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OUR VISION is to be the statewide leader in advancing justice.

# Illinois Bar Found

# Mission

THE MISSION of the Illinois Bar Foundation is to ensure meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means, and to assist lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity.



# Message from the President 💯



**THE VISION OF THE ILLINOIS BAR FOUNDATION** is to be the state-wide leader in advancing justice. This new vision is the much anticipated product of an extensive strategic planning and visioning process. It is also the response to a clarion call from the Foundation's staunchest supporters to make a more meaningful impact in the lives of Illinoisans. To that end, we will endeavor to assist those in need of legal aid, encourage lawyers to provide pro bono assistance, and ensure a better understanding of legal rights and responsibilities for all Illinoisans.

The Illinois Bar Foundation remains as committed as ever to the assistance of our fellow lawyers and their spouses who are in need of support because

of disability or infirmity. Demands upon the Foundation for such subsistence were greater than ever over the past fiscal year, due in large part to a worldwide economic downturn.

We are proud to say that the IBF has maintained fiscal stability during what has been perhaps the most tumultuous economy decline of the Foundation's existence. Over the course of the last year the Foundation still awarded more than \$450,000 in assistance. We recognize that in the future, our new vision will have the greatest impact upon our grant recipients. While our focus will narrow to ensure the furtherance of our new vision, we believe the statewide impact of the IBF grants will now have more significance than ever before.

The Illinois Bar Foundation is excited about the establishment of its new Lincoln Legacy Society and its wonderful potential for growth. We continue to maintain lofty expectations that our Cy Pres pursuits will eventually yield a class action residual award that will transform the Foundation forever.

We welcome our new Associate Executive Director, Lisa Corrao, who along with Executive Director Susan Lewers and Stewardship Assistant Liz Driscoll, form a dynamic IBF staff. We also could not do what we do without the assistance of ISBA staff members Robert Craghead, Douglas Barringer, Patt Rexroad, and Bridgett Burke.

As I conclude my first year as President of the Illinois Bar Foundation, there are no words sufficient to describe my excitement about the path we are on. The future of the IBF seems brighter than ever.

Kindest regards,

Vincent F. Cornelius, Wheaton

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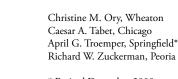
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# Charitable Giving Overview 💯

#### **GRANTS PROGRAM**

The Illinois Bar Foundation Board of Directors reviewed 91 requests from not-for-profit organizations across the state for funds to support their law-related programs. After a thorough review process, the Board awarded grants ranging from \$2,000 - \$25,000 to programs that fall within the following categories:

- Encourage and promote legal assistance to poor, elderly and disadvantaged people;
- Reduce the incidents of domestic violence;
- Make the court system more accessible and transparent to the public, especially those projects involving children;
- Reduce recidivism of juvenile and adult offenders

Thirty-two not-for-profit organizations received \$304,965 in funding during FY2009. Details about these grants are included on the pages that follow.

In addition, the Illinois Bar Foundation partnered with the Illinois State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division to increase funding for programs focused on children through the IBF/YLD Children's Assistance Fund. YLD provided grants to six additional organizations in the amount of \$23,000 through this program.

#### **SUBSISTENCE PROGRAM**

Lawyers, their spouses or their dependents, who because of age, illness or other incapacities, find themselves in financial distress may be eligible for monthly stipends to ensure that the families have adequate housing, food and basic medical care. This year, the program supported thirteen families with \$96,277 in direct support. *More information about the Subsistence Program can be found on page 15*.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The Illinois Bar Foundation participated in two joint projects with the Illinois State Bar Association. IBF produced a twelve minute video entitled "Jury Duty in Illinois" intended to help prospective jurors understand the jury selection process, as well as the different phases of a jury trial. The video replaces a 1980's vintage video by the same name, also produced by the Illinois Bar Foundation, that had become outdated.

Additionally, IBF joined the ISBA in the celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial with a \$16,000 grant to purchase 100 copies of Lincoln's Legal Papers to be distributed to libraries across the state.

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS DISTRIBUTED IN FY2009 = \$ 453,053

Grants 💯

The Illinois Bar Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$304,965 to thirty-two not-for-profit organizations throughout Illinois. The details of those grant awards follow:

#### **Apna Ghar**

**Located in Chicago** \*\* Serving Chicago

\$7,500 to support their Legal Advocacy Program. Apna Ghar provides a wide range of services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Some of these services include a 24 hour hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, transitional housing, supervised visitation and a safe exchange center, an economic empowerment program and volunteer training for women from a variety of immigrant communities. The year's grant will specifically fund their unique Legal Advocacy program, which provides a wide range of legal services to immigrant women who struggle due to language barriers and unfamiliarity with the legal system. Last year, the program served 214 clients, helping them to obtain orders of protection, court accompaniment, pro bono and low-cost legal representation, translation services and advocacy.

# CARPLS Located in Chicago ★ Serving Cook County



\$25,000 to support the hotline. CARPLS gives low-income clients direct access to attorneys who are trained to quickly assess and respond to a wide range of civil legal problems. In 2008, CARPLS served more than 41,000 clients through their hotline and four Self-Help Assistance desks. In 2009, they served more than 50,000 clients.

#### **Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

Located in Chicago \*\* Serving Cook County

\$15,000 to support the Criminal Law Program. Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic (CGLA) helps low income Chicago residents with issues in the areas of family, housing, criminal records, and criminal defense. In Illinois, criminal records – including records of arrests, cases that were dismissed, and cases in which defendants were acquitted – are public records, and post 9/11 employers are increasingly conducting background checks as part of their hiring process. Records of arrests and convictions that occurred long ago or have no relevance to one's job responsibilities prevent thousands of Illinois residents from getting and keeping jobs. CGLA is widely recognized as the statewide leader in the clearing of arrest and conviction records.

#### **CASA of Franklin County**

Located in Benton 💥 Serving Franklin County



\$2,500 to train and recruit new CASA advocates. CASA of Franklin County strives to help abused and neglected children who are victims to not become victims again in the legal system. They provide volunteers for court-based advocacy to speak up for the best interest of the children. CASA of Franklin County served 60 children last year.



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### CASA of Jefferson County Located in Mt. Vernon ※ Serving Jefferson County



\$2,000 for new advocate training. CASA of Jefferson County was established in June, 2006, to advocate for abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system by training and managing volunteers to represent those children's best interest in the court. This Foundation grant will help train CASA volunteers which will, in turn, increase the number of children they can serve.

#### **CASA of McHenry County**

Located in Woodstock **X** Serving McHenry County

\$2,000 to support general operating expenses. CASA of McHenry County provides representation to children who are victims of abuse, and acts completely in each child's best interest. They work to shorten the length of time that a child is in foster care and strives to place them into a safe, loving home.

### **Catholic Urban Programs Neighborhood Law Office**

Located in East St. Louis **X** Serving St. Clair County

\$15,000 to support its Strong Urban Neighborhoods program. The Neighborhood Law Office (NLO) works with the residents of East St. Louis to create healthy, safe and strong neighborhoods, which in turn stabilize and revitalize a decaying city. NLO teams with citizen organizations



to file lawsuits against owners of derelict structures, monitors the East St. Louis city code enforcement and demolition programs and demands accountability from city officials charged with protecting public health and safety. This year, NLO's major focus is a bond-for-deed class action on behalf of 500 residents in East St. Louis.

#### **Center for Conflict Resolution**

Located in Chicago K Serving Cook County



\$5,000 to support the GAL Mediation Program. This organization was founded to help clients resolve issues without the problems that can come with taking them to court. This Illinois Bar Foundation grant will fund their Guardian Ad Litem Mediation Program. This program conducted 69 mediations last year and is on track to mediate 110 this year.

#### **Center for Prevention of Abuse**



\$5,000 to support its Court Advocacy Program. The Advocacy Program assists victims of domestic violence in their efforts to petition the court for orders of protection. The Center for the Prevention of Abuse is the only agency in the state of Illinois to provide emergency and longer-term housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault/abuse and elder abuse. Last fiscal year, the Center assisted more than 2,100 domestic violence victims to navigate the court system.

#### **Center on Halsted**

Located in Chicago # Serving the Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area



\$5,000 to support the Legal Information Center. Center on Halsted was established in 1973 to serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. They offer a variety of services, including the legal program, Anti-Violence Project,

Community Technology Center, Mental Health Services, LGBT Information Line, Youth Program, Sexual Orientation and Gender Institute and Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgender elders (SAGE), which serve approximately 1,500 people daily. The Legal Information Center consists of the Legal Advice Clinic, offering a weekly advice clinic and providing pro bono attorney consultation an indicated; Legal Education Workshops, comprised of nine workshops on such topics as individual and couple legal agreements, family legal issues, transgender rights, LGBT violence and others; Internet-based resources; and Crisis Line/Information Line Resources. The Center currently maintains a pool of 14 volunteer attorneys. Specifically, this grant will allow the Center to develop podcasts of its legal education workshops and post those as well as relevant handouts on their website.

#### IBF GRANT SUPPORTS LEGAL ADVOCATES CONFERENCE

IBF joined the Lawyers Trust Fund and the Chicago Bar Foundation in supporting a statewide conference of legal aid advocates in November 2008 at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. The conference attracted more than 400 legal aid attorneys, paralegals, managing attorneys, pro bono coordinators and other advocacy staff from legal aid organizations across the state. The conference provided topical information about legal developments, identified emerging practice trends and provided skills training. It also gave advocates an important opportunity to interact with attorneys and paralegals from other programs.

Spearheaded by the Lawyers Trust Fund, a 12-member committee led the effort to plan individual conference sessions. Members of the committee included representatives from CARPLS, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Illinois Legal Aid Online, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Public Interest law Initiative and Prairie State Legal Services (All current IBF grant recipients).

IBF's contribution to the conference helped underwrite the travel costs for downstate program participants.



Grants, continued 💯

#### **Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois**

Located in Springfield 💥 Serving Statewide

\$8,465 to support the development of an information booklet about making courtrooms more accessible for children. The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois, established in 1995, supports children's advocacy centers around Illinois through collaboration, leadership and education.

### Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)

Located in Chicago **\*\*** Serving Cook County and downstate correctional facilities

\$8,000 to support their On-Site Services Program. CLAIM provides legal and educational services to imprisoned mothers and their children's caregivers. The On-Site Program that the Illinois Bar Foundation will be funding goes inside prisons and directly educates mothers about family law and their options. One of the more common issues that women seek advice about, for example, is where their children should be placed while they serve their time. This is a unique program that provides a large number of women with assistance they would not otherwise be provided.

### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation**

**Located in Chicago** Serving Cook County



\$15,000 to support the Chancery Court Access to Justice Program. Chancery Court judges appoint CVLS to represent and assist pro se low-income parties in mortgage foreclosures and partitions, actions to quiet title, subsidizing housing evictions and appeals of government administrative decisions. The project accepted 127 cases in 2008 and anticipates 100 new cases each year.

#### **Dove Domestic Violence Program**

**Located in Decatur** Serving Macon County

\$10,000 to support their Legal Representation Fund. Dove Domestic Violence Program is an outreach center that offers a variety of services to domestic violence victims including programs for children and parents, group and individual counseling, support groups, legal advocacy and teen and abuser services. The Legal Representation Fund will support a contractual attorney that will assist clients who do not have the means to hire an attorney for themselves.

#### **Equip for Equality**

**Located in Chicago** Serving Statewide



\$20,000 to support the Special Education Clinic. Equip for Equality is the only statewide, cross-disability, comprehensive advocacy organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services, and disability rights education while also engaging in public policy and legislative advocacy and conducting abuse investigations and other oversight activities. Their Special Education Clinic, created in 2007, is a single place for parents to obtain comprehensive information, legal advice, strategies and referrals on children's special education rights. With resources and strong pro bono interest from the private bar, the Clinic is poised to make a positive impact in the lives of students with special education needs.

