching out and providing medical care to those who would not receive treatment otherwise. OSN is recognized as one of nation's first targeted full-time street medicine programs and continues to set the standard for this unique form of health care.

The Foundation presented Dr. Withers and Operation Safety Net with a \$5,000 check to help support the newly developed "H.E.L.P. Project – Homeless Experience Legal Protection" which provides legal advice and representation to individuals and families who are experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness. This program is a joint effort of OSN and the Allegheny County Bar Association, Neighborhood Legal Services Association and Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership members and the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association. It is managed by Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney and housed at OSN. The Foundation is pleased to be a part of this effort of adding the much needed legal component to OSN's medical outreach program.

SAVE THE DATE- New & Exciting Fellows Event! 2010 Fellows Induction & Grand Reception

The 2010 Fellows Grand Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the August Wilson Center.
Special Performance by Singer/Songwriter/Producer John Forté.

GRANTS PROGRAM

Using funds generated through the Fellows Program, the Board of Trustees established the Grants Program in 2000. The foundation seeks to fund organizations and/or projects that directly provide pro bono counsel to low-income residents in Allegheny County and/or promote the public understanding, interest, and support of legal-related issues. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded \$241,587 in grants in support of educational and pro bono initiatives in the community.

2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Funds distributed in early 2009

Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh to expand provision of essential civil legal services to those who cannot otherwise afford representation through (1) an increase in the number of volunteer attorneys, (2) an increase in the number of volunteer attorneys providing full representation to clients, (3) the development of an externship program for law students, and (4) the representation of clients by law students under the supervision of the executive director.

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh to continue funding for Pro Bono Immigration Law Project which provides professional supervision and oversight to 10-12 non-immigration pro bono attorneys who, having been trained by JF&CS/PRIAC in 2008-2009, will represent 10-12 indigent immigrants on deportation cases.

Mental Health America Legal Services to continue supporting pro bono legal services to indigent mental health clients, ensuring that they receive legal assistance in a timely and understanding manner thereby ensuring them the best opportunity to achieve positive resolutions to their legal problems.

Neighborhood Legal Services Association to support costs associated with the implementation of the "Domestic Violence Consumer Education Project" which would ensure that domestic violence victims obtain the legal information necessary to facilitate their efforts at economic self-sufficiency through educational presentations to victims on prioritizing debt, basics of financial planning, repairing credit, student loans, bankruptcy basics, utility access, predatory lending, credit discrimination, joint debt and bank account issues, etc.

SNAP-Pittsburgh to continue funding for second year of Stop Now and Plan (SNAP), a two-year pilot juvenile crime prevention strategy program which helps boys, ages six to twelve, who have displayed the first signs of delinquency.

Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh to support the organization's Civil Legal Project which would provide representation and advice on civil legal matters to ten (10) victims of domestic violence regarding divorce actions and raising appropriate alimony and/or property claims.

All-Time Grant Recipients

Including 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009

CASA of Allegheny County
Christian Legal Aid Of Pittsburgh
Disabilities Law Project
Eastern Area Adult Services
Education Law Center
Jewish Family & Children's Service Of Pittsburgh

KidsVoice
Lydia's Place
Mental Health America Legal Services
Neighborhood Legal Services Association
North Hills Community Outreach, Inc.

Pittsburgh Aids Task Force
Senior Action Coalition
Snap - Pittsburgh
Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
YWCA's Legal Resources For Women

Military Veterans & Elderly Fund

Established in 2007 through an anonymous donation of \$123,000, the Military Veterans & Elderly Fund provides fiduciary and legal services to military veterans and the elderly. Since 2008, the fund has awarded \$22,000 in grants to programs which serve the needs of our area's many military veterans and elderly.

2008 Grant Recipients

ACBA Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Call-in Day
Veterans Leadership Program (VLP) of Western Pennsylvania's Veteran's Court

2009 Grant Recipient

ACBA Probate & Trust Law Section to be used to fund public seminars to educate and protect the elderly regarding topics of probate and living trusts in the South Hills, North Hills and east and west areas of Allegheny County.

