

Foundation Focus

from the Allegheny County Bar Foundation
Fall 2015

Did You Know?

A donation of just \$25 to AAH provides \$125 worth of food to local families in need.

Defining Fiduciary Excellence



Eugene F. Maloney, Esq. and Paul J. Brahim, CFP present "Defining Fiduciary Excellence: From Trust Law to ERISA - the Changing Landscape of Fiduciary Excellence" on October 1.

ACBF hosts CLE on Fiduciary Excellence

On October 1, the ACBF hosted a very special program and networking event at the Duquesne Club entitled "Defining Fiduciary Excellence: From Trust Law to ERISA - the Changing Landscape of Fiduciary Excellence." The event was co-hosted by Eugene F. Maloney, Esq., Executive Vice President and Corporate Counsel of Federated Investors and Paul J. Brahim, CFP, Chairman and CEO of BPU Investment Management, who shared their expertise during a two hour program on the latest developments regarding fiduciary responsibilities as it pertains to investors, non-profits and retirement plans. This successful event drew a crowd of over eighty-five attorneys, accountants and clients.

Attorneys Against Hunger



2015-2016 Attorneys Against Hunger campaign set to begin

We are excited to announce the launch of the 2015-2016 Attorneys Against Hunger campaign! Since 1993, Attorneys Against Hunger has awarded over \$1.4 million to seventeen local hunger service organizations. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved in this important program!



AAH volunteers serve a meal at Rainbow Kitchen in Homestead.

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Fellows/Grants

Thank You, Fellows!

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our Fellows, the ACBF is able to award annual grants to organizations that provide direct legal services to low-income clients.

The ACBF Board of Trustees recently authorized grants totaling \$35,000 to be distributed in early 2016. These grants will allow five local organizations to carry out programs that make a real impact in the lives of low-income individuals and families.

2015-2016 Fellows Grant Recipients

Christian Legal Aid – to expand its existing program to provide more people in need with access to pro bono legal help.

Focus on Renewal – to continue serving low-income individuals and families through the Sto-Rox legal clinic with legal documents, such as wills, power of attorney and health care directives.

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh – to provide training for pro bono attorneys to assist clients with green card applications through the Legal Services for Immigrants & Internationals (LSII) program.

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System – to support the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (H.E.L.P.) program that helps homeless individuals regain proof of their identity and helps with social services benefits.

Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh – to provide civil legal representation to victims of intimate partner violence that will help victims obtain safety, autonomy, and restoration from the justice system.



Welcome Class of 2015 Fellows

The following individuals were inducted into the Fellows Program at the Fellows Appreciation Reception on October 8 at Hotel Monaco. Thanks to all of this year's inductees for your commitment to making a real impact in the community!



Fellows Class of 2015.

Fellows –

Jennifer R. Andrade
Amy L. Berecek
Hon. Cathleen Cawood
Bubash
Cami L. Davis
Maureen P. Gluntz
Erin Lucas Hamilton
Rebecca Sember Izsak
Carole S. Katz
Matthew T. Logue
Jacqueline B. Martinez
Jennifer Staley McCrady
Laura N.K. Miller
Frederick R. Nene
Jean Ellen Novak
Manning J. O'Connor, II
Robert N. Peirce, III
Mark T. Phillis
Matthew D. Racunas
Lauren D. Rushak
Evalynn Welling *
Gina M. Ziady

** 2015 Edward G.
O'Connor Fellows
Award Recipient*

Associate Fellow –
David A. Blaner

Young Lawyers Fellows –

Mackenzie A. Baird
Nicholas J. Bell
Julie A. Brennan
Laura C. Bunting
Mark K. Dausch
Kathryn Harrison
Amie M. Mihalko
Antoinette C. Oliver
Tyra Oliver
Dana J. Richardson
Justin T. Romano
Beth M. Tibbott
Randal M. Whitlatch
Joseph R. Williams
Dorothy C. Wolbert

Sustaining Fellows –

Eric N. Anderson
Paul J. Gitnik
Hon. Lisa Pupo Lenihan
Alan H. Perer
David P. Pusateri
Thomas L. VanKirk
Mark T. Vuono

Patron Fellows –

Shelley Bould Campbell
David C. Cannon, Jr.
Patricia L. Dodge
Gary M. Lang



Jeans for Justice

Thanks to the twenty firms and legal departments who have signed on to participate in Jeans for Justice Day on October 30 in support of the Pro Bono Center.



