A Message from Our President

This year marks 40 years of outstanding service made possible by our dedicated volunteers and donors. You have contributed generously and helped to meaningfully expand the reach of legal aid throughout the Pittsburgh region by representing thousands in our community in need of legal services who would otherwise go without. We look forward to entering our fifth decade of service and embarking on a new chapter which, with your help, will continue to provide these much-needed services for our community and profession.

This newsletter captures just one season of giving by way of yearly grants to a network of community-based legal service organizations, support to law students searching for opportunities to engage in public interest work, and outreach and educational programs that continue to enrich the community and members of the Bar alike.

The ACBF helps us to realize a community where, no matter a person’s economic status, they can receive a fair and just legal experience – a world where the legal community supports and raises up its members to be leaders and better lawyers and neighbors.

The work of the ACBF does not end at the office or courthouse door. Through all of its programs such as the Uptown Legal Clinic and Attorneys Against Hunger, we are directly impacting lives in the most vulnerable populations in Allegheny County.

If you have not yet joined our efforts, let us help you find your niche.

Jennifer R. Andrade
President, Board of Trustees

Attorneys Against Hunger

Campaign Exceeds $2 Million

The Attorneys Against Hunger campaign achieved a huge milestone this year by surpassing 2 million dollars raised since the inception of the campaign in 1993! We are so thankful to everyone who has ever been a part of the committee, donated to the campaign or has participated in an outreach event. You are the reason why we are able to achieve this goal!

Each year, Attorneys Against Hunger raises funds to aid 17 area organizations committed to providing food and services to people and families with low incomes. In addition, we have had great volunteer participation at our outreach events.

AAH is grateful to our underwriters including our Lead Sponsor Steidl & Steinberg and Supporting Sponsors Gleason Experts and the Honorable Raymond A. Novak (Ret.) for their generous support.

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Attorneys Against Hunger (cont.)

Attorneys Against Hunger also thanks Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, the Rita M. McGinley Foundation, and the McGinley family members of the bar for their continued support of the campaign with a $15,000 challenge grant. We are excited to see the total amount raised at the conclusion of our campaign. Thank you!

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New Fellows Grants

Fellows Grants

Using funds generated through the Fellows Program, ACBF has been issuing grants to providers of legal services since 2000. This year, $40,000 was awarded to the following grantees through a competitive selection process:

- Christian Legal Aid
- Education Law Center
- Focus on Renewal
- Jewish Family & Community Services
- KidsVoice
- Neighborhood Legal Services
- Women's Center & Shelter

Grants to Organizations Serve Military Veterans and Older Adults

This year, $20,000 was awarded to the following organizations that provide services to military veterans and older adults:

- Achieva
- Neighborhood Legal Services
- North Hills Community Outreach

Summer Law Student Fellowships

Congratulations to all of our Summer Law Student Fellows who will, once again, provide much-needed services to local legal aid organizations while learning valuable legal skills.

John P. Gismondi Certified Law Student Summer Fellowship

In its 7th year, the John P. Gismondi Certified Law Student Fellowship Program will provide four students from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law with the opportunity to gain courtroom experience while working at local legal service organizations this summer.

Congratulations to the 2020 Gismondi Fellows:

- Trevor Handlovitch, Pitt – Neighborhood Legal Services
- Angel Otuwa, Pitt – Neighborhood Legal Services
- Devon Slaughenhaupt, Pitt – Pro Bono Center
- Alison Terrell, Pitt – Neighborhood Legal Services

Lawyers’ Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship Program

The Lawyers’ Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship Program also will sponsor eleven second-year law students to work at legal service organizations throughout the Pittsburgh area this summer.