2009 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Funds awarded in 2009 and distributed in early 2010

CASA of Allegheny County to support the costs associated with recruiting, screening, and training six (6) new CASA volunteers from the legal community.



Education Law Center to help fund "Legal Aid for Teens in Transition" which will provide legal services to emancipated minors, runaways and those who are homeless to help them understand and exercise their legal rights, to enroll and remain in school, and to gain access to public education services.



Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh to help fund the existing Pro Bono Immigration Law Project which will mentor additional pro bono non-immigration attorneys for the provision of deportation representation; provide referrals to individuals with Green Card issues, citizenship issues, and deportation cases; and assign asylum cases to pro bono attorneys through the Pro Bono Referral Program.



KidsVoice to help fund the Independent Living Advocacy Program which will help teen clients aging out of the foster care system to receive services needed to transition to independent living as adults.



Mental Health American Legal Services to support the provision of pro bono legal services to people with mental illness in a timely and understanding manner, ensuring them the best opportunity to achieve positive resolutions to their legal problems.



Neighborhood Legal Services Association to fund the "Domestic Violence Consumer Education Project" which will work with victims of domestic violence to obtain legal information to achieve economic self-sufficiency.



To Apply to the ACBF Grants Program

Eligible organizations and/or programs must submit a *Common Grant Application Format* by Friday, August 20, 2010. Applications and guidelines are available at www.acbf.org. For more information, please contact Lorrie Albert at (412) 402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.

ATTORNEYS AGAINST HUNGER 2009/2010

After seventeen years, AAH still going strong

Through the generosity of ACBA members, sections, and firms, the seventeenth annual Attorneys Against Hunger campaign raised over \$111,000 for hunger service agencies in Allegheny County.

LexisNexis once again covered the administrative costs of the campaign, which will allow the Foundation to distribute 100 percent of the proceeds directly to the recipient agencies. The unwavering dedication and support of LexisNexis has been a benefit to Attorneys Against Hunger since the campaign's inception in 1993.

Special thanks to Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot, the McGinley Family members of the bar association, and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation for generously providing a \$15,000 challenge grant. The advocacy and support provided by the McGinley family and Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot have been instrumental in helping the campaign exceed its yearly goals.

Attorneys Against Hunger has raised over \$935,000 since the campaign's inception.

YLD Skate-a-thon

The Eighth Annual Young Lawyers Division Skate-a-thon, held on November 24 at the Rink at PPG Place, raised over \$5,000 for Attorneys Against Hunger.



Skaters gather at PPG Ice Rink to raise money for Attorneys Against Hunger at 8th Annual YLD Skate-a-thon on November 24, 2009.

Outreach events attract volunteers of all ages

Attorneys, some joined by family members, volunteered at Urban League Hunger Services' annual Thanksgiving Distribution, Squirrel Hill Food Pantry, Produce to People (a program of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank), and Jubilee Kitchen.

“Some outreach events really require you to get your hands dirty. It’s obviously important to help organizations financially, but it’s also nice to feel like you have helped with projects that have tangible results.”

– Katie Harrison, Attorneys Against Hunger volunteer

Firm Challenge Donors

The following firms and companies generously answered the call and contributed to Attorneys Against Hunger this year:

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Volunteers distribute food at the Urban League's annual Thanksgiving Distribution on November 21, 2009.



Volunteer Jeffrey Eisenberg helps out at Produce to People on the South Side on January 23, 2010.



Volunteers packed grocery bags at Squirrel Hill Food Pantry on December 6, 2009.

AAH SUPPORTED AGENCIES

Each of the following agencies receive a portion of the proceeds from the annual campaign:



Downtown Ministerium Walk-in Ministry

The Downtown Ministerium is a collaboration of five churches including First Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Smithfield United, St. Mary's of Mercy, and Trinity Cathedral. Each of these churches provides hunger assistance to the homeless and less fortunate downtown.

East End Cooperative Ministry

EECM's hunger services include a food pantry and soup kitchen located at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. The food pantry serves those in the 15206, 15224, 15232, and 15217 zip codes. EECM's Soup Kitchen serves hot, nutritious lunches to all visitors Monday through Friday.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank works with a network of over 380 agencies located throughout an eleven-county region of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Member agencies include smaller county-wide food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, after-school programs, and senior high rises.

Hunger Services Urban League of Pittsburgh

Hunger Services serves an average of 12,500-15,000 people each year through emergency food assistance, food stamp outreach, food for early development, and the pantry management training program.

Jubilee Kitchen

Established in 1979, Jubilee Kitchen serves hot, noonday meals 365 days a year. The Jubilee Kitchen also manages a food bank, among many other programs.

Just Harvest

Just Harvest conducts public policy advocacy, education, empowerment, and outreach on hunger and poverty-related issues at all levels of government.

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force

The food pantry of the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force provides assistance to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The pantry's food selection and nutritional services help its clients better manage their special dietary needs.

Rainbow Kitchen

Rainbow Kitchen was established in 1984 in response to massive unemployment in the Homestead region following the closing of the steel mills. Rainbow Kitchen serves a hot breakfast Monday through Friday, and provides eligible children with hot, nutritious meals Monday through Friday. Rainbow Kitchen also manages a food pantry.

“With the funds we received, we were able to provide emergency groceries to 168 families through our Food Pantry. Each family received three days of groceries and household supplies, including toilet paper and dish soap.”

- Myrna Zelenitz, Executive Director, East End Cooperative Ministry

Squirrel Hill Food Pantry

The Squirrel Hill Food Pantry serves the needs of those in the 15217 zip code as well as the Greater Pittsburgh area who require kosher food.

Intersection, Inc.

Intersection's on-site meal program provides a light breakfast and hot midday meal to people who are hungry and do not have a permanent residence or accessibility to adequate kitchen facilities. The food pantry club provides food orders to income-eligible McKeesport residents with children.

ACBA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th Annual ACBA Golf Tournament raised nearly \$35,000 for the Pro Bono Center and Neighborhood Legal Services Association. The event, held at Treesdale Golf & Country Club on Monday, July 27, 2009, hosted over 120 golfers and offered exciting skill competitions, raffles, and auctions.

Special thanks to all of the sponsors for supporting the event, especially in such a difficult economic time. Special thanks also to Mark Edwards, former ACBF director and current President of Golf Scotland Great Lakes for again providing a golf trip package for two to St. Andrews in Scotland as a raffle item. This item alone raised \$7,000.

“The ACBA Golf Tournament is one of the few occasions in our profession where there exists both an opportunity to help the many people who truly need the assistance... and do so while enjoying a round of golf and dinner with your friends and colleagues.”

– Paul Robinson, ACBA Golf Tournament Chair

Since its inception in 1993, the ACBA Golf Tournament has raised nearly \$435,000 to support the ACBF and NLSA in their mission of providing quality legal services to the poor in Allegheny County.

For sponsorship opportunities or to register for this year’s outing, please contact ACBF Development/Pro Bono Assistant Erin Rhodes at (412) 402-6641 or erhodes@acba.org.



From left, Adrian Roe, Eric Springer, Robert Ridge, and Greg Voss enjoy a sunny day at Treesdale Golf & Country Club.



From left Ed Papst, Nancy Schmidt, Cris Silva and Judy Astorino take a break on the links.

17th Annual ACBA Golf Tournament Treesdale Golf & Country Club • July 27, 2009

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Attorney Jeff Bresch takes a swing.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT TROPHIES & AWARDS

In addition to skill competitions, attendees at the annual golf tournament can participate in a variety of competitions. The following is a list of the awards given at each tournament. All of the trophies and awards are displayed at the ACBA Headquarters in the Koppers Building.

Robert L. Kirkpatrick Cup



The Robert L. Kirkpatrick Cup is the overall individual competition of the tournament. The only cup in existence since the first tournament earns its namesake from Mr. Kirkpatrick, who made a substantial contribution to the inaugural tournament. The Callaway handicapping system is used to determine low net male and female players. Each year, the names of winners of the low gross male, low gross female, low net male, and low net female are engraved on the Robert L. Kirkpatrick Cup.

Robert B. Sommer Award



Established in 2001 in honor of the ACBA Golf Tournament founder, the Robert B. Sommer Award is the scramble format competition of the tournament. Scramble teams are not eligible for the John P. Gismondi President's Cup, the James I. Smith, III Cup, or the Robert L. Kirkpatrick Cup. Each year, the names of the winners of the scramble competition are engraved on the Robert B. Sommer Award.

James I. Smith, III Cup



Earning its namesake from the former Allegheny County Bar Association Executive Director, the James I. Smith, III Cup was established in 2002 and is the overall team competition of the tournament. Play is based on the "best two balls of four." Each year, the names of the winners of the team competition are engraved on the James I. Smith, III Cup.

John P. Gismondi President's Cup



The John P. Gismondi President's Cup, established in 1997, is the overall ACBA Section/Committee first place team, earning its namesake from outgoing ACBA President John P. Gismondi. In order to be eligible, each foursome must consist of at least two members of that particular Section or Committee. Play is based on the "best two balls of four." Each year, the winning section's name is engraved on the John P. Gismondi President's Cup.

2009 GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Overall First Place Individuals and Winners of the Robert L. Kirkpatrick Cup: Low Net Male

Gerard Cipriani

Low Net Female

Beth Williams

Low Gross Male

Dave Rohrich

Low Gross Female

Judy Astorino

Overall First Place Team and Winners of the James I. Smith, III Cup:

Gerard Cipriani, Tom Miller, Dave Rohrich, Tom Rohrich

Overall First Place Scramble Team and Winners of the Neighborhood Legal Services Association Robert B. Sommer Cup:

Dante Martire, Gerald T. Pecora, Gerald J. Pecora, Jr., Ray Secoli

Overall First Place ACBA Section/Committee Team and Winners of the John P. Gismondi President's Cup:

Civil Litigation Section



Sharon Carolla of LexisNexis presents attorney Brett Solomon with a golf driver as a door prize.



Current tournament Chair Paul Robinson, left, and past chair Jeff Pollock present attorney Maureen Kelly with a skill prize.

Save The Date

18th Annual ACBA Golf Tournament • Monday, July 26, 2010 • The Club at Nevillewood

NAMED FUNDS

The Allegheny County Bar Foundation administers a number of named funds. Although the purposes of these funds are as varied as the individuals and organizations that created them, each fund furthers the foundation's philanthropic and educational mission. With a minimum gift of \$10,000 and with approval of the Board of Trustees, a named fund can be established that carries any name and creates a legacy for charitable or educational purposes.



The Daniel B. Dixon Scholarship Fund

In 2007, the Real Property Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association formed a committee to raise funds for the Daniel B. Dixon Scholarship Fund in honor of Dixon's lifelong commitment to the law and community. For over sixty years, Daniel B. Dixon worked as an attorney in the real estate field. Born in

Pittsburgh in 1912, Dixon received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1938 and served in the Army from 1944 to 1946. Upon his return, Dixon began working at Rose, Schmidt, Hasley & DiSalle, where he worked for the remainder of his career until he passed away in March 2008. Dixon served as president of the ACBA in 1974; was inducted as a charter fellow of the ACBF in 1980; chaired the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the PBA; and chaired the ACBA Real Estate Section from its creation in 1970 to 1972.

Proceeds of the fund are awarded annually to a student of Dixon's alma mater, The University of Pittsburgh School of Law who has completed his or her first or second year and who has demonstrated an interest in real estate law, academic excellence and financial need. A plaque, which displays the names of each scholarship recipient, has been created in honor of the fund and is available for viewing at the offices of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

In spring 2009, the fund awarded its inaugural \$500 scholarship. If you are interested in donating to the Daniel B. Dixon Scholarship Fund, please contact Lorrie Albert at 412-402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.



