



Over the last three years, the ever-changing landscape of public service has presented the ACBF with new opportunities for innovative programs that make an impact. It's only fitting that this spring, we're unveiling a newly refreshed identity that reflects our growing programs and position as the heart of Pittsburgh's Legal Community. And, with the help of our donors, volunteers, and supporters, we can continue to be the driving force in promoting justice for all in our community. Thank you!

– Keith Whitson, President, ACBF

2022 Fall Foundation Reception



Attorneys from Neighborhood Legal Services joined to share about the impact of the grant they received from the ACBF in 2022.

The Fall Foundation Reception celebrated the work of the ACBF over 2021-2022 on October 19, 2022 at LeMont Pittsburgh. Supporters of the Foundation gathered to recognize the success of various campaigns and programs, including honoring the recipients of the 2022 Pro Bono Achievement Awards and the induction of the Fellows GIVE Class of 2022 – the inaugural cohort of the redesigned Fellows GIVE program. Representatives from two 2022 Legal Aid Grant recipients, 1Hood Media and Neighborhood Legal Services, joined to share about the success and impact of their projects thanks to funding and support from the ACBF.



ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

The heart of Pittsburgh's Legal Community

We have a new look! Allow us to reintroduce ourselves – the ACBF is rolling out our new logo, with a fresh focus on our mission to be a driving force in promoting justice for all and to improve the community through public service. The new branding is rooted in the Foundation's commitment to being the heart of Pittsburgh's Legal Community, the vision that has made our programs what they are today. Our new identity embodies a renewed sense of purpose and marks another major milestone in the evolution of the ACBF as we continue to take forward-looking approaches to serving the community. Coming soon, we are excited to share our newly redesigned website – keep an eye out for updates!

Donate! Gifts of any size are important.

Visit www.acbf.org/Giving-Options for great ideas on how you can support the Foundation.

Questions? Contact Associate Executive Director Lorrie Albert, Esq. at 412-402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Attorneys Against Hunger Helps Serve Meals and Feed Hope



Attorneys Against Hunger continues to meet a critical need in the lives of our neighbors. With the continued support of our Bar and ACBF family, we are well on

our way to meeting our goal! As of March 9, 2023, we have raised \$91,000 and have unlocked the \$15,000 challenge grant. Because of our generous sponsors and challenge grant donors, 100% of our proceeds will support 18 local hunger agencies and food pantries. For the first time since 2019, we were able to host outreach events for volunteers from the ACBA to provide direct assistance to grantee agencies across Allegheny County. Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and sponsors for another successful Attorneys Against Hunger campaign!

The volunteers have been very helpful for work that is just too chaotic to get done while the pantry is holding open hours. Our regular volunteers are totally occupied with clients during client hours, and it's tough to find time for some tasks! In addition to sorting the food delivery, volunteers made snack bags for kids who would get school lunches on weekdays but whose parents might struggle to have food in the middle of the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

– Kate Sweeney, Food Pantry Coordinator, JFCS



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Inaugural Fellows GIVE Pitch Event Forged New Connections



The Fellows GIVE and Grantmaking Committees hosted the inaugural Pitch Event on November 30, 2022 at Olive or Twist in Downtown Pittsburgh to select the recipients of the 2023 Fellows GIVE Legal Aid Grants.

Fellows heard pitches from 10 applicant organizations and cast votes for the six programs that they wanted to see receive a grant. This event gave the Foundation's Fellows an exciting opportunity to select legal aid initiatives to fund and the ability to connect directly with legal aid organizations impacting our community.

Fellows voted for the following agencies to receive grants in the amount of \$10,000 in 2023:



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COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT



**Women's Center & Shelter
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Fellows GIVE Class of 2022

Young Lawyer Fellows

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Storytelling Happy Hour



On November 2, 2022, the Pro Bono Center hosted the first-ever Storytelling Happy Hour at Kingfly Spirits as a part of the 2022 National Celebration of Pro Bono. Members of the Pittsburgh Legal Community gathered for this "story slam" to share the joys, challenges, and all-around unforgettable experiences of life as a lawyer. Proceeds and donations from the event supported the Pro Bono Center – thank you to all of our storytellers and guests for joining us!

Pro Bono Award Winners



2022 Pro Bono Achievement Awardees (from left: Jeffrey Weimer, Esq. representing Reed Smith, LLP; Betty A. Dillon, Esq.; Jeffrey Braun, Esq.; Robert Crisanti, Esq.; Barbara Griffin, Esq. Not pictured: Edward Stokan, Esq.)

Volunteers and legal aid professionals are essential to meeting the needs of individuals and families who cannot possibly afford an attorney. During Pro Bono Month 2022 we recognized those who have made substantial contributions to the delivery of free legal services in Allegheny County. **Thank you!**

Jeffrey Braun, Esq.

Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award

Robert Crisanti, Esq.

Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award

Betty A. Dillon, Esq.

Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award

Reed Smith LLP

Law Firm Award

Edward Stokan, Esq.

Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award



Reed Smith, LLP was presented with the 2022 Pro Bono Law Firm Award.

Public Service Committee Takes On a New Name

With the approval of the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees, the ACBA/ACBF Public Service Committee has changed its name to the **Access to Justice Committee**. This change was made to eliminate confusion and distinguish its mission from the newly formed ACBA Community Service Committee. The Access to Justice Committee will continue to work on issues related to strengthening equal justice to our community. For more information about this committee, please contact Barbara Griffin at bgriffin@acba.org.

Pro Bono Opportunities CLE and Reception – April 18, 4 p.m.

Pro Bono and Ethics

Tuesday, April 18 | 4 p.m.
Koppers Building

Want to put your legal knowledge to use helping those in need? This program will highlight pro bono opportunities in Allegheny County.

Networking reception, featuring representatives from pro bono organizations, to follow.

Visit ACBA.org/calendar for more.

	Lawrence Castner Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council
	Barbara Griffin ACBF Pro Bono Center
	Judy Hale Neighborhood Legal Services
	Katie Kenyon Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP
	Kathryn McKee Pennsylvania Health Law Project

The ACBA/ACBF Access to Justice Committee will join the ACBA Women in the Law Division and the ACBA Arts and the Law Committee to present a CLE on the importance of pro bono legal services and how volunteers can get involved. Attendees will be able to network with legal aid and pro bono organizations at a reception immediately following the CLE. Register on the ACBA's website at ACBA.org/calendar.

2023 SAVE THE DATES

- 29th Golf/9th Bocce Annual Tournament – Diamond Run Golf Club – Monday, July 24
- Fall Foundation Reception – TBA – September
- Fellows GIVE Pitch Event – TBA – October