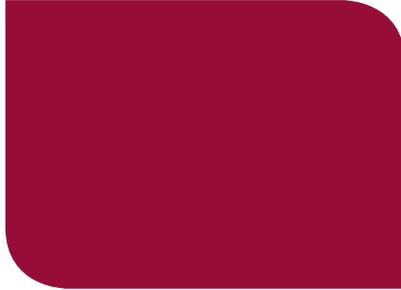




Fund for Justice and Education



Serving Justice, Helping People



Mission Statement

The ABA Fund for Justice and Education develops and provides financial resources that advance the public service and educational endeavors of the American Bar Association.

Message from the Chair

Promoting access to justice, especially for people of limited means, is central to our professional calling as lawyers. For nearly 50 years, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education has strengthened the American Bar Association's ability to improve our justice system and address the growing legal needs of our communities.

As a 501(c)(3) charitable fund, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education supports over 200 ABA public service and educational programs each year. These programs are divided among five main areas of concentration:

- Access to Justice; ■ Children & Family Rights;
- Public Education; ■ International Justice; and
- Professionalism and the Legal Profession.

This brochure allows you to explore these five main programmatic areas and discover the impact your

contributions are having in our communities. Through your support, the ABA and its members are helping to protect the elderly, represent the impoverished, advocate on behalf of youth in crisis, and defend our human rights.

Today, it is more important than ever that the American Bar Association remain dedicated to serving justice and helping people. Your gift, in any amount, will help promote new programs and expand services already in place.

Please join me in supporting the ABA Fund for Justice and Education, and help the American Bar Association and its members make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



Alan S. Kopit
Chair, Council of the ABA
Fund for Justice and Education





Access to Justice



Senior Attorneys Volunteering for the Elderly (SAVE) Commission on Law and Aging

Recently, the oldest of the nation's 78 million baby boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, entered their 60's. For senior lawyers, after spending numerous years perfecting their craft, it is not surprising that many are searching for opportunities to employ their skills during retirement.

The ABA Commission on Law and Aging, in collaboration with the AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly and the ABA Senior Lawyers Division, is tapping into these resources through a nationwide program called SAVE - Senior Attorneys Volunteering for the Elderly. The program encourages senior lawyers to create a regional network of senior attorneys wishing to volunteer their time and expertise to help low-income older persons with legal problems.

"There is now a great opportunity to enlist the services of senior volunteer attorneys," states Jan Allen May, Director of the AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly. He estimates that 40,000 lawyers a year will retire or consider significantly altering their work environment over the next several years. Through the SAVE program, the Commission is providing an outlet for retired lawyers to reinvest their legal skills back into the justice system.

Nearly thirty years ago, the ABA had the foresight to anticipate the significance of elder law and established a vehicle for exploring the complex legal issues unique to older people. Today, the Commission on Law and Aging is a leader in the areas of law and policy for older persons and provides guidance on a wide range of issues, including long-term care, elder abuse, health care decision making, and end-of-life issues.

Homeless Veterans Initiative

Commission on Homelessness and Poverty

The ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, through a partnership with the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, is helping meet the legal needs of those who have honorably served our country. For Kevin, a homeless Navy veteran, his experience with the Commission's Homeless Court Program at a Stand Down event helped him overcome his heroin addiction and resolve outstanding legal matters.

Typically set within homeless shelters, the Homeless Court Program provides a non-threatening environment for participants to resolve minor infractions that serve as barriers to treatment, housing, and employment. Instead of facing fines and incarceration, homeless individuals participate in counseling or job training.

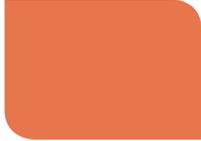
As part of its Homeless Veterans Initiative, the Commission is incorporating its Homeless Court Program into Stand Down events across the country. Stand Down is a military term signaling the removal of exhausted combat soldiers from battle to provide them with an opportunity to rest and recover. When two Vietnam veterans created a program to address the needs of homeless veterans, they appropriately adopted the name.

The Commission has helped create or enhance over fifty homeless courts nationwide. By expanding the Homeless Court Program, the Commission will provide even more opportunities for homeless veterans to receive the legal services needed to reconnect with the community.