The Honorable Joseph H. Ridge Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Honorable Joseph H. Ridge was a devout Catholic, a learned jurist, and a valued member of the Duquesne University community. The son of Irish immigrants, Judge Ridge was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, and following a stint in the Armed Forces during the Second World War, returned to Pittsburgh and attended Duquesne University. Judge Ridge served the

people of Allegheny County for over thirty years. First elected as a county court judge in 1961, Judge Ridge was assigned to the Criminal Division in 1970. He presided over criminal cases until his retirement 21 years later. Following retirement, Judge Ridge took senior status but continued to preside over domestic violence and protection from abuse cases until his death in December 2002.

Judge Ridge attended Mass daily. He was a recipient of the St. Thomas More award and the Knights of St. Gregory award. In his honor, Judge Ridge's family and friends have endowed a scholarship to be awarded to the highest ranking member of the graduating class at Duquesne Law School who is also a graduate of Central Catholic High School.

Since 2007, the fund has distributed two (2) awards totaling \$2,000.



The Honorable Carol Los Mansmann Memorial Fund

The Honorable Carol Los Mansmann was the first woman appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. In 1985, after serving for three years on the district court bench, she was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Judge Mansmann consistently advocated for the advancement of women in the legal profession.

To honor her memory and dedication to the practice of law, her family, friends, and the Women in the Law Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association established the Honorable Carol Los Mansmann Memorial Fund in 2003.

This fund annually awards a \$3,000 scholarship to one or more women law students attending the Duquesne University School of Law. These scholarships are based upon financial need and the students' potential for distinction in the legal profession.

Since 2006, the fund has awarded four (4) scholarships totaling \$12,000.



Lynette Norton Memorial Fund

Established in 2002, the Lynette Norton Memorial Fund provides an annual post-graduate award to a student graduating from the Duquesne University School of Law who has demonstrated academic excellence, skills in oral advocacy through moot court programs, and a keen sense of ethics and professionalism. The fund creates a lasting legacy in memory of Ms. Norton's distinguished career as an accomplished trial

lawyer and an insurance law expert, and her commitment and dedication to the legal community of Allegheny County.

Since 2003, the fund has distributed awards totaling \$2,500.

The Honorable Gerald K. Gibson Memorial Fund

Established in 1987 by the Commercial and Bankruptcy Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, this fund, in memory of the Honorable Gerald K. Gibson, makes annual cash awards to the top law school students enrolled in the creditors & debtors rights courses at the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University Schools of Law.

Since its inception, the fund has distributed awards to 47 recipients.

The Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association annually funds two of the scholarships, while the Gibson Fund provides the remaining two. The above-referenced recipients include both those of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section and the Honorable Gerald K. Gibson Memorial Fund.

NAMED FUNDS



James I. Smith, III Notre Dame Law School Scholarship Fund

Created in James Smith's honor at the time of his retirement as Executive Director of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the James I. Smith, III Notre Dame Law School Fund annually provides \$1,000 scholarships to law school students from Allegheny County enrolled in Notre Dame Law School. Mr.

Smith passed away on February 10, 2006. The fund pays tribute to James I. Smith's 38 years of devoted service to the lawyers of Allegheny County and the legal profession.

In 2009, the fund awarded one (1) scholarship totaling \$1,000. Since its inception, the fund has awarded \$14,000 in scholarships.

The Lawyers Fund

Lawyers have long concerned themselves with the welfare of their colleagues and families. In the late nineteenth century, a Potato Fund was formed to provide food for needy Allegheny County lawyers and their families. Records of the ACBA indicate that in 1923, it created the Committee on Benevolence to assist "needy members of the bar and their families." During the Depression, the ACBA formed the Lawyers' Aid Fund to supplement the work of the Committee on Benevolence. The main source of revenue was bequests of deceased members.

The work of these Committees continued quietly and confidentially for a number of years. Although records no longer exist, it appears the Lawyers Fund was formed in the 1940s by the ACBA to succeed the earlier work. In 1960, the American Bar Association and the ACBA saw the opportunity presented by changes in the federal tax laws to give favorable tax treatment to insurance dividends assigned to charitable entities. Wisely, the ACBA sought and obtained a determination by the Internal Revenue Service that the Lawyers Fund was a charitable trust exempt from federal income tax under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Most Allegheny County lawyers who carried ACBA-sponsored life insurance signed over their dividends to the Lawyers Fund. Lawyers received a charitable deduction on their income tax return and the Lawyers Fund rapidly grew. As of December 31, 2009, the Lawyers Fund had assets of \$1,164,684, with the income being utilized for assistance and education.

