

# CONNECTICUT BAR FOUNDATION

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## CBF Receives Generous Cy Pres Award

On May 22, 2015, the Connecticut Bar Foundation received \$79,760.61 from West Hartford Attorney Robert A. Izard of Izard Nobel LLP, representing residual funds from a federal class action suit.

Since the beginning of the year, the CBF has received \$81,033.90 in Cy Pres awards, which help provide legal services to low income individuals throughout the State of Connecticut.

## Looking Ahead: James W. Cooper Fellows Programs and Projects

The mission of the Connecticut Bar Foundation is to further the rule of law and assist in efforts to improve the administration of justice in Connecticut. With that mission objective in mind, the Fellows Education and Program Committee, led by Fellows Chair Bill Logue and FEPC Chair Dwight Merriam, is planning a robust calendar of events and programs. In the upcoming year, the CBF plans to hold three Symposia (See "Upcoming Events" below), produce its first ever Colloquia, and present several Roundtables in various locations around the state. Any Fellow wishing to suggest topics for Roundtables or willing to host (i.e. moderate) a Roundtable should contact Dwight at [dmerriam@rc.com](mailto:dmerriam@rc.com) or Barry Armata at [barmata@bpslawyers.com](mailto:barmata@bpslawyers.com).

Preparation for the 16th Annual Quintin Johnstone Essay Contest begins over the summer and it is anticipated that, once again, the contest will receive the support and participation of over 100 Fellows serving as judges. Plans are being made to conduct new interviews for the Oral History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession, a Fellows project founded and chaired by Judge A. Susan Peck in 1999, and to continue the "Women in Black, the Changing Face of Connecticut Judiciary" portrait project.

## Congratulations

Former CBF Treasurer, Board member, James W. Cooper Life Fellow and Charter Catherine Roraback Circle Fellow William H. Clendenen, Jr. was introduced as the next President of the Connecticut Bar Association at the CBA's Connecticut Legal Conference on June 15. His term officially begins on July 1st. Congratulations, Bill!

## Staff Making On-Site Visits to Legal Service Providers

In early June, CBF Executive Director Don Philips and Assistant Director Liz Drummond began visiting the Legal Service Providers (LSPs), meeting with executive directors and staff and touring their offices. On-site visits to each of the LSPs will conclude in late July.

The meetings have focused on the services and programs offered by each of the organizations, how CBF funding impacts their work and ability to serve their clients, the relationship between the LSPs and the CBF, and the grantmaking process.

The ultimate goals of these visits are to gather feedback on its grant making process and to improve and strengthen communications between the CBF and the LSPs.

## Building a Foundation for the Future

## FOUNDATION BRIEFS

### Bank of America Settlement

In May, 2015, the Connecticut Bar Foundation received a check in the amount of \$341,085 representing its share of the proceeds of the Bank of America (BoA) settlement of claims relating to the bank's involvement in residential mortgage-backed securities.

The agreement restricts the use of settlement proceeds to "foreclosure related legal assistance" and "community redevelopment legal services." The agreement further provides that IOLTA may not use any of the settlement funds for its own expenses related to the administration of the funds.

Proposals from grantees for use of BoA funds will be requested soon.

### JBGIA Grants

The deadline for submitting the Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid Applications is Friday, July 18.

Contact Liz Drummond at 860-722-2494 if you have any questions.

### Upcoming Events

Mentoring Symposium: Fall 2015  
Diversity Symposium: Spring 2016  
LGBTQ Symposium Spring: 2016

*(Dates and locations TBA)*

### Submissions to Newsletter

If you have good news that you'd like to share with the CBF community, please send your submission limited to 150 words to Don Philips at [don@cbf-1.org](mailto:don@cbf-1.org). Thank you!