#### Family Rescue

Located in Chicago \*\* Serving Chicago



\$7,500 to support its Court Advocacy Program. Family Rescue provides comprehensive support services and shelter to victims of domestic violence and encourages prevention through community activities. The Court Advocacy Program provides crisis counseling, education regarding the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, advocacy with police and judicial system personnel, court accompaniment for survivors who want to obtain an Order of Protection in civil court and/or proceed with criminal misdemeanor or felony charges. Family Rescue is the only agency in Chicago that will assist any woman walking into the courthouse seeking a civil Order of Protection.

#### **Family Shelter Service**

**Located in Wheaton** Serving DuPage County



\$5,000 to translate the tutorial for electronic Order of Protection forms into Spanish. The Family Shelter Service provides services to victims of domestic violence, such as court advocacy, counseling, shelters and access to a crisis hotline. In 2008, the Family Shelter Service assisted women with filing 1,750 Orders of Protection. This year's grant funds the translation of the tutorial for DuPage County's electronic Order of Protection forms from English to Spanish. The Family Shelter assists roughly 2,300 women and children per year.

#### **JUROR ORIENTATION PROJECT**

The Illinois Bar Foundation joined the Illinois State Bar Association in producing "Jury Duty in Illinois," an orientation video for citizens summoned to jury duty. The 12 minute video is intended to help prospective jurors understand the jury selection process, as well as the different phases of a jury trial. The video replaces a 1980's vintage video by the same name, also produced by the Illinois Bar Foundation, which had become dated in appearance.

The video is narrated by former TV anchor Joel Daly, and includes courtroom scenes provided by courtroom artist Andy Austin.

The video was filmed at the Lake County courthouse in Waukegan, Illinois. Three "judges" are featured in the video, portrayed by retired Cook County judge Edna Turkington-Viktora, retired Lake County judge Terrence Brady, and Lake County lawyer Kelly Collins.



Other Jury Duty video actors include: Robert A. Zastany, Jr., Waukegan Bernard Wysocki, Waukegan Thomas A. Else, Wheaton Jim DeSanto, Libertyville Perry S. Smith, Jr., Waukegan Mark Simmons, Waukegan

"Jury Duty in Illinois" is currently being used in 20 of the 23 circuits in Illinois.



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#### **Illinois Coalition for Equal Justice**

Located in Rockford # Serving Carroll, Hardin, Gallatin, Perry and Marion Counties

\$10,000 to support the start-up of legal self-help centers. These legal self-help centers, based in public libraries, will be user friendly areas where members of the public can obtain basic information about their legal rights and responsibilities, as well as information about court procedures. The Illinois Coalition for Equal Justice is a collaborative project developed by the Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association to address issues related to promoting equal justice around Illinois. For the past two years, the Coalition has been primarily focused on building self-help centers across the state.

#### **Illinois Equal Justice Foundation**

**Located in Chicago** \*\* Serving Statewide



\$5,000 to supports its Equal Justice Illinois Campaign. The Equal Justice Illinois Campaign is a bi-partisan effort to increase state appropriation for civil legal services for low-income persons. The funds for civil legal services help non-profit organizations across the state provide legal information, advice, mediation and representation to low-income persons. Last year, the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation distributed \$3.3 million in grants that addressed the civil legal needs of 118,000 low-income families and senior citizens.

#### **Illinois Legal Aid Online**

**Located in Chicago** \*\* Serving Statewide



\$20,000 toward the continued development of three websites: www.illinoislegalaid.org, www.illinoisprobono. org and www.illinoislegaladvocate.org. Illinois Legal Aid Online provides comprehensive, internet-based resources for legal aid advocates, pro bono lawyers and members of the public seeking legal information. In 2008, the websites were visited more than 1.5 million times. These websites are crucial resources for low-income Illinois residents seeking legal advice and for the attorneys who represent them.

Since helping to launch CARPLS in 1993, the Illinois Bar Foundation has played a pivotal role in the development of our organization over the years. The Foundation's continued support and guidance has allowed CARPLS to achieve a remarkable level of success at providing cost-effective legal services to a large volume of low-income families who would otherwise have no access to an attorney. Thanks to the Foundations support, CARPLS now serves more than 50,000 clients annually at an average cost of \$35 per case.

- Al Schwartz, Executive Director, CARPLS

### Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation

Located in East St. Louis \*\* Serving East St. Louis



\$20,000 to support their Education Advocacy Project. Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals and senior citizens in 65 counties around Illinois and five regional offices. The Education Advocacy Project, a collaboration of Land of Lincoln's East St. Louis Office and The Griffin Center, advocates for the educational rights of children in District 189 and encourages and supports parents and teachers to provide children with a valuable education and strong foundation. East St. Louis is one of the poorest cities in America with 80% of the population living in or near poverty. The East St. Louis school district has been failing its students for years. The district is on Academic Watch Status by the State and Corrective Action Status with the Federal government. According to the 2007 Illinois District Report Card, only 45.8% of East St. Louis' state test scores met or exceeded the Illinois Learning Standards, as compared to 73.8% statewide.

#### LINCOLN'S LEGAL PAPERS

The Illinois Bar Foundation partnered the Illinois State Bar Association in its celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial. Among the plans of the ISBA Special Committee on the Lincoln Bicentennial was to distribute copies of Lincoln's Legal Papers, a four volume set, to libraries in the 100 Illinois counties. IBF awarded a special \$16,000 grant to purchase the books. The research and writing of several chapters in Lincoln's Legal Papers were supported by previous IBF grants.

#### **Lawyer's Committee for Better Housing**

Located in Chicago \*\* Serving Chicago



\$7,500 to support the pro bono aspect of their "Tenants in Foreclosure" Intervention Project. The Lawyers Committee for Better Housing provides tenant education, legal advocacy and representation. Their programs serve more than 6,000 people annually, and are supported by the work of social workers and dedicated affordable housing policy efforts. This particular project proposes legal, advocacy and policy strategies to minimize the impact of the foreclosure crisis on the many Chicago families renting in foreclosed buildings and also addresses the maintenance and habitability of these multi-family buildings.

# **Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services**

Located in Chicago \*\* Serving Statewide



\$10,000 to support the Poverty Law Project's two paralegals. The Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services is the oldest legal services provider to low-income Chicago residents and the second oldest in the country. Last year, they served more than 7,000 low-income clients and also provided social services to many of those clients through their parent organization, Metropolitan Family Services.



Grants, continued 💯



\$10,000 to fund legal services in the Des Plaines office. Life Span was created in 1978 to address domestic violence issues in the north and northwest suburbs and provide victims with counseling and, as of 1990, legal services as well. The legal services that we are supporting assist victims in obtaining orders of protection and provides them with representation in family law cases.

#### **Macon County CASA**

Located in Decatur \* Serving Macon County

\$5,000 to support a public awareness campaign. Macon County CASA provides abused and/or neglected children with court-appointed volunteer advocates. This Foundation grant will assist them in promoting their services throughout Macon County, which will hopefully recruit more volunteers and increase the number of children served.

#### **Prairie State Legal Services**

Located in Rockford **\*\*** Serving Northern and Central Illinois

\$15,000 to support its Telephone Counseling Service. Prairie State Legal Services provides legal services to low-income residents in 35 counties in Northern and Central Illinois. The Telephone Counseling Service is the primary point of

access for more than applicants for legal services in their large service area. This service allows attorneys to interview callers, assess the situation, link urgent issues with staff attorneys in branch offices and provide prompt legal advice and counsel to eligible persons.

### Public Interest Law Initiative Located in Chicago \*\* Serving Statewide



\$15,000 to support its Pro Bono Initiative (PILI). PILI provides pro bono legal services to low-income clients by helping them build partnerships with pro bono attorneys, interns and Fellows. The current goal of the Pro Bono Initiative is to expand their services statewide by continuing to create partnerships between law firms, corporate law departments and legal aid programs. Although they have focused primarily on serving Chicagoland in the past, PILI has been approached by firms and corporations from outside Chicago to expand their service area.

# Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

**Located in Chicago** \*\* Serving Statewide

\$5,000 for the Safe Homes Initiative. The Shriver Center was part of an advocacy team that succeeded in passing the Safe Homes Act. The purpose of the Act is to allow a victim of domestic violence living in rental housing to break her lease early or request an emergency lock change if there is an imminent threat of domestic violence against herself



or her family. Under the Safe Homes Initiative, the Shriver Center will help educate advocates and victims of domestic violence about their rights so they can take appropriate action if needed.

#### St. Clair County CASA

Located in Belleville 

Serving St. Clair and Monroe counties

\$10,000 to support a new volunteer coordinator. St. Clair County CASA trains, supports and supervises volunteers who provide legal services to abused and/or neglected children. This new volunteer coordinator, which is required by National CASA, will recruit and train new CASA volunteers.

#### Will County Legal Assistance Program, Inc.

**Located in Joliet** Serving Will County

\$7,500 to assist with general operating expenses. The Will County Legal Assistance Program provides quality legal services to low-income and senior citizen residents of Will County through advocacy, empowerment and commitment to equal justice. They are the only provider of free legal services in Will County.

#### **Youth Becoming Leaders**

**Located in Freeport** \*\* Serving Stephenson County

\$2,000 to support the Community Works Program. Youth Becoming Leaders creates partnerships within the local organizations and businesses to reclaim the youth of Stephenson County and reduce juvenile delinquency through education, social rehabilitation, personal and professional workshops and internships.

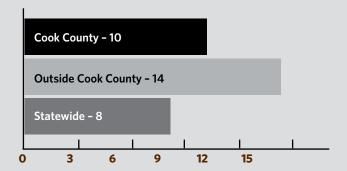
The Illinois Bar Foundation is an important reason Cabrini Green Legal Aid is able to quickly and meaningfully respond to the community's need for legal services. The IBF staff and board begin by asking grantees, "Which of your programs need our support?" That question – above all others – helps ensure direct service providers like CGLA stand ready to respond to the needs of our clients.

– Robert B. Acton, Executive Director, Cabrini Green Legal Aid

#### GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

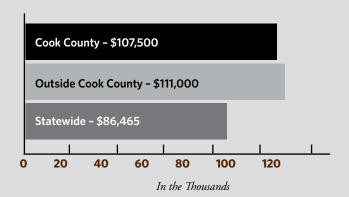
#### **Number of Grants Awarded**

**TOTAL** = 32



#### **Grant Amounts Awarded**

TOTAL = \$304,965



Average Grant Award= \$9,530



# Children's Assistance Fund Grants 💯

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ILLINOIS BAR FOUNDATION,** the ISBA Young Lawyers Division distributed \$23,000 in grants to six organizations through the Children's Assistance Fund. The IBF/YLD Children's Assistance Fund supports programs related to children and the law.

#### **Children's Waiting Rooms**

A focus of the Children's Assistance Fund is to establish and support children's waiting rooms in courthouses around the state. The waiting rooms provide a safe place for children to wait while their parents or guardians are involved in court proceedings.

- ♦ \$5,000 to support the children's waiting room in Peoria County;
- ♦ \$2,500 to support the children's waiting room in St. Clair County;
- ♦ \$5,000 to support the children's waiting room in the Bloomington Law & Justice Center

#### **Branch Family Institute, Chicago**

\$5,000 for its After the Storm program. After the Storm is a supervised visit and safe exchange program designed to assure that the child can have safe contact with the non-custodial parent without having to be put in the middle of the parents' conflicts or other problems.

#### **Special Ed Advocacy Center, Palatine**

\$500 to support its legal services program. SEAC provides free legal representation to low-income parents and guardians of children with disabilities seeking to obtain appropriate education and early intervention services for their children.

### **Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois, Springfield**

\$5,000 to support the development of an information booklet about steps to take to make courtrooms child-friendly. This grant is a joint grant with the IBF's regular grant making program.



#### GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

Snowy and blustery conditions on a Saturday morning didn't deter the ISBA Young Lawyers Division Section Council from giving a little back to the community. On February 21, 25 YLD members volunteered their time and talents to Greater Chicago Food Depository.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Cook County's food bank. It distributes more than 40 million pounds of food each year. A large portion of this food must be inspected or sorted and then packaged before it can be safely distributed through a network of 600 member agencies (food pantries, kitchens, shelters, etc.).