The purpose of the Lawyers Fund is to relieve want or distress among members of the bar of Allegheny County or their immediate families; to promote, advance, improve, and facilitate the administration of justice in Allegheny County; to give scholarships, fellowships, and grants-in-aid for research, writing, and other study of the law and of the administration of justice; to make loans to deserving law students; and, to acquire, preserve, and exhibit rare books, objects of art, and items of historical interest having legal significance or bearing on the administration of justice.

In 2002, the Lawyers Fund was transferred from the ACBA to the foundation to centralize the association's charitable efforts. Since the foundation also had been designated as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service's Code, the transfer of the Lawyers Fund from the ACBA to the foundation maintained its tax exempt status and benefits.

On a confidential basis, the Lawyers Fund has assisted members of the bar who have incurred medical, financial, or substance abuse issues. The Lawyers Fund provides assistance in other ways as well. In the fall of 2004, the Lawyers Fund provided \$36,000 of assistance to lawyers that were impacted by area flooding. In 2008 and 2009, the Lawyers Fund was able to make grants totaling over \$60,000 to members facing serious health issues and financial difficulties.

Additionally, the Lawyers Fund provides assistance in the form of scholarships and loans. The F.C. Grote Fund of the Lawyers Fund annually provides \$5,000 scholarships to law school students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In 2009, the Grote Fund awarded three (3) scholarships totaling \$15,000. Since its inception, the fund has awarded \$95,000 in scholarships.

Zittrain Forums on Law & Public Policy



ZITTRAIN forums

In 2000, Lester E. and Ruth A. Zittrain established the Zittrain Forums on Law & Public Policy at the foundation. The Forums are instrumental in bringing to our community educational,

topical, and informative programs, which lead to a better understanding of the complex issues confronting our government and legal systems and how best to deal with these issues.

Ms. Zittrain, a Charter Fellow of the foundation, is an elected member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and is a court-appointed Master for Arbitration Appeals in both the U.S. District Court for Western Pennsylvania and the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. Ms. Zittrain served many years on the ACBA Board of Governors.

An esteemed and valued member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Mr. Zittrain passed away on January 26, 2003. He was a Charter and Sustaining Fellow of the foundation, and served on the Board of Trustees for many years. He chaired the Development Committee, providing leadership in the committee's organization and creation of its major and planned giving initiatives. In addition to his work with the foundation, Les served many years on the ACBA Board of Governors. He was an elected member and officer of the Academy of Trial Lawyers and was one of the first "sports attorneys" in Allegheny County. Les represented several Super Bowl-winning Steelers, negotiating their contracts as well as their commercials, including Joe Greene's beloved "toss-the-kid-your-jersey" Coca-Cola commercial.

Through his will, Les made a significant bequest of \$150,000 to the Zittrain Forums on Law & Public Policy. His most generous gift will sustain and support the important work that he and Ruth were so dedicated to building at the foundation. The Zittrain Forums on Law & Public Policy have funded two Bench-Bar speakers, Juan Williams and Lawrence O'Donnell.

The inaugural Zittrain Forum on Law & Public Policy was held on October 14, 2008 at the Omni William Penn Hotel. The program featured nationally-recognized political commentators Peter

NAMED FUNDS

Beinart and Jonah Goldberg debating on topics facing voters in the 2008 presidential election. Les and Ruth's children, Laurie Eisenberg and Jonathan Zittrain participated in the event. Laurie, a professor of Middle Eastern studies at Carnegie Mellon University, provided introductions while Jonathan, Professor of Internet Law at Harvard University, moderated the debate. The event was a success with over 250 guests in attendance. The planning of a second Zittrain Forum is in the works.



