The future is blurry for the 80 percent of Floridians who are denied access to justice...

How Your Foundation Is Working to Bring Justice into Focus...

A 2005 report funded by the Washington, D.C.-based Legal Services Corporation determined that less than 20 percent of the legal needs of low-income Americans were being met. The study also noted that, nationally, there is only one legal aid attorney for 6,861 low-income persons. In Florida, there is approximately one legal aid attorney for 7,500 low-income persons (as of May, 2006).

We can and must do more, for when the lives of our poorest residents are improved, we all benefit.

Since 1956, The Florida Bar Foundation has been making strides toward improving the justice gap. Recent increases in Foundation funding, along with innovative programs conceived by Foundation leadership, are helping to maximize the number of clients who are served by our legal aid grantee organizations.

We are also grateful to the leadership of The Florida Bar for encouraging its membership to routinely provide pro bono services to our grantee organizations.

In cooperation with Florida's accredited law schools, law students can participate in legal clinics throughout the school year. Additionally, first- and second-year law students have the opportunity to receive a paid summer internship at one of our grantee organizations. Recent law school graduates can also apply for a highly competitive Equal Justice Works fellowship, where they are able to work for two years on a legal aid project of their own design. Past projects have included a focus on the legal needs of migrant farm worker women, the homeless and relative caregivers.

Another area of Foundation funding concentrates on improvements in the administration of justice. Recent funding has helped with Florida's Innocence Initiative, a program that works to free factually innocent clients and continues to have much success. Other grants have provided the capital necessary to spearhead systemic reform of how girls are treated in Florida's justice system, and a program that significantly increased the collection of child support payments.

Through the dedication of many impassioned advocates who have never forgotten the reason they went to law school, your Foundation continues to work for statewide justice. Because you have remembered, the least among us is not forgotten.
This was an exciting year for The Florida Bar Foundation, as so many wonderful things that we had worked so hard for, or hoped for, came together. And the timing couldn’t have been better. It was our fiftieth Anniversary!

We were ready to celebrate; and we needed to pause and to reflect upon how all of the good work of our Foundation stems entirely from the commitment, generosity, and leadership of individuals over the last fifty years. A multitude of individuals have given on behalf of our Foundation — mostly by lawyers and judges — with a pure, truly monumental way; and, for generations to come, this history of commitment, generosity, and leadership will continue to shape the quality of justice, and life, of all of us.

What began in 1956 as a small group of Florida lawyers dispensing scholarships to needy law students has grown into a present day paradigm: The Florida Bar Foundation is now unyieldingly a voice of the preeminent leader, among all organizations of its kind, in all of Florida, which has become the finest expression of the philanthropic and civic spirit of lawyers, judges, and all those committed to the fundamental promise of America: Equal Justice Under Law. Through the generosity of its members, your Florida Bar Foundation has improved the quality of life for all Floridians, especially the disadvantaged, and it has made possible countless improvements in the lives of individuals and the administration of justice in Florida.

But we didn’t spend the entire year celebrating; in 2006, we again delivered on our mission of providing life-changing help and a better future for others. In this and in other important work, your Foundation’s board members — including our dedicated, professional, staff, volunteers, board and committee members, and the wisdom and guidance of your dedicated, professional, staff, applications were received, programs were analyzed, and more than $16.9 million in grants were awarded for our grant year, 2005-06. At the same time, we worked to enhance the income side; and we crafted and began to fund a more realistic, if not conservative, reserve policy designed to ensure the long-term well-being of your Foundation to sustain worthy projects and programs through at least the early years of the next downturn should it suffer, in income, as the economy cycles.

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How Legal Assistance Grantees Have Helped This Year

Income Maintenance Matters
5,552 Cases (6%)
"Thomas" contacted Legal Aid to get help with child support modification and visitation. During the intake process, Legal Aid attorneys discovered that Thomas, who lived in another county, had been in a car accident that had left him with severe back, neck, and cognitive injuries. He had already been denied disability benefits, he owed thousands of dollars in back child support, and he said he was unable to see his two children for more than a year.

Thanks to Legal Aid — and more than 100 hours of donated legal services — Thomas is now able to call and visit his children, and he has been able to secure financial assistance for them and for himself.

— Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association

Individual Rights Matters
10,870 Cases (12%)
"Milagro" is a young Mayan girl who fled from Guatemala after her father’s brutal beatings became too much. Milagro was picked up at the U.S. border and placed in Juvenile Immigration Detention at Tampa Bay Academy. When Legal Aid attorneys interviewed Milagro, they discovered that she had an uncle in Ft. Myers, and were able to obtain her release from the detention facility. A petition was filed with the court to find her dependant and enter a "special interest order" stating it was not in her best interest to return to Guatemala.

Because she was in court proceedings, Legal Aid attorneys had to file a petition United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the court to attempt to get her status in the United States. Time was running out for Milagro, who would turn 18 in just a few weeks.

Legal Aid attorneys were relentless in pushing USCIR to accelerate their processing of the case, which was accomplished just a week before her court date.

Finally, on the last day possible, a Legal Aid pro bono attorney convinced the immigration court that Milagro was eligible for lawful permanent residency. Now Milagro is safe, with many pathways available to her.

— Bay Area Legal Services

Housing Matters
17,744 Cases (20%)
After renting a house, "Marcia" discovered an apartment in the back of the house with its own entrance. Marcia’s landlord and the men who were working there assured her there were separate meters for the electricity.

Soon, Marcia began receiving astronomically high electric bills. The utility company came out to inspect, but found nothing abnormal. As Marcia continued to look around her house, she found an extra breaker. It was for the apartment next door. By then, it was too late, and the power company turned off the electricity for nonpayment.

Because it was cold, Marcia and her children rented a nearby motel room for warmth. While she was at the motel, the landlord came and took Marcia’s cat from the house. Marcia had to pay almost $100 just to get her cat back.

Then Marcia went to Legal Aid. Legal Aid prepared a rent withholding letter for other problems on the property, and when the landlord sued for nonpayment, they counterclaimed for fraud, unjust enrichment, and constructive eviction. Legal Aid went with Marcia to mediