

Allegheny County Bar Foundation

Balancing the scales of justice through education, philanthropy, and community service



Balancing justice...

in our community.

Foundation Focus

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New Grants Awarded for 2011



The ACBF Board is pleased to announce that the Fellows Grants Program awarded over \$23,000 to the following six local organizations: **Mental Health America Legal Services; KidsVoice; Neighborhood Legal Services Association; Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force; Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh; and, Women's**

Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. All grants will promote pro bono services by supporting initiatives that provide legal services and education to residents of our community who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

Gearing-up for the 18th Annual Attorneys Against Hunger Campaign



Last year, the Attorneys Against Hunger campaign was wildly successful, raising over \$111,000 for 14 hunger service agencies in Allegheny County. Over the past 17 years, the campaign has raised \$935,000 and this year our goal is to pass the \$1,000,000 mark. The campaign begins in November 2010 and runs through February 2011. We look forward to announcing a brand new sponsor this year.

ACBA Golf Tournament a success for ACBF & NLSA



18th Annual ACBA Golf Tournament

Monday, July 26, 2010 - The Club at Nevillewood

Proceeds Benefit: Allegheny County Bar Foundation & Neighborhood Legal Services Association

The ACBA Golf Tournament held on July 26, 2010 at The Club at Nevillewood raised over \$41,000 for the ACBF & Neighborhood Legal Services Association. Thanks to the hard work of the ACBF Golf Committee, we had a number of new sponsors this year, helping to make this tournament a continuing success. The Golf Scotland Trip of a Lifetime Raffle was won by Attorney Elizabeth Bailey. The silent auction which offered a variety of new items including sports memorabilia was conducted on-line before the tournament and continued to attract bids at the event. This allowed those who did not attend the event to participate as absentee bidders. The raffle and silent auction together raised over \$9,000 for the tournament.

ACBF distributes \$37,250 in educational awards

Over \$37,250 in loans & scholarships were awarded to deserving law school and high school students. The Named-Funds administered by the foundation require each student to meet criteria depending on the fund's purpose. A special thanks to the Loans & Scholarships Committee for all the hard work they put into selecting the winners. To read more about the various funds, please visit www.acbf.org.

Public Interest Law Fellowship Program (PILFP) awards stipends to help public service attorneys for the second year

The PILFP Committee recently awarded stipends ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,500 to 25 Public Service Attorneys who have shown exemplary performance and commitment in their fields of law, as well as demonstrated financial need. The PILFP was launched in 2009 through a generous grant from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development in an effort to financially assist committed public service attorneys to enable them to stay in their chosen field of practice. Many of these attorneys are quite passionate about their work and the stipends make it a little easier for them to remain in public service.

Environmental Law Section establishes Named-Fund for scholarship



The ACBA Environmental Law Section hosted a river cruise fundraiser on June 10, 2010 aboard the River Quest Explorer (the “Green Boat”) to raise funds for the newly established ACBF Environmental Law Section Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide annual scholarships to deserving law students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Duquesne University School of Law, who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in environmental law and meet other criteria set forth by the Section. The Section believes the scholarships will play an important role in getting law students involved in environmental law early in their careers and will help maintain interest in the environmental field.

Public Service Committee provides 1,100 backpacks to local students



The Public Service Committee’s Backpack Project recently provided new backpacks filled with school supplies to 1,100 Allegheny County students. The Backpack Project, now in its fourth year of operation, distributed a record number of backpacks, up from 700 last year. Much credit goes to Attorney Jonathan McAnney, who spearheaded the project, and the many individuals, law firms, and other businesses that helped make this year’s project so successful.

ZITTRAIN *forums* The ACBF is in the initial planning stages of our Second Zittrain Forum. The Inaugural Zittrain Forum on Law & Public Policy held on October 14, 2008 featured a lively debate between nationally recognized political commentators Peter Beinart and Jonah Goldberg on issues affecting voters in the 2008 presidential election. We hope to have an exciting new program set for Spring 2011. More details will be announced soon.

Pro Bono by the numbers (for 2009):



Fast Facts:

- 9,257 - Number of individuals/organizations served
- 6,582 - Number served with direct case services
- 977 - Total volunteers (including attorneys, paralegals, law students, other)
- 843 - Volunteer attorneys
- 596 - Individuals assisted directly by Pro Bono Coordinator
- 30 - Pro Bono Center members and projects
- 10 - Trainings held

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- “Introduction to Deportation Defense”—Oct. 8, 2010
- “Legal Issues for the Community Clinic Volunteer”—Fall 2010
- “Preparing Wills for Low-Income Seniors”—Fall 2010
- “Helping Domestic Violence Victims Obtain Protection Orders”—Winter 2011

Welcome New Fellows

Congratulations to the following members of the Fellow Class of 2010

Anonymous	Christine Gale
Eric N. Anderson	Cathy R. Gordon
Judith Anderson	Harry J. Gruener
Sean Patrick Audley	J. Alexander Hershey
Dana L. Bacsi	Mark J. Homyak
Kent E. Baldauf, Sr.	Richard P. Kimmins
Richard F. Brabender	Max W. Laun
Candace Cain	Hon. Jeffrey A. Manning
Molly M. Creenan	Christopher M. Miller
Zelda G. Curtiss	Marlee S. Myers
Robert F. Daley	Mary-Jo Rebelo
William J. Donovan	Stella L. Smetanka
Barbara Behrend Ernsberger	Jessica Lieber Smolar
Ilene H. Fingeret	Hon. David N. Wecht
Cyril A. Fox	Philip Zarone
Kiersten M. Frankowski	

Young Lawyers Fellows Class of 2010

Stephanie T. Anderson
 Aaron P. Asher
 Kevin M. Eddy
 Hope Guy
 Sabrina Korbelt
 Deborah L. Kutzavitch
 Dana A. Levine
 Erin M. Lucas
 Daniel J. McDowell
 Mandi L. Scott
 Kathleen Gabrielle Sheehan
 Melissa Ruefle Spencer

New Sustaining (2009 & 2010)

Mary Austin
 Kimberly A. Brown
 David C. Cannon
 Richard O’Neill Earley
 Dusty Elias Kirk
 Rhoda Shear Neft
 John E. Quinn
 Mary Sue Ramsden
 Pierce Richardson
 Carl Rothenberger
 Melaine Shannon Rothey
 Paul M. Singer
 Tracey Garland Vinson

New Patron (2010)

Robert Gentile
 Paula Hopkins
 Jeffrey Leech
 Carol S. Mills McCarthy