

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.



William S. Schweers,
Sr. Educational Fund



Donald W. Bebenek
Fund



Daniel B. Dixon
Scholarship



Hon. Carol Los
Mansmann Fund



Lynette Norton
Memorial Fund



Hon. Joseph H.
Ridge Scholarship



James I. Smith, III
Scholarship



Lester Zittrain,
Zittrain Forums



Ruth Zittrain,
Zittrain Forums

ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS WILLIAM S. SCHWEERS, SR. EDUCATIONAL FUND

Established in 2000 in honor of prominent trial attorney William S. Schweers, Sr., this fund supports the Academy of Trial Lawyers' Annual Essay Contest for high school students.

DONALD W. BEBENEK FUND

Created in memory of litigator Donald Bebenek in 2000, this fund supports the education and mentoring of attorneys through such programs as "Operation Experience".

DANIEL B. DIXON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 2009 in honor of real estate attorney Daniel Dixon, this fund annually awards a \$500 scholarship 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 has demonstrated an interest in real estate law, academic excellence and financial need. Since its inception, this fund has awarded two scholarships totaling \$1,000.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY LAW SECTION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created in 2010 by the ACBA Environment & Energy Law Section, this fund will provide two annual scholarships to law students at the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University who have demonstrated an interest in environmental law.

THE HONORABLE GERALD K. GIBSON MEMORIAL FUND

Established in memory of the Honorable Gerald K. Gibson in 1987, this fund makes annual awards to the top law students participating in the Creditors & Debtors Rights course at the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University. The fund has distributed fifty awards since its inception.

F. C. GROTE FUND

As a sub-fund of the Lawyers Fund, the Grote Fund annually awards \$5,000 scholarships to law students at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania. Since its inception, the fund has awarded scholarships totaling \$110,000.

INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY FUND

Created by the ACBA in 2008, the Institute for Gender Equality addresses gender equality issues through series-based sessions aimed at educating both practitioners and firm decision-makers.

THE LAWYERS FUND

This fund was created by the ACBA in the 1940s to relieve want or distress among members of the Allegheny County bar or members of their families; to promote justice in Allegheny County; to give scholarships, fellowships, and grants for research, writing, and other study of the law; to make loans to law students; and, to acquire, preserve, and exhibit rare books, art and historical items bearing legal significance. On a confidential basis, the Lawyers Fund provides financial assistance to bar members confronted with medical, financial or substance abuse issues. In 2010, the fund provided \$14,389.26 in assistance.

LOUIS LITTLE ATTORNEYS' MEMORIAL FUND

In 1963, the ACBA created this fund in memory of famed criminal attorney Louis Little with the purpose of providing low-interest loans to law students in financial need. In 2010, the foundation awarded five loans totaling \$15,000. Since 1963, the fund has provided \$180,000 in low-interest loans to law students, many of whom currently practice in Allegheny County.

THE HONORABLE CAROL LOS MANSMANN MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 2003 in memory of the Honorable Carol Los Mansmann, this fund annually awards a \$3,000 scholarship to one or more female law students attending Duquesne University who have demonstrated a potential for leadership and a commitment to the advancement of women. Since 2006, the fund has awarded five scholarships totaling \$15,000.

MILITARY VETERANS & ELDERLY FUND

This fund was established in 2007 through an anonymous donation of \$123,000 with the purpose of providing fiduciary and legal services to military veterans and the elderly. Since 2008, the fund has awarded \$22,000 in grants to programs that provide services to military veterans and elderly in Allegheny County.

LYNETTE NORTON MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 2002 in memory of trial lawyer Lynette Norton, this fund annually provides a financial award to a graduating law student at Duquesne University who has demonstrated academic excellence, skills in oral advocacy, and a sense of ethics and professionalism. Since 2003, the fund has distributed \$3,000 in awards.

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH H. RIDGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created in memory of the Honorable Joseph H. Ridge in 2006, this fund awards a \$1,000 scholarship to the highest ranking member of the graduating class at Duquesne University School of Law who is also a graduate of Ridge's high school alma-mater, Central Catholic High School. Since 2007, the fund has awarded three scholarships totaling \$3,000.

JAMES I. SMITH, III NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 2001 in honor of former ACBA Executive Director James Smith, this fund awards \$1,000 scholarships to students from Allegheny County enrolled at Notre Dame Law School. Since its inception, the fund has awarded scholarships totaling \$14,000.

JOHN H. SORG FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Created in 2009, this fund serves to maintain and elevate the standard of ethics in Allegheny County.

ZITTRAIN FORUMS ON LAW & PUBLIC POLICY

Established in 2000 by attorneys Lester and Ruth Zittrain, this fund provides educational, topical, and informative programs which address the complex issues confronting governmental and legal systems. The inaugural Zittrain Forums held in October 2008, "Hot Topics Facing Voters in the Upcoming 2008 Presidential Election" featured a debate between national political commentators Peter Beinart and Jonah Goldberg. The next Zittrain Forums is set for May 4, 2011 and will feature best-selling science writer Rebecca Skloot, author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," which explores the bioethical and legal issues surrounding medical research.

For more information on the foundation's Named Funds, please visit our website at www.acbf.org.