Children and Family Rights



Permanency Barriers Project ABA Center on Children and the Law

At 18, Jennifer Rodriguez “aged out” of the foster care system and was forced to leave her group home. Facing the world with no money, no high school diploma, no job skills, and no home, Jennifer’s prospects were bleak.

Unfortunately, Jennifer’s story is not unique. Over 500,000 children and young adults live in foster care every year. Upon aging out of the system at 18, more than half will be unemployed, almost a third will experience homelessness, and one in five will be incarcerated within two years.

The ABA Center on Children and the Law developed the Permanency Barriers Project to help reduce the time children spend in foster care and aid in their transition to adulthood.

Established by the Young Lawyers Division, the ABA Center on Children and the Law addresses a broad spectrum of law and court-related topics affecting children. For more than 20 years, the Permanency Barriers Project has worked in over 30 locations across the country improving policies and procedures that enhance the legal services provided to our most precious asset.

Many children spend an average of 29 months in care at an immeasurable financial and social cost. In New York, the site of the first Permanency Barriers Project, the Center aided in reducing the time spent in foster care by 15 months and saved the state an overall \$15 million foster care dollars.

Medical-Legal Partnerships Pro Bono Support Project

ABA Center for Pro Bono

Not every illness has a biological remedy. For three-year-old Refnely, no amount of medication could prevent the pneumonia, rashes, and unexplained weight loss. Living in a vermin-infested building, Refnely's mother described to her doctor the trash piling up around her building and the mice under her daughter's crib. Knowing that Refnely's problems related to her poorly maintained housing, the doctor referred her mother to a Medical-Legal Partnership.

Medical-Legal Partnerships integrate lawyers into the healthcare setting to help patients navigate the complex legal system that often holds the solution to social determinants of health – utility shut-off protection during cold winter months or mold removal from the home of asthmatic children.

The Medical-Legal Partnerships Pro Bono Support Project, a program of the ABA Center for Pro Bono, is developing a national support center to further extend the reach of this exciting legal services delivery model. By creating an online directory listing detailed information about the medical-legal partnerships across the country, the Project has helped connect families in need to volunteer lawyers in their area.

Today, doctors and lawyers are partnered at nearly 200 hospitals and health centers nationwide, serving children, the elderly, patients with cancer, and other vulnerable populations. With an attorney advocating on Refnely's behalf, the landlord was compelled to bring the building up to code. Within no time, thanks to the improved living conditions, Refnely's health was restored.





Public Education



Law Day

Division for Public Education

Utilizing a unique, hands-on approach developed by the ABA Division for Public Education, the Lucie County Bar Association (LCBA) celebrated Law Day by educating students of St. Lucie County about the role of law in our society. Applying the imaginative curriculum crafted by the Division, the LCBA explored concepts of law and justice through an examination of J.K. Rowling's, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

Celebrated annually on May 1st, Law Day helps promote public understanding of our government and legal process. Every year, the Division produces a guide that provides planning strategies and outreach opportunities for Law Day activities. Recently, the Division created the *Dialogue* series to complement its guide and provide an additional resource for lawyers and judges interested in discussing legal principles with students and community groups.

After conducting a series of seminars, the LCBA culminated its outreach efforts with the mock trial of Rubeus Hagrid, the half-giant gamekeeper. In the case of *Hogwarts School v. Hagrid*, the plaintiff was tried for revealing the secrets of the Sorcerer's stone that led to the wrongful acts of Lord Voldemort against the Potter family. Through an examination of the laws established in Rowling's wizarding world, the students found Hagrid liable for the drunken release of his secrets, and he was fined \$5 million.

Reaching more than 25 million people each year, the ABA Division for Public Education's programs and publications are designed to inform citizens about the law and our justice system. For over 50 successful years, Law Day has been crucial in the Division's efforts to help people of all ages appreciate and understand the laws that govern our society.

AIDS Coordination Project

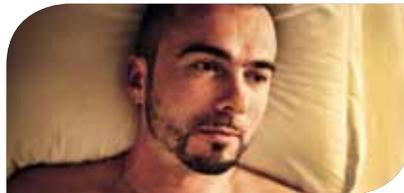
Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities

Every nine and a half minutes, someone in the United States contracts HIV. Despite the rapidly growing HIV/AIDS population, many people, including lawyers, are unfamiliar with the legal ramifications of the disease. From employment discrimination to bankruptcy, individuals living with HIV/AIDS often struggle with numerous legal issues.