Burns White	Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton
Campbell Durrant	Raphael, Ramsden & Behers P.C.
Beatty Palombo & Miller	Reed Smith
Cohen & Grigsby	Riley Hewitt Witte & Romano
Cohen Seglias Pallas	Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis
Greenhall & Furman PC	Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky
Duane Morris	Tucker Arensberg
Jackson Kelly	The Webb Law Firm
Marshall Dennehey	UPMC
Warner Coleman Goggin	
Meyer Darragh Buckler	
Bebenek & Eck	
Meyer, Unkovic & Scott	
Norton Rose Fulbright	
Pepper Hamilton	

ACBF awards grant from Military Veterans & Elderly Fund

We are pleased to report that the Board of Trustees recently approved a \$5,000 grant to **Neighborhood Legal Services Association** to support the Veterans Justice Outreach & Legal Literacy Project which provides veterans and military families currently involved with Allegheny County Veterans' Court with knowledge and strategies to prevent further civil legal issues.

Congratulations 2015 ACBA Pro Bono Achievement Awardees!

Kathryn L. Harrison, Esq.
Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award

Kathryn M. Kenyon, Esq.
Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award

Tracey McCants Lewis, Esq.
Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award

Name Change Project, Reed Smith LLP & BNY Mellon
New Initiative Award

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Organization Award

Stella Smetanka, Esq.
Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award

Maureen Hohman
Paralegal Award

Sara J. Rose, Esq.
Public Interest Impact Award

Joseph V. Balestrino, Esq.
Young Lawyer Award

Pro Bono Center by the Numbers

Calendar Year 2014 Pro Bono Center statistics:

- 7,020 individuals assisted by Pro Bono Center programs and member organizations
- 935 individuals assisted by Pro Bono Center staff attorneys, law students, and volunteers
- 924 volunteer attorneys reported by Pro Bono Center programs and member organizations
- 433 volunteers attended 15 CLE and informational programs
- 285 volunteers signed the Pro Bono Pledge
- 188 Divorce Law Project cases closed
- 5 new pro bono projects created



SAVE THE DATE
 FOR THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION'S
35TH ANNIVERSARY

Red Tie Gala

CELEBRATING THE  OF PITTSBURGH'S LEGAL COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
 AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

CIRCUIT CENTER & BALLROOM
 5 HOT METAL STREET, SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15203

Dress to Impress

*Congrats to ACBA Director of Diversity and Gender Equality
 Alysia Keating for coming up with the name of the event!*

Volunteer!

The Pro Bono Center is always looking for volunteer attorneys to help low-income residents of Allegheny County with civil legal matters. Contact Liz Gaetani, Esq. at egaetani@acba.org for more information on how you can help.

Donate!

Gifts of every 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.

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ACBF's 35th Anniversary Red Tie Gala: Celebrating the Heart of Pittsburgh's Legal Community
 March 12, 2016 • Circuit Center & Ballroom, South Side

Join us for this very special event, celebrating 35 years of giving!

What Will Your Legacy Be?

Thanks to your gifts to the ACBF, thousands of people in our community have been able to access legal help that was otherwise out of their reach, hungry people have been fed, and our profession has been strengthened. Those gifts have done so much to help people today. But have you thought about making your impact last beyond today?

Consider joining the ACBF Legacy Society, and your generosity will make a difference in the long term, too.