This year, YLD was responsible for packing Senior Emergency Packages. These packages include three to four days worth of food and supplies that are distributed to senior citizens in the Chicago area. Each package contains rice, oats, powered milk, vegetables, Jell-O and a recipe book. The group had a goal of making 1,000 packages and shattered that number by completing over 1,800.

# Subsistence Program 💯

**THIS YEAR, THE ILLINOIS BAR FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTED \$97,277 IN FINANCIAL AID** to thirteen lawyers who are unable to practice because of illness or other disability.

Through its Subsistence Program, the Illinois Bar Foundation offers non-taxable subsistence gifts in the form of monthly stipends to help eligible lawyers and their families maintain modest but reasonable standards of living. With age, illness and physical disabilities adding to other problems, retired lawyers, widows and widowers often experience the need for financial assistance to cope with living expenses and medical costs. Catastrophic illness and the related medical expenses often deplete even the most successful lawyer's savings and these significant medical bills make maintaining a reasonable standard of living nearly impossible. This Bar Foundation program steps in when there is nowhere else to turn for help.

Funds from the Warren Lupel Fund, the Ogden Brainard Trust and the James Hamilton Lewis Fund substantially support the Foundation's Subsistence Program. H. Ogden Brainard was the president of the Illinois State Bar Association from 1970-1971. Warren Lupel is a past president of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Do you know a member of the Bar who is need of financial assistance due to age or infirmity? Please call the Illinois Bar Foundation for a Subsistence Application at (312) 726-6072.



### Excepts from a letter from subsistence recipient Niccole Simmons

I wish I could individually contact each attorney who has ever contributed anything and let them know what an effect they have had on our lives. This sounds so cliché but I really don't know where me and the kids would be today without the generosity of complete strangers. I always think about how grateful I am to all of you and I always write these thank you letters in my head and thank God for you guys and then when I sit down to express it to you I find myself at such a loss for words. I honestly don't think I have the words to express how grateful I am.

. . . .

You will forever be in our hearts and me and my kids will never forget the help you have given us. Mason is only 10 but I know that she feels the same way and knows what a difference you have made for us and her goal is to become an Attorney, not only to follow in Michael's footsteps; but, also so she can contribute to the Bar Foundation.

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Mason is old enough to remember how it was when Michael was alive and our biggest concern was how we were going to do her hair or what she would wear to the next beauty pageant I put her in. But that all changed when Michael got sick. She is a very smart girl and she could feel my pain and worry. Now thanks to the help you guys have given us she can concentrate on school instead of worrying about me because I'm always worrying about money. I feel like I'm babbling but I just feel like I can't explain the peace of mind as well as stability this gift has given us. 39



# Strategic Plan 💯

#### **ADVANCING JUSTICE**

In June of 2009, the Illinois Bar Foundation approved an aggressive strategic plan meant to focus the Foundation's efforts and charitable dollars on four targeted organizational objectives. By outlining these priorities, IBF leadership is focusing its work on those issues where its expertise and other resources can make a significant difference to the justice system in Illinois.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2008, the Board engaged The Alford Group to conduct a Feasibility Study to determine the likelihood of our chances to reach the goal and the steps we need to take to reach it. The Feasibility Study, while generally reporting positive feedback from our donors and ISBA members, concluded that we were not prepared to launch such a significant campaign; or more accurately, our donors were not yet prepared to support such a significant campaign. Feedback from donors suggested that they thought positively of IBF, its Board and its staff but weren't sure what the specific "good" was that the Foundation did. To invest significantly in the Foundation, they wanted us to establish our "stake in the ground" and communicate it more effectively.

To that point, The Alford Group recommended that the Board hold a Visioning Session to determine its future direction. The first such conversation about the mission, vision and focus of the organization in at least a decade, the Board met in January with The Alford Group to discuss this direction. The Board quickly came to a consensus on the general direction of the organization highlighting four organizational objectives that are the heart of the Strategic Plan.

The Board will use this plan to focus the Foundation on a narrow set of goals and reach out to ISBA members to support the renewed energy and focus of the organization.

#### Mission of the Illinois Bar Foundation:

The mission of the Illinois Bar Foundation is to ensure meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means, and to assist lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity.

Vision of the Illinois Bar Foundation

Our Vision is to be the statewide leader in advancing justice.

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Enhance the availability of legal aid to those of limited means.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- IBF provides statewide leadership on current and emerging issues that affect clients of legal aid programs.
- ♦ IBF provides increased grants to legal aid organizations using a narrower and more strategic funding approach.
- ♦ IBF grows the number of legal aid lawyers in underserved parts of the state to increase availability of legal aid.

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Encourage pro-bono legal work.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

◆ IBF increases the number of attorneys taking pro-bono cases through recruitment and retention strategies.

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Educate Illinois residents regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- ♦ IBF encourages the production and distribution of written and web based materials on current and emerging issues for legal aid clients.
- ♦ IBF establishes partnerships with organizations to develop and promote new materials.

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Extend assistance to colleagues in need of support.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- ♦ IBF extends financial support, in the form of monthly stipends or one time lump sum payments, to Illinois lawyers who are incapacitated or their dependents.
- ♦ IBF extends support beyond financial to include additional resources, as appropriate.

A complete version of the plan is available by contacting IBF at (312) 726-6072.



# Message from the Executive Director 💯

Susan M. Lewers, Executive Director



**THIS ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTS** the Illinois Bar Foundation's governance, grant making and financial information for 2008-2009. The earlier pages of this report describe the charitable works of the Foundation. Our grants provide hope for the elderly man whose home is in foreclosure because of fraud, hope for the domestic violence victim seeking a new, violence-free life, hope for at-risk youth in trouble for the first time with the law, hope for abused children caught up in a justice system that can't always meet their needs and hope for many other families who need our help. Our subsistence program provides support to those lawyers among us who experience great hardship in their lives because of illness or disability.