Under the auspices of the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, the AIDS Coordination Project serves as a national clearinghouse for HIV/AIDS-related legal information. Through legal workshops, national conferences, and numerous publications, the Project has been instrumental in educating the public and the legal community about the unique legal issues facing those with HIV/AIDS.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued a statement recommending an immediate referral to legal services after the discovery of a person's HIV status. Never before in its history had the CDC proclaimed a need for legal services based upon the diagnosis of a disease.

As the AIDS epidemic approaches 30 years, the need for legal support will remain in high demand. Working with organizations across the country, as well as around the world, the AIDS Coordination Project continues to bridge the gap between the CDC's recommendation for legal services and the delivery of legal services to those living with HIV/AIDS.





International Justice



Rule of Law Letters

ABA Center for Human Rights

In 2009, two influential human rights activists, Oscar Kamau King'ara and John Paul Oulu, were cornered in traffic and shot dead at point-blank range. Their organization, the Oscar Foundation Free Legal Aid Clinic, had led efforts to document alleged extrajudicial killings by Kenyan police. Despite signs of police involvement in the crime, the government did not authorize an independent inquiry into the murders.

Over 30 years ago, the ABA House of Delegates authorized the President of the Association to send rule of law letters to international government leaders expressing the ABA's concerns about alleged intimidation, harassment, or abuse of lawyers, judges, and human rights advocates. Shortly after the assassination of King'ara and Oulu, then ABA President, H. Thomas Wells, Jr., sent a letter urging the Honorable Emilio Mwai Kibaki, President of

Kenya, to conduct an independent investigation into these brutal murders.

"In light of the Oscar Foundation's past allegations of police abuse, the ABA respectfully urges your government to let independent authorities conduct a thorough and impartial investigation of these crimes, and to ensure that swift and effective justice is rendered in accordance with international due process and fair trial standards," stated Wells.

The ABA Center for Human Rights, through its Rule of Law Letters project, works with ABA entities to help compile information and draft rule of law letters sent by the ABA President. Each letter reflects the ABA's independent research and analysis of the facts, and copies are sent to the U.S. Secretary of State and other relevant officials.

Latin America and the Caribbean Rule of Law Initiative

With Ecuador's political instability and level of poverty, many poor families have fallen victim to false promises of adoption for their children by well-to-do families abroad. Instead of providing their children with the opportunity for a better life, many are forced into servitude or prostitution.

Human trafficking is a serious issue in both developing and developed nations, and it is a particular concern in Latin America where compliance with United Nation protocols is far from reality. Working with the U.S. State Department Trafficking in Persons Office, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) provides legal assistance in Ecuador to help curtail human trafficking.

Until 2006, Ecuador had been a tier three country

making no significant efforts to comply with the minimum standards described in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Receiving nearly \$1 million in grant funding, ROLI helped develop a blueprint for action against a problem that affects mainly children, adolescents and women. With support from ROLI, Ecuador rose to tier two in the U.S. Department of State's annual trafficking in persons report. Countries are ranked tier one, tier two, tier two watch, and tier three.

Promoting access to justice and expanding human rights are key elements of the Rule of Law Initiative. Since its creation, ROLI has provided technical legal assistance – in collaboration with host country partners – to help draft laws, provide judicial training and establish legal services projects in more than 40 countries.





Professionalism and the Legal Profession

Women of Color Research Initiative Commission on Women in the Profession

In 1872, when Charlotte E. Ray became the first African-American woman admitted to the bar, traditional gender and racial constructs were being redefined. Today, with diversity initiatives becoming standard practice in most law firms, more than half of the associates in private law firms are women and 15% are lawyers of color.

However, these statistics fail to reveal the struggles faced by individuals grappling with both gender and racial constraints. To create a complete portrait of the career dynamics facing today's women attorneys of color, the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession launched its "Women of Color in the Legal Profession Research Initiative."

