



## Foundation Focus

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### New websites launched for ACBF & Pro Bono Center



Our new website is now live! It has a great new design and is very user-friendly. Please visit our new website at [www.acbf.org](http://www.acbf.org). The Pro Bono Center also launched its new website at [www.pittsburghprobono.org](http://www.pittsburghprobono.org). The Pro Bono website gives members easy access to pro bono opportunities and connects the public to existing services.

### New grants awarded for 2014



The ACBF Board is pleased to announce that the Fellows Grants Program recently awarded **\$40,000** to the following organizations: **Education Law Center, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh, KidsVoice, Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, and Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.** The grants will enable these organizations to increase much-needed pro bono services to our community.

In addition, the ACBF Grants Committee awarded **\$17,500** in grants from the **Military Veterans & Elderly Fund** to the **Veterans Leadership Program** and **Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Center** to support them in their efforts to provide legal services and education to military veterans and the elderly in Allegheny County.

### ACBF distributes annual educational awards

Congratulations to our new loans and scholarships awardees! This year, the ACBF provided **\$63,500** in loans and scholarships to deserving law school students. The awards are established by a variety of named funds administered by the Foundation which require students to meet specific criteria. Awards are based on financial need, academic performance, writing and oral argument skills, and excellence in certain areas of the law.

### Leadership Circle donors honored with recognition plaque



A plaque recognizing the law firms who have donated to the Leadership Circle Campaign is now on display at ACBA headquarters. The plaque which displays the names of twenty-nine firms will be officially unveiled at the Leadership Circle Breakfast on October 29. Many thanks to the generous law firms who

have pledged their financial support to the ACBF over three years to ensure the ACBF's future stability.

### Backpack Project once again provides 1,500 backpacks to local students

Over the past seven years, the ACBA/ACBF Public Service Committee Backpack Project has become an instrumental part of the Foundation's community service. Spearheaded by attorneys Angel Revelant, Jill Beck, and Neil Gregorio, this year's program distributed 1,500 brand new backpacks filled with essential school supplies to area students. The program partnered with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which arranged for distribution at their various locations. Many thanks to the dedicated sponsors and volunteers who made this program possible.



### ACBF preparing for the future

Keep an eye out for the launch of the ACBF's new **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM** this year. The Foundation is in the process of developing a program which will make it easy for donors to support the foundation through gifts such as bequests, life insurance, and trusts, to name a few.

## ACBA Golf Tournament successfully adds bocce to the competition



The 21st Annual ACBA Golf Tournament held on July 29th at the Pittsburgh Field Club, raised over **\$48,000** for the ACBF and Neighborhood Legal Services Association. Over 120 golfers participated to show their support. New this year was a Bocce Tournament which was held on the grounds by the clubhouse. Over 30 Bocce players attended a one-hour instruction session and then competed for the winning title and bragging rights. Thanks to all the generous sponsors and in-kind donors who helped make this year's tournament a success!

## New ACBF Quick Match Challenge Fundraiser



The ACBF held its first **WEEK of GIVING** fundraiser from September 30 through October 4. A BIG THANKS goes out to all our members who took advantage of this opportunity with their generous donations and helped us unlock the Challenge Grant generously donated by Mary Austin, Esq. and Max Laun, Esq.



**Save the Date**  
**Pro Bono Rocks!**  
**Battle of the Bands**  
 Saturday, November 9, 2013  
 Dave & Buster's, Waterfront  
 Doors open: 6:30 p.m.  
 Bands play: 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

### Featuring the following bands and attorneys:

The Blues Devils (*Bob Sebastian*)  
 Grasping at Straws (*Kevin Dolan, Ben Ferron, Matt Jarrell, Jamie Spataro*)  
 The Inconsiderate Few (*John McElroy*)  
 Johnny B & the Accelerators (*Alan Baum, John Bechtol, Mel Vatz*)  
 Reisman Reilly Band (*Chris Hoel, Tom Reilly, Marc Reisman, John Sieminski, Mel Vatz*)

### Ticket cost: \$40

To purchase tickets, visit [www.acbf.org](http://www.acbf.org) or contact the ACBF at 412-402-6641.

Proceeds benefit the Pro Bono Center which matches low-income individuals with critical legal issues with volunteer attorneys and legal services programs.

### Pro Bono by the numbers (for 2012):



**6,583**

individuals assisted by Pro Bono Center programs and member organizations

**1,024**

total volunteers reported by Pro Bono Center members

**893**

volunteer attorneys reported by Pro Bono Center members

**748**

individuals assisted by the Pro Bono Coordinator

**413**

volunteers attended 12 CLE and informational programs

## Welcome New Fellows

*Congratulations to the following new members of the Fellows Program:*

### Fellows Class of 2013

Roy W. Arnold  
 Thomas E. Birsic  
 Albert Joseph Boucek  
 Norma M. Caquatto  
 Maria Greco Danaher  
 Robert G. Del Greco  
 Cecilia R. Dickson  
 William H. Difenderfer  
 Linda G. Ehrenreich  
 Thomas N. Farrell  
 Paul J. Gitnik  
 Julie Stanier Greenberg  
 Mark B. Greenblatt  
 Austin P. Henry  
 Linda Varrenti Hernandez  
 James G. McLean

Lori McMaster  
 Barrett D. Mitchell  
 Joseph T. Moran  
 Alka A. Patel  
 Sharon W. Perelman  
 Scott T. Redman  
 Rebecca D. Spangler  
 Stanley M. Stein  
 Keith Edward Whitson

### Young Lawyers Fellows

**Class of 2013**  
 Elizabeth Warner Altman  
 Jill Lipman Beck  
 Elizabeth F. Collura  
 Susan Shin Connelly  
 Jessica L. Crown

Louis A. DePaul, Jr.  
 Erin C. Farabaugh  
 Joseph R. Froetschel  
 Elizabeth L. Hughes  
 Diana M. O'Connell  
 Tony J. Thompson  
 Katherine Leech Vollen

### New Sustaining Fellows (2012 & 2013)

Shelley Bould Campbell  
 Zelda G. Curtiss  
 Anthony J. D'Amico  
 Jeanine L. DeBor  
 Richard DiSalle  
 Marvin A. Fein  
 Charles B. Gibbons  
 Efre M. Grail  
 Nancy L. Heilman  
 Wendy Denton Heleen

Charlotte S. Jefferies  
 Kathryn M. Kenyon  
 Krysia M. Kubiak  
 Joseph Michael Loy  
 Frank J. Lucchino, Jr.  
 Cynthia M. Maleski  
 Jerry I. Meyers  
 John J. Myers  
 Robert N. Peirce, Jr.  
 Neil R. Rosen  
 Philip W. Zarone

### New Patron Fellows (2012 & 2013)

Deborah L. Kutzavitch  
 Max W. Laun  
 Melaine Shannon Rothey

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