The following pages describe the means by which you can support these worthwhile efforts and acknowledges the generosity of those supporters who have already made a commitment to the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Supporters have found many ways to contribute to the Illinois Bar Foundation. The Gala, our largest annual event, remains a significant source of revenue. The Fellows membership has grown by 31 members and 25 current members increased their support. ISBA members contributed through their dues statement and committee and section council members donated their expense reimbursements to us. Our Planned Giving Committee launched the Lincoln Legacy Society to recognize in their life time those individuals who have included the Foundation in their estate plans. Our Cy Pres Committee is promoting the Illinois Bar Foundation is a logical place to distribute the residual funds from class action lawsuits. More details on all of these opportunities can be found within this annual report.

On behalf of all of the Foundation's grant and subsistence recipients, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Lewers

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**Executive Director** 



# Special Events 💯







#### WARREN LUPEL FUND RECEPTION

More than 100 lawyers joined the Illinois Bar Foundation at a tented Reception at the Park Grill in Millennium Park on June 3, 2009, to support the Warren Lupel Fund, adding \$25,000 to the Fund. Donations to the Lupel Fund are used for the Illinois Bar Foundation's Subsistence Program. The Subsistence Program provides support to those lawyers or their families who are unable to support themselves due to age, infirmity or other tragedy.

IBF has seen a significant increase in requests for assistance from the Subsistence Program. In response, the Board of Directors doubled the Subsistence Program budget to provide support for the ill and disabled lawyers who seek our help. General contributions fill in the gap between the need and the restricted funds available through the Lupel Fund.

The Warren Lupel Fund was established in 2004 to recognize Warren's significant contributions to IBF as its president. The Fund was seeded with an anonymous gift from a grateful client. Hundreds of lawyers have added their support to the Fund since.



# Special Events, continued



#### **WELCOMING A NEW IBF PRESIDENT**

The Illinois Bar Foundation hosted two receptions to welcome its new president, Vincent F. Cornelius of Wheaton. Hundreds of lawyers from DuPage and Will Counties attended the receptions. Thanks to FindLaw for underwriting the DuPage County reception and the law firm of Mahoney Silverman & Cross for hosting the Will County reception at its offices.









# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Cubs and Cardinals fans came together at Busch Stadium again this year in support of the Illinois Bar Foundation. The annual match up brought out lawyers and baseball fans from across the state. Scheduling its meeting in conjunction with the event, members of the Workers Compensation Section Council dominated the crowd.



#### **LAUDING A RETIRING ISBA PRESIDENT**

The Illinois Bar Foundation welcomed lawyers from Metro East to the Four Seasons St. Louis for what was supposed to be a lovely evening on the outdoor patio. Heat and wind sent everyone inside to the beautiful lobby where IBF President Vincent F. Cornelius presented ISBA President Jack Carey a plaque thanking him for his service to the Association and Foundation.







# Gala. 2008 🎾





**HON. GINO L. DIVITO** accepted the Illinois Bar Foundation's Distinguished Award for Excellence at Gala 2008 in front of 350 leaders in the legal community on October 10. The Foundation presented Gino with its award for his leadership in the legal community and his unwavering commitment to excellence in the profession.

Gino L. DiVito is regarded as a fair and impartial jurist and exceptional lawyer. Gino served as a judge for more than 20 years. For the last eight of those years, he was a justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. He now practices with the law firm of Tabet DiVito & Rothstein LLC.

Gino is an active member of the community. Among his many endeavors, Gino co-chairs the CLEAR Commission which, after two years of deliberations, has submitted to the Illinois General Assembly significant legislative revisions to the Criminal Code as well as to the Code of Corrections, a project funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Bar Foundation. Gino is an IBF Gold Fellow.

### Excerpt from Gino DiVito's Acceptance Speech \_\_\_\_\_\_

We attorneys are a blessed group. Sometimes, we have the pleasure of representing persons and entities on joyful occasions - such as adoptions and the culmination of business dealings. But more often, we have the privilege of representing people in their bleakest and most desperate times. I am always conscious of the helplessness of our clients - whether powerful or powerless. I've represented huge corporations and powerful governmental entities, as well as powerless individuals. All - without exception - all are totally reliant on our integrity and our competence. When everyone and everything functions properly, facts and law prevail; but never underestimate the power of the lawyer – the person who frames the issues and who presents in a clear, succinct, and persuasive manner.

In a very real way, the Illinois
Bar Foundation and this Gala are
the ultimate display of attorney
commitment to what is just and
fair. It's through entities like IBF
that we attorneys give back; that we
demonstrate that we remember and
treasure our roots; that we support
the work of all our brother and sister
attorneys who dedicate their lives to
ensuring justice for the powerless.









### PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

1999 - Mayor Richard M. Daley

2000 - Gery J. Chico

2001 - Scott Turow

2002 - Mary A. Dempsey

2003 - Jerold S. Solovy

2004 - Joseph A. Power, Jr.

2005 – Hon. William R. Quinlan

2006 - Bernard M. Judge

2007 - Peer Petersen





Honoring Illinois Senate President

### JOHN J. CULLERTON

With the Foundation's **Distinguished Award for Excellence** 

Friday, October 16, 2009 Four Seasons Hotel

Co-Chairs

C. Barry Montgomery & Lorna Propes

Board Gala Chair Shawn S. Kasserman

SAVE THE DATE

**GALA 2010** 

Friday, October 15, 2010

Board Gala Chair Perry Browder



# Lincoln Legacy Society 💯

IN 2009, THE ILLINOIS BAR FOUNDATION LAUNCHED THE LINCOLN LEGACY SOCIETY exclusively to honor and recognize individuals who have agreed to support the Foundation's vision to be the statewide leader in advancing equal justice in Illinois by providing for the Foundation in his or her estate plan.

The Lincoln Legacy Society is an honorary organization of friends and benefactors of the Illinois Bar Foundation, who support its mission through estate gifts. Abraham Lincoln, the state's most famous lawyer, left an indelible mark on the Illinois legal system. So too will Lincoln Legacy Society members leave their mark on the legal system through their legacy gifts to the Illinois Bar Foundation.

