



Congratulations to New Fellows

The **James W. Cooper Fellows Program** began in 1994 and continues to steadily grow largely due to the hard work of the Fellows Nominating Committee and individual Fellows who nominate potential new members every year. On November 18, 2015, the CBF Board of Directors unanimously approved the Nominating Committee's recommendations and invitations were sent to new Fellows class. Congratulations to all who have accepted their invitations to become Fellows!

James W. Cooper Fellows Programs

On **Thursday, February 18, 2016**, the CBF James W. Cooper Fellows and the Connecticut Bar Association's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion are co-sponsoring the **Roundtable, "Immigration post-Paris and post-San Bernardino, and its Impact on Diversity and Inclusion in Connecticut Society,"** at Eli's on Whitney in Hamden beginning at 6:00 p.m. The evening's discussion will be facilitated by South Windsor Mayor Saud Anwar, Yale Law School Associate Dean Asha Rangappa, and Attorney Norman Pattis. Co-hosting and serving as moderators for the event are Attorneys Allen Gary Palmer and David V. DeRosa. Seating is limited. Please contact the CBF at 860-722-2494 or at ctbf@cbf-1.org to register for this event.

The Fellows are co-presenting with the University of Connecticut School of Law *Connecticut Interest Public Law Journal* an insightful and topical symposium, "**LGBTQ Youth Issues and the Law,**" on **Friday, March 4, 2016**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Speakers include award winning and internationally acclaimed artist, educator and author, Kim Milan, and writer, journalist media advocate, and leading voice for transgender equality, Tiq Milan. The University of Connecticut School of Law is hosting the event in the Starr Reading Room. To register or obtain additional information about the symposium, please visit our website at www.ctbarfdn.org.

The Fellows **Pro Bono Colloquium** is scheduled for **April 19, 2016**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Quinnipiac School of Law. This is an invitation-only colloquium aimed at gathering people with the capacity to identify problems and opportunities, and to design a forward-looking blueprint to improve delivery of pro bono services to low-income people. Approximately 30 key stakeholders will gather to discuss and recommend strategies to determine which pro bono opportunities will deliver the most impact for low-income people, encourage the greatest number of lawyer participants, and encourage the greatest depth of pro bono service. The ultimate goal is to generate an effective action plan to implement the strategies developed at the colloquium.

The **Diversity Symposium**, which the Fellows are co-sponsoring with the CBA, is tentatively scheduled for Friday, **April 29, 2016**, at the CBA Law Center in New Britain. Additional information about the program will be forthcoming soon.

Update on Fellows and Foundation Projects

Ann Rubin of Carmody, Torrance, Sandak, Hennessey will be joining the Hon. A. Susan Peck in co-chairing the **History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession** project. The Carmody firm will also play a leadership role and has committed to providing \$20,000 over the next several years to support the project. The immediate goals include confirming the full membership of the project committee and convening a meeting to develop a work plan for achieving fundraising goals, scheduling interviews, and adding new portraits to the "Women in Black, the Changing Face of Connecticut Judiciary" collection.

The deadline for student submissions for the sixteenth **Quintin Johnstone High School Essay Contest** is February 26, 2016. Judging will begin in early March. As in past years, we anticipate significant and enthusiastic participation by many Fellows in the judging process.

Foundation Briefs

SAVE THE DATE CBF Reception and James W. Cooper Fellows Annual Meeting

May 3, 2016
New Haven Lawn Club
6:00 p.m.

**Featuring
Keynote Address Speaker
Connecticut Supreme
Court Justice
Andrew J. McDonald**

Upcoming Events Roundtable

Eli's on Whitney, Hamden
February 18, 2016

LGBTQ Symposium
University of Connecticut
School of Law
March 4, 2016

Pro Bono Colloquium
Quinnipiac University
School of Law
April 19, 2016

Diversity Symposium
Connecticut Bar Association
April 29, 2016

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors
Annual Meeting
March 17, 2016
Quinnipiac Club, New Haven
6:00 p.m.



Incoming and Outgoing Foundation Board of Directors

At its November 18, 2015 meeting, the Connecticut Bar Foundation (CBF) Board of Directors filled the vacancy created by **Norm Janes'** resignation by unanimously voting to approve **Krista Hess**, Program Manager, Court Operations Civil Unit, Connecticut Judicial Branch for the remainder of his term. In addition to Norm's departure, Directors **Joe D'Alesio** and **Fred Ury** are finishing their third three-year term in February 2016. On January 28, 2016, the Board voted to approve the nominations of Attorneys **Franklin Perry** and **Pat Kaplan** and further voted to re-nominate **Andrea Barton Reeves**, **James Sicilian** and **Asker Saeed** for another three year term. The Connecticut Bar Association Board of Governors meets on February 22, 2016, and is expected to consider and act on the slate of CBF Board nominees in accordance with the by-laws of the CBF.



Krista Hess



Franklin Perry



Pat Kaplan

2016 Connecticut Bar Foundation IOLTA and Court Fees Grants-In-Aid Awards

Grantee	Approved IOLTA Grants	Approved CFGIA Grants (projected)	Combined Grants
Connecticut Legal Services	\$ 1,145,069	\$ 5,624,641	\$ 6,769,710
Greater Hartford Legal Aid	\$ 456,483	\$ 2,242,266	\$ 2,698,749
New Haven Legal Assistance	\$ 358,119	\$ 1,759,097	\$ 2,117,216
CT Legal Rights Project	\$ 82,712	\$ 406,288	\$ 489,000
Center for Children's Advocacy	\$ 57,510	\$ 282,490	\$ 340,000
Statewide Legal Services CT	\$ 36,754	\$ 180,539	\$ 217,293
Children's Law Center	\$ 27,909	\$ 137,091	\$ 165,000
CT Fair Housing Center	\$ 16,915	\$ 83,085	\$ 100,000
Lawyers for Children America	\$ 6,766	\$ 33,234	\$ 40,000
CT Veterans Legal Center	\$ 3,721	\$ 18,279	\$ 22,000
Technology Grant	\$ 113,353		\$ 113,353
Scholarships	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000
Total	\$ 2,335,311	\$ 10,767,010	\$ 13,102,321

IOLTA Rates to Rise Soon?

On December 16, 2015, the Federal Reserve did something it hadn't done since 2006: it **raised the Federal Funds Rate** (FFR), albeit by a modest .25%. The FFR, which had been set at 0 to .25% for over seven years, impacts the interest rates paid by banks on a variety of accounts, including IOLTA. The Foundation and civil legal aid providers are hopeful that the increase in the FFR will result in higher IOLTA revenues, reversing the severe declines in IOLTA revenue over the past seven years.



Mentoring Symposium, November 13, 2015



The Fellows “**Mentoring of New Lawyers; Challenges, Rewards and Best Practices**” symposium was held on Friday, November 13, 2015, in Hartford at the Legislative Office Building. Speakers and panelists included directors of statewide lawyer mentoring initiatives in Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, and South Carolina, and Connecticut bar leaders and mentoring program graduates. The symposium delivered a stimulating discussion concerning the need to help newly admitted attorneys transition from studying the law to practicing it and as further stimulus for continuing Connecticut’s efforts to advance its existing programs.

“Those of us who have been working to expand Connecticut’s mentoring program came away reinvigorated by the comments and insights provided by our visiting experts from out-of-state and by those lawyers who graduated from our mentoring program,” said Symposium Chair Louis R. Pepe. “We are inspired to continue our efforts.”

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