Congratulations to the 2020 Lawyers’ Fund Fellows:

- Jocelyn Converse, Pitt – Jewish Family & Children’s Services
- Natheena Tyler, Duquesne – Education Law Center
- Alyssa Bartling, Duquesne – District Attorney's Office
- Benjamin Kahn, Duquesne – District Attorney's Office
- Royse Bachtel, Duquesne – Women's Law Project
- Tristen Black, Duquesne – Christian Legal Aid
- Kristen Patton, Duquesne – Office of the Public Defender
- Grant Shonesky, Duquesne – Office of Conflicts Counsel
- Rebecca Machtinger, Duquesne – Juvenile Court Project
- Nicole D’Jovin Button, Duquesne – Disability Rights Network
- Joshua Cohen, Duquesne – KidsVoice
Numbers at a Glance 2019

In addition to referring cases to volunteer attorneys, Pro Bono Center staff attorneys – with the assistance of a part-time law student – provide direct legal services to hundreds of people every year through our Divorce Law Project and other programs. Here’s who our staff served in 2019:

- **553** individuals provided with advice, brief services, or full representation
- **592** people connected with other legal aid providers

Your Continued Support Helps Sustain Pro Bono Programs

Over the last seven years, the Pittsburgh legal community has raised nearly $40,000 by participating in Jeans for Justice. This fun and easy way to support local pro bono programs makes a big difference in our ability to continue to match volunteer attorneys with individuals in need of critical legal services.

Special thanks to **Cohen & Grigsby** for leading the way with the highest amount raised in support of our programs.

2019 Pro Bono Achievement Awards

**Commitment to Service**

These individuals and organizations made outstanding contributions to the delivery of free legal services over the past year. Their work reflects the many ways that attorneys can find a career or volunteer opportunity to match their time, talents, and interests. From helping with housing evictions to representing asylum seekers fleeing persecution in their home countries, there are many ways to help people in need. **Congratulations!**

- **ACBA Immigration Law Committee New Initiative Award**
  - Feinstein Doyle Payne & Kravec, LLC
  - Goehring, Rutter & Boehm
  - Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP
  - Raphael, Ramsden & Behers, P.C.
  - Reed Smith LLP
  - Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP
  - The Webb Law Firm, P.C.
  - Tucker Arensberg, P.C.
  - UPMC Health Plan

- **Alcoa Corporation and Arconic Inc. Corporation Award**
  - Alcoa, Inc.
  - Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, P.C.
  - Clark Hill PLC
  - Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC
  - Creenan & Baczkowski PC
  - Dentons Cohen & Grigsby
  - Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

- **Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award**
  - Alcoa, Inc.
  - Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, P.C.
  - Clark Hill PLC
  - Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC
  - Creenan & Baczkowski PC
  - Dentons Cohen & Grigsby
  - Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

- **Lacee C. Ecker, Esq. Young Lawyer Award**
- **Jennifer McGarry, Esq. Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award**
- **McGuire Woods LLP Law Firm Award**
- **Hilary A. Spatz, Esq. Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award**
Bringing Lawyers to Communities in Need

The Pro Bono Center collaborates with ACBA committees, divisions, sections and community service organizations to make free legal information and advice more accessible to people in need. The Pitt Black Law Students Association and the ACBA Homer S. Brown Division hosted the Derrick A. Bell Community Legal Clinic in Homewood last fall and this spring in the Hill District. Volunteers from the Public Service Committee staffed an information table at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh’s Thanksgiving Food Distribution which was attended by hundreds of families.

Presidential Merit Award

ACBF Presents the Presidential Merit Award at the Fall Foundation Reception

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The Presidential Merit Award is given at the discretion of the President of the Foundation to recognize individuals in the legal community for exhibiting exceptional dedication to the Foundation and promoting pro bono service to people with low incomes in Allegheny County.

Kenneth M. Argentieri, Esq.

As managing partner of Duane Morris LLP’s Pittsburgh office, Ken has regularly led the office to 100 percent attorney pro bono participation for the past several years. Throughout his career, Ken has made substantial contributions to the delivery of free legal services while providing exceptional leadership in advancing pro bono efforts. He is a vocal advocate for the value and importance of pro bono service by attorneys, constantly promoting a culture of pro bono in the Pittsburgh area – in addition to assisting, mentoring and supervising attorneys and staff in pro bono work.

Law Firm Leadership Circle

We are grateful for our 2018-2021 Law Firm Leadership Circle members. Their continued pledges and support are an essential part in helping to keep our programs and projects grow.

2018-2021 LAW FIRM LEADERSHIP MEMBERS:

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!