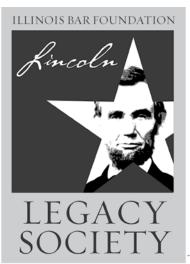


#### **Membership Benefits**

Through membership in the Lincoln Legacy Society, the Foundation extends its warm appreciation to individuals who make known their thoughtful estate gift intentions and provides the following benefits to its members.

- → Membership in a select circle of Illinois lawyers;
- ◆ Invitation to an annual Lincoln Legacy Society recognition event;
- Invitation to the Annual Lincoln Legacy Society Estate Planning Seminar for Lawyers;
- ◆ Recognition in appropriate Illinois Bar Foundation publications;
- ◆ Special nametag identification at appropriate ISBA and IBF functions

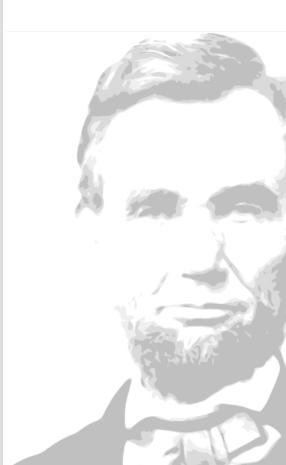
Additionally, by joining the Lincoln Legacy Society you permit the Foundation to thank you, not your executor or trustee, for your generosity and serve as an inspiration to others to make an estate gift and join the Lincoln Legacy Society.



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#### **CHARTER MEMBERS**

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#### Types of Gifts that Qualify You for Lincoln Legacy Society Membership

A lifelong dedication to the principles of our profession should not be ended at death. A bequest or other estate gift may be considered as an extension of the pro bono service obligation all lawyers recognize and embrace. Ask your self whether your family would object to, or even miss, a gift of one or two percent of your estate after your death.

1. Name the Foundation in your will or trust.

Consider the following language:

I hereby give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ (or, \_\_\_ shares of my \_\_\_\_ stock)(or, \_\_\_% of my estate) to the Illinois Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization (EIN 37-0810222) c/o Illinois Bar Center, 424 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

- 2. Name the Foundation as a beneficiary of some or all of your qualified retirement plan or IRA;
- 3. Add the Foundation as one of your beneficiaries to your life insurance;
- 4. Create a charitable gift annuity. An agreement between you and the Foundation where you make a gift to the Foundation and in return you receive guaranteed fixed-dollar payments for as long as you live.
- 5. Create a charitable remainder trust. A trust to pay, for a given period, income to a beneficiary you select, and then after that period, the remaining assets pass to the Foundation.
- 6. Create a charitable lead trust. A trust to pay, for a given period, income to the Illinois Bar Foundation with the remaining assets passing to the beneficiary you select after that period.

If you do remember the Illinois Bar Foundation in your estate plan, we ask that you notify us now so that the Foundation can thank you, not your executor or trustee, for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

#### **Testimonials**



My last goodbye to Mother Earth is an expression of love to the people and causes that mean the most to me. The Illinois Bar Foundation's efforts through its Subsistence Program made my final cut.

-James Reichardt, Villa Park



I had saved money for my family, planned and saved money for college education for my child and realized that the important things for me personally were well in hand. So, helping build a legacy for the work of the Illinois Bar Foundation was a logical extension

of planning. I know that the Foundation needs an endowment fund large enough to guaranty its perpetual benefits. I know I want to be a part of that legacy. So, I have arranged for a portion of my estate to help build this program.

-Carl Draper, Springfield



The opportunity to become members of the Lincoln Legacy Society is a thrill and honor for us. The Bar Foundation has done so much for lawyers in Illinois in the past six decades in a quiet, but effective way. We know that a part of

our legacy needs to include the Illinois Bar Foundation and we are confident that the hundreds of lawyers from all over the state will include our foundation as a part of their legacy.

-David and Janet Sosin, Orland Park



I have tried to give back to the profession that has provided my livelihood and a rewarding career, by service through Bar Association participation, CLE activities and lifetime gifts. I wanted to make a larger monetary gift than was feasible during my life, and a

specific gift from my estate to the Illinois Bar Foundation, was my best option.

-James M. Lestikow, Springfield



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(As of June 30, 2009)

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The Illinois Bar Foundation is exciting and dynamic. It is led by a group of dedicated lawyers throughout Illinois who are committed to improving justice for everyone. New programs are always being considered, and existing programs are always being evaluated. It is one of the best-run and successful nonprofit organizations in our state.

- Caesar A. Tabet, Chicago

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There is a famous quote from a Jewish sage: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?" The Bar foundation is unique in that it gives financial aid, not only to organizations and programs that are important, but, critically, and discreetly, it helps to support individual colleagues who are in need. We owe it to ourselves to support our own, as well as others, and that is why I feel the IBF is so important.

- Andrea (Andy) M. Schleifer, Chicago

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Dawn Clark Netsch received her B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Northwestern in 1948, and graduated first in her class from Northwestern University School of Law in 1952. Active in state government since 1970, she was elected to the Illinois State Senate, serving from 1972 to 1990. Netsch was elected Comptroller of Illinois and served from 1991 to 1995 and was the first woman to win a statewide Illinois office and was also the first woman to be nominated by a major political party to run for Governor of Illinois. Netsch has practiced law in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, and has been a member of the Northwestern School of Law faculty since 1965.

Dawn Clark Netsch, in her roles as an attorney, educator, author, state legislator, advocate for civil rights, state comptroller, and 1994 Democratic gubernatorial candidate, has built a reputation for outstanding public service to the people of Illinois.



An undergraduate at Southern Illinois University, Peter C. Alexander returned to the Carbondale campus 24 years later to head its law school. A 1983 graduate of the Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, he was a law clerk in U.S. District Court in Danville for two years before entering private practice in Champaign and later opening offices in Savoy and Watseka. Alexander taught for awhile at Parkland Junior College before widening his legal education scope and joining the faculty at the Dickinson School of Law in 1992. During his 11 years there, he served as associate dean.