In its report, *Visible Invisibility: Women of Color in Law Firms*, the Commission showed that women

attorneys of color experienced noticeably different career paths as compared to their peers. Their findings included greater levels of salary disparity, lack of mentoring opportunities, and exclusion from networks within their firm. Based upon its findings, the Commission proposed recommendations for incorporating women of color issues into overall diversity goals, as well as developed educational materials and programs to help improve the retention and advancement of women of color in the legal profession.

For over 20 years, the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession has worked to assess the status of women in the legal profession, identify barriers to advancement, and help ensure that our legal profession reflects the society it serves.

Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP)

Section of Litigation

Sean Herring, a first generation college graduate, credits the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP) for his success as a lawyer. Interviewed and recommended to the program by ABA member John Mathias, Sean spent six weeks developing a one-on-one working relationship with U.S. District Court Judge, the Honorable Sydney I. Schenkier.

Directed by the Section of Litigation, JIOP is a summer internship that awards \$1,500 to minority and financially disadvantaged law students seeking to conduct legal research and writing for state or federal judges. JIOP provides an opportunity to increase minority participation while helping students establish a strong foundation and support system needed for a career in law.

When JIOP was first founded, only 15% of all judicial clerkships were held by minority lawyers. Today, nearly 1,000 minority and financially disadvantaged law students have served as judicial interns. Across the country, over 300 federal and state judges have participated in the program and helped make a difference in the lives of promising young scholars.

Sean believes that his experience with Judge Schenkier was invaluable, not only in allowing him to see the legal system in action, but providing him with the confidence needed to succeed in such a competitive field. In combination with his academic achievements and the recommendation he received from Judge Schenkier, Sean was invited to join Jenner & Block upon graduation from law school.





Your Gift Makes These Programs Possible

Through the generosity of our donors, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education provides the link between the ABA's commitment to public service and its ability to produce programs that improve the lives of those we are entrusted to serve.

The ABA Fund for Justice and Education maximizes the impact of every contribution received – increasing the power of your gift exponentially.

- Many FJE-funded entities partner with legal and social services programs across the country to ensure their outreach efforts have a local impact.
- The ABA's public service programs provide training and resources that educate and inspire its members, as well as other lawyers, to advocate on behalf of those in need.
- In order to support as many programs as possible, the administrative cost of the FJE represents only 1% of its operating budget.

American Bar Association's Commitment to Justice

The American Bar Association is committed to developing programs that provide lawyers with the resources needed to serve their communities. Although the ABA strives to support all of its public service endeavors, the cost of programming is increasing as the need continues to rise.

Your support of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education means that the ABA's public service efforts may be maintained at a time when our legal expertise is needed more urgently than ever.

The impact of your gift is measured by its ability to sustain ABA programs that provide crucial legal services to our most vulnerable populations.

Giving Opportunities

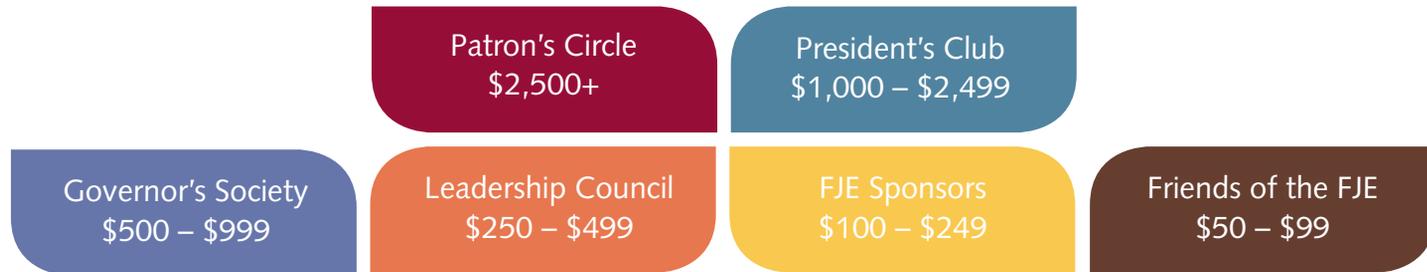
The ABA Fund for Justice and Education provides extensive opportunities for members to support ABA programs that help ensure the legal needs of all individuals – regardless of race, income, gender, or disability – are addressed.

Annual Fund

The FJE Annual Fund provides a yearly giving opportunity to help support ABA projects that ensure access to justice and improve the judicial system.

Restricted Funds

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