Promoting access to justice, especially for people of limited means, is central to our professional calling as lawyers and those passionate about the rule of law. For more than 50 years, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education has leveraged the generosity of its donors to strengthen ABA programs that do just that – provide lawyers with the resources to improve the justice system, improve their practice, and improve our communities.

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- Protect the Rights of Women, Children, Families and the Elderly
- Improve Outcomes for Military Personnel and Veterans
- Ensure Access to Counsel and Due Process for Undocumented Immigrants
- Secure Rights to Housing, Health, Safety and Financial Stability
- Expand Pro Bono or Low-Cost Legal Services to the Indigent
- Safeguard the Profession Through Ethical Practice, Training and Innovation
- Preserve Civil Liberties and Increase Understanding of Legal Rights
- Advance International Law, Policy and Justice
- Create a More Diverse and Inclusive Profession
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Mary Beth M. Clary
Partner, Porter Wright
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The ABA Fund for Justice and Education is the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the American Bar Association responsible for supporting its law-related public service and educational programs. It is our pleasure and responsibility to connect individuals and organizations with a charitable ABA program that fuels their passion for the law and helps improve our communities.

How does the ABA Fund for Justice and Education help those within my local community?

Over 200 ABA public service and educational programs are supported through the ABA Fund for Justice and Education each year. These programs provide lawyers with the training and resources needed to help address the legal needs of our communities.

In order to maximize the impact of these outreach efforts, many ABA entities partner with local legal and social services programs. Whether you wish to protect our nation’s youth, defend the rights of the elderly, or improve the judicial system, the ABA Fund for Justice and Education helps the ABA ensure equal access to justice for all individuals – rural and urban; here and around the world.

How does the ABA Fund for Justice and Education benefit ABA members?

Programs supported by the ABA Fund for Justice and Education provide extensive opportunities to ABA members seeking to expand their legal education or utilize their skills to serve their communities.

From an array of diversity initiatives working to shape the face of the legal profession to continuing legal education courses keeping lawyers informed of the latest legal developments, FJE-funded programs are helping to improve the profession and its ability to serve the public. In addition, many charitable ABA programs offer members the chance to volunteer their talents in activities that help ensure equal access to justice for all individuals.

May I designate my gift to a specific project or ABA entity?

Yes, you may designate your gift to an ABA project or entity conducting public service or educational programs. Unless otherwise designated, all contributions go toward the FJE Annual Fund, which provides unrestricted support to all of the ABA’s charitable programs.

To make a gift, please contact the ABA Fund for Justice and Education by phone at (312) 988-5954 or go online at https://donate.americanbar.org/fje.

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