AIDS Legal Network for Connecticut (ALN)/Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Inc., (GHLA)

Ms. C is a young mother with AIDS. In order to qualify for cash assistance for her family, she had to be employed. All her attempts to work resulted in termination because her illness and medications interfered with the quality of her work. GHLA persuaded the state to exempt her from the work requirement. GHLA also won Ms. C's appeal for disability benefits thereby further increasing her income.

IOLTA LEADERSHIP BANKS
(as of June 2011)

During this time of historically low interest rates, these banks have volunteered to pay a net yield that is higher than the yield they are required to pay on IOLTA. The Connecticut Bar Foundation was proud to honor the Platinum and Leadership Banks for helping to provide legal services for low-income households in crisis throughout Connecticut at the Foundation’s Annual Reception.

Platinum Leadership Bank
• Rockville Bank

Leadership Banks
• The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company
• First Niagara Bank, N.A.
• Hudson Valley Bank, N.A.
• Salisbury Bank & Trust Company
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• TD Bank, N.A.
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• Washington Trust Company
• Webster Bank, N.A.

We urge you to choose a Platinum or Leadership Bank to improve access to justice in Connecticut.
### Grants

**Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid (JBGIA), Court Fees Grants-in-Aid (CFGIA)**

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<th>Legal Services Providers</th>
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<td>provides intake for low-income people and offers self help, brief service, and referrals to the other legal services in the state.</td>
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### Technology Grant

The Connecticut Network for Legal Aid, a group of IOLTA grantees, developed www.ctlawhelp.org. This web site, funded by the Connecticut Bar Found-

> “We are very grateful for the IOLTA Scholarships. Over the years, they have allowed us to make need-based grants to deserving Connecticut residents, helping them manage the financial challenges involved in completing a legal education. The IOLTA Scholarship Program has helped us meet our continuing goal of educating and graduating students who will become leaders within the Connecticut and regional legal communities.”

**Dean Brad Saxton**
**Quinnipiac University School of Law**

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**Law School Scholarships**

Quinnipiac University School of Law, the University of Connecticut School of Law, and Yale Law School each received $10,000 from the Connecticut Bar Foundation’s IOLTA Law School Scholarship Program.

**Cy Pres Acknowledgement**

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges a $23,889.18 cy pres distribution from the class action settlement of In re UCAR International Inc., Securities Litigation, Case No. 3:98-CV-0600-JBA (D. Conn.). The Foundation extends its special thanks to United States District Judge Janet Bond Arterton, who approved the cy pres award.
**James W. Cooper Fellows Activities**

**Law and Technology Symposium**

The Law and Technology Symposium, Flash Forward or Lost: How Technology is Changing the Practice of Law, and What’s Next, was held at the University of Connecticut School of Law on April 9, 2010. Practicing lawyers, bloggers, and legal technology and social media experts discussed how technology is changing the practice of law. Subject areas included the restructuring of attorney/client relationships based on technology, a generational approach to technology use, the impact of social media and social networking on the practice of law, and ethical considerations in the use of technology. The symposium was webcast simultaneously.

![Photo of Jeremy Paul, Dean, University of Connecticut School of Law, at the Law and Technology Symposium](image1)

**Participants**

Robert J. Ambrogi, Dean, University of Connecticut School of Law

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Joseph D. D’Alesio, Connecticut Judicial Branch

Sharon Wicks Dornfeld, Attorney and Counselor at Law

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Jane Moriarty, Professor, Akron Law School

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**Oral History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession Project**

Thirty-two women have been interviewed since the inception of the Oral History Project in 1999. Karyl Evans, a documentary filmmaker, has created 8 short video clips to be streamed on the internet.

**Truancy Intervention Project**

The goal of the Truancy Intervention Project is to keep middle school-aged children in school through the intervention of attorney volunteers who serve as advocates and role models for the children. The Project is funded primarily through grants from the American Savings Foundation and Newman’s Own Foundation with supplemental support from the Connecticut Bar Foundation and the New Haven County Bar Foundation. Additional support for the Project has been provided by Connecticut Legal Services, New Haven Legal Assistance, The Children’s Law Center, and the Connecticut Bar Association. Between the Project’s inception in 2006 and the close of 2010, sixty-three children were enrolled and thirty-nine attorneys served as volunteers. Average monthly student absences decreased by 65%. The Project is currently operating in the New Haven and New Britain school systems.

**Committee Members**

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Howard Klebanoff

**Mentoring Program**

The New Haven County Bar Association Mentoring Committee paired twenty-one seasoned attorneys with twenty-one new lawyers for a one year program. The new admittees were mentored and counseled on the many issues and challenges confronting lawyers during their first year in the profession.
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Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium

The John A. Speziale Symposium, Achieving the Goals of Criminal Justice: A Role for Mediation? was held at Quinnipiac University School of Law on October 15, 2010. Presentation areas included the use of mediation services in adult criminal courts, juvenile courts, schools and communities; restorative justice programs in Connecticut and Maryland; and the use of mediation to address prisoner re-entry issues. The symposium drew attendees from a variety of fields ranging from judges, prosecutors and public defenders, to prisoners rights representatives, probation and parole staff.