Active for years in the Illinois State Bar Association, Alexander chaired the Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and is a member of the Committee on Legal Education, Admission and Competence, as well as the Lincoln Bicentennial Committee. Dean Alexander is a Fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation. He has encouraged faculty members to become active in ISBA committees and section councils. Through Dean Alexander's leadership, the SIU law school demonstrates a commitment to public service through clinics and pro bono work which serve critical needs within underserved segments of the community.





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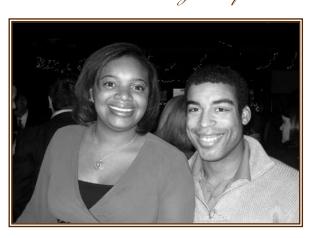
The ISBA YLD hosted five events this year to raise money for the Children's Assistance Fund. The events included YLD Annual Golf Classic, A Day at the Races, the Annual Holiday Party and the YLD Bean Bag Tournament. This year, YLD added a black tie optional Summer Soirée at the Chicago Cultural Center which honored ISBA President Jack Carey. These events raised a total of \$39,000 for children's programs.



🛰 Annual Floliday Party ᆇ



🕮 Summer Soirée 💯



🔌 A Day at the Races 唑







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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors Illinois Bar Foundation

We have audited the statements of financial position of the Illinois Bar Foundation (the Foundation), a nonprofit organization, as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended (not presented herein). These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The condensed statements of financial position as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related condensed statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2009, presented on pages 46 and 47 are presented as a summary and, therefore, do not include all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, because of the significance of the omission of the information referred to in the preceding paragraph, the condensed financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Illinois Bar Foundation as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, or the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended.

The complete set of audited financial statements, in which we expressed an unqualified opinion, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Doug Barringer at the Illinois State Bar Association, Springfield, Illinois.

Eck, Schafer & Punky LLA

Springfield, Illinois November 3, 2009



# $\label{thm:condition} Illinois \ Bar \ Foundation \\ STATEMENTS \ OF \ FINANCIAL \ POSITION + June \ 30 \\$

CURRENT ACCETS	ASSETS		2009		2008
CURRENT ASSETS  Cash and cash equivaled Investments Pledges receivable, net Due from Illinois State Accrued interest receivables Prepaid expenses	e Bar Association	\$	77,021 1,831,265 49,108 1,750 2,013 4,847 20,167 1,986,171	\$	155,090 2,311,848 77,135 53,210 2,069 5,147 12,278 2,616,777
LONG-TERM PLEDGES	RECEIVABLE, net		350,958		361,411
OGDEN BRAINARD RE	ESIDUARY TRUST		567,000		631,600
EQUIPMENT, net			2,389		4,026
Total assets		\$	2,906,518	\$	3,613,814
	LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Grants payable Deferred revenue	Total current liabilities	\$	11,116 146,732 - 157,848	\$	5,313 111,000 25,850 142,163
	NET ASSETS				
UNRESTRICTED Undesignated Designated for special	projects Total unrestricted net assets		448,883 1,130,623 1,579,506		855,619 1,338,478 2,194,097
RESTRICTED Temporarily Permanently	Total restricted net assets	_	576,177 592,987 1,169,164	_	619,967 657,587 1,277,554
	Total net assets		2,748,670		3,471,651
Total liabilities and net asse	ets	\$	2,906,518	\$	3,613,814

# Statements of Activities 🐃

## ILLINOIS BAR FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES · YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Unrestricted			Temporarily		Permanently					
	Une	designated	De	signated	Restricted		Restricted		_	Total	
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT											
Contributions											
General membership	\$	183,791	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	183,791	
Fellows		4,775		4,775		116,450		-		126,000	
Warren Lupel Fund		-		-		25,295		-		25,295	
Memorials		525		-		8,100		-		8,625	
Other		21,165		-		-		-		21,165	
Interest and dividends		55,295		-		5,643		-		60,938	
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments		16,571		-		1,691		(64,600)		(46,338)	
Realized loss on investments		(428, 321)		-		(43,707)		-		(472,028)	
Ogden Brainard Residuary Trust		-		28,668		-		-		28,668	
Young Lawyers Division		-		78,985		-		-		78,985	
Gala		326,230		-		-		-		326,230	
Receptions		23,780		-		-		-		23,780	
In-kind services		37,200		-		-		-		37,200	
Special events		18,600		-		-		-		18,600	
Other		3,235		-		-		-		3,235	
Net assets released from restrictions											
and designations											
Satisfaction of board's designations		91,648		(91,648)		-		-		-	
Release of board's designation		300,000		(300,000)		-		-		-	
Satisfaction of program restrictions		85,897	_	71,365		(157,262)					
Total revenues and other support		740,391		(207,855)		(43,790)		(64,600)		424,146	
EXPENSES											
Program services											
Grants and contributions		431,028		_		_		_		431,028	
Aid to dependent members		141,363		_		_		_		141,363	
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Total program services		572,391		-		-		-		572,391	
Management and general expenses		135,839		_		_		_		135,839	
Fundraising expenses		438,897		_		-		_		438,897	
Tundraising expenses		150,077			_					150,077	
Total expenses		1,147,127		<u>=</u>	_	<u>-</u>				1,147,127	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(406,736)		(207,855)		(43,790)		(64,600)		(722,981)	
Net assets at beginning of year		855,619		1,338,478	_	619,967		657,587		3,471,651	
Net assets at end of year	\$	448,883	<u>\$</u>	1,130,623		<u>\$ 576,177</u>	<u>\$</u>	592,987		\$2,748,670	



# Membership Application 💯

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Name						
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City	Zip	Phone				
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**Pledges may be payable over ter	ı years.**					
PAYMENT INFORMATION						
☐ My check, made payable to the	Illinois Bar Foundation, for \$_	is enclosed.				
☐ Please charge my Visa/MasterCa	ard/Discover/American Express	s \$				
Account No:		Exp. Date:				
Signature I authorize the Illinois Ba	r Foundation to annually charge my p	bledge to my credit card number listed above.				
Signature		Date				

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