Donald W. Bebenek Fund

Donald W. Bebenek, a partner at Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck, was one of Pittsburgh's most outstanding litigators, with his practice concentrating on medical malpractice. Mr. Bebenek was very active in Pittsburgh's legal community, serving on the ACBA Board of Governors and as chair of the ACBA Bench-Bar Conference Committee and Headquarters Evaluation Committee. In memory of his long-standing commitment to Allegheny County's legal community, Meyer Darragh Buckler

Bebenek & Eck created the Donald W. Bebenek Fund in 2000 to support the education and mentoring of attorneys, including, but not limited to, providing financial support for the "Operation Experience Program" of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

In conjunction with the ACBA Civil Litigation Section and the Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Donald W. Bebenek Fund helps to fund Continuing Legal Education seminars presenting the issue of Operation Experience from the perspective of the plaintiff, defendant and court. In addition to the CLE seminar, registrants participate in an actual trial as observers to obtain necessary experience in a civil trial.

Louis Little Attorneys' Memorial Fund

Born in Braddock, PA in 1892, Louis Little became one of Pittsburgh's best-known criminal lawyers. Practicing extensively before federal and common pleas courts, Louis Little worked on some of Allegheny County's biggest criminal cases of the first half of the 20th century. Louis Little wanted Allegheny County's legal community to be the beneficiary of his legal career. Upon his death in 1956, he bequeathed his real estate on Fifth Avenue to the Allegheny County Bar Association for use as a club house. According to his will, "if it is not accepted, then I direct that my executors sell it and donate the money as loans to needy lawyers or law students."

Using the proceeds from the sale of his property, the Allegheny County Bar Association established the Louis Little Attorneys' Memorial Fund in 1963 with the purpose to provide low-interest bearing loans to needy law students. Since 1963, many deserving students, now lawyers, have benefited from the loan program and Louis Little's generosity. Each year, the fund provides low-interest loans in the amount of \$3,000.

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	June 30	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 803,552	\$ 838,032
Investments at fair value	2,027,451	2,444,693
Grants and contract receivable	207,325	160,379
Contributions receivable	243,358	324,185
Notes receivable	81,956	70,884
Other assets	<u>4,407</u>	<u>24,843</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$3,368,049</u>	<u>\$3,863,016</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 35,132	\$ 23,219
Accrued liabilities	120,789	119,047
Due to affiliated organizations	39,256	40,246
Deferred revenue	<u>38,510</u>	<u>43,980</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>233,687</u>	<u>226,492</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Operating	248,880	186,620
Board designated	<u>69,426</u>	<u>71,037</u>
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	318,306	257,657
Temporarily restricted	1,793,666	2,205,661
Permanently restricted - Endowment	<u>1,022,390</u>	<u>1,173,206</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>3,134,362</u>	<u>3,636,524</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$3,368,049</u>	<u>\$3,863,016</u>

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT:		
Contributions	\$ 172,078	\$ 140,202
Programs, events and fees	114,750	84,327
Interest and dividend income	<u>37,013</u>	<u>65,054</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenue and Gains	323,841	289,583
Net assets released from restrictions - satisfaction of program or donor restrictions	<u>2,045,196</u>	<u>1,888,019</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenue, Gains and Other Support	<u>2,369,037</u>	<u>2,177,602</u>
EXPENSES:		
Services	2,010,686	1,867,258
Administrative expenses	161,621	145,255
Program expenses	59,615	53,208
Fundraising	36,466	26,897
Grants	<u>40,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,308,388</u>	<u>2,117,618</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>60,649</u>	<u>59,984</u>
CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Grants and contract services	1,716,746	1,632,144
Contributions	174,523	299,872
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	(319,005)	(202,418)
Interest and dividend income	60,937	118,043
Net assets released from restrictions - satisfaction of program or donor restrictions	<u>(2,045,196)</u>	<u>(1,888,019)</u>
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(411,995)</u>	<u>(40,378)</u>

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	<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Contributions	38,750	85,400
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	(162,957)	(98,593)
Administrative fee	(26,609)	-
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(150,816)	(13,193)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(502,162)	6,413
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,636,524</u>	<u>3,630,111</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$3,134,362</u>	<u>\$3,636,524</u>