Participants

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, Dispute Settlement Center
Deborah D. Barrows, Senior Court Liaison/Case Manager, Hartford Area Mediation Program
Maura Brennan, Juvenile Probation Supervisor, Superior Court for Juvenile Matters, Bridgeport
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Mark R. Soboslai, Law Offices of Mark R. Soboslai
David J. Strollo, Supervisory Assistant State’s Attorney, Judicial District of New Haven

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Hon. Jorge Simon with Deborah Barrows

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Trumbull High School

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Law, Quinnipiac University

Associate Professor of

Judicial Branch

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Steven Eppler-Epstein

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CONNECTICUT BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
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December 31, 2010

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| Liabilities and Net Assets | |
| Current liabilities | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | $56,931 |
| Net assets | |
| Unrestricted | 1,089,544 |
| Temporarily restricted | 5,920,851 |
| Total net assets | 7,010,395 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | $7,067,326 |

Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

Revenue and Support

| Contributions | $124,324 |
| Realized and unrealized gain on investments, net | 80,302 |
| Interest and dividends | 32,011 |
| Other income | 10,570 |
| Total revenue and support | 247,207 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 14,692,934 |
| Total revenue | 14,940,141 |

Expenses

| General and administrative | 597,474 |
| Grants and programs | 14,186,300 |
| Total expenses | 14,783,774 |
| Change in unrestricted net assets | 156,367 |

Unrestricted Net Assets, beginning of year | $933,177 |

Unrestricted Net Assets, end of year | $1,089,544 |

Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Revenue and Support

| Court Fees Grants-in-Aid | $8,974,945 |
| IOLTA income | 3,915,802 |
| Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid | 1,250,000 |
| Interest and dividends | 277,102 |
| Pledged contributions, Fellows program | 85,982 |
| General Foundation - Speciale fund | 4,120 |
| Realized and unrealized gain on investments, net | 3,395 |
| Total revenue and support | 14,511,346 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | (14,692,934) |
| Change in temporarily restricted net assets | (181,588) |

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets, beginning of year | 5,914,020 |

Adjustment to record unconditional promise to give | 188,419 |

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets, beginning of year, as adjusted | 6,102,439 |

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets, end of year | $5,920,851 |

Change in net assets | $25,221 |

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When Justin, Josh, and Julian first came to the attention of CLC, their parents were in the midst of a difficult divorce, and the welfare of the boys was in danger, including claims of abuse. DCF became involved as the parents divorced. The case was reopened several times, and a CLC attorney advocated for the boys. All 3 boys are now thriving and appear to have healthy relationships with each other and their father.

High School Essay Contest

The 2009-2010 statewide high school essay contest topic, “The Trouble with Texting,” dealt with the issue of “sexting” by high school students. The contest generated participation by forty-six schools. Over ninety Fellows judged the sixty-eight entries. The winner received a $3,000 savings bond and the two runners-up received $1,500 savings bonds for educational use.

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Fellows Activities - Essay Contest


Fellows Activities - Annual Reception

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Report of President Timothy S. Fisher and Executive Director Sandy Klebanoff

We are pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. It was a year of great challenges, but also one of great achievements, in which we expanded our programs and built bases for future strength, all while enduring great pressures on our principal funding streams.

We saw historic lows hit our traditional mainstay of legal service funding, Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts (IOLTA), which dipped below $4 million just a few years after we had revenues over $20 million. The reduction was offset in part through over $8 million from Court Fees Grants-in-Aid (CFGIA), and $1.5 million from Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid (JBGIA). The net result was that our legal services grantees struggled to adjust to the lower grant levels of recent years, reducing expenditures by staff attrition, unpaid staff days, and other sacrifices. The terrible irony is that these legal aid organizations have been forced to reduce services just as poor peoples’ need for services has increased due to the economic downturn.

At the same time that we have been grappling with reduced IOLTA funds, we have been laying the foundation for a stronger revenue stream, through such sources as Interest on Trust Accounts paid from non-lawyers’ accounts. We have also worked with our grantees on new service delivery paradigms such as the Legal Aid Network’s website, www.ctlawhelp.org.

Meanwhile, we are building stronger relations with Connecticut’s network of legal service providers and other stakeholders, including the Connecticut Bar Association, bankers, and the state’s Judicial, Executive and Legislative Branches. These efforts helped further our mission directly, while widening outreach and our future ability to build coalitions to achieve our goal of more meaningful access to justice for all the people of Connecticut.

Our thanks go to the 787 James W. Cooper Fellows who embody and support the Foundation’s mission, and especially to the 31 members of the Fellows and Education Program Committee (FEP). The leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication of Fellows Chair Brad Saxton, and FEP Chair Bill Logue are an inspiration to all.

The number of people who volunteered their time on Foundation activities was at an all-time high. Over 180 individuals, including our Board of Directors, participated in our programs, and over 100 Fellows spent many hours developing and implementing six outstanding programs. Special thanks go to Peter Arakas, Livia Barndollar, Andrea Barton Reeves, Hon. Anne Dranginis, Lou Pepe, Charlie Pillsbury, and Dan Schwartz for serving as chairs of these activities, and to the numerous participants who made these programs so successful. And, we thank the University of Connecticut School of Law and the Quinnipiac University School of Law for hosting our programs.

We express our gratitude to all Board members for their continuing enthusiasm and dedication. We thank Rosemary Giuliano, Pat McCoy, and Ted See for their service on the Board, and we look forward to working with new Board members Andrea Barton Reeves, Don Liu, and Jim Siciliano. We also thank Chief Justice Chase Rogers and the Judicial Branch and the leadership of the Connecticut Bar Association for their vital support of the Foundation and legal services for low income people. And finally, we convey our sincere appreciation to the outstanding Foundation staff for their tireless efforts, valuable contributions, and dedication during this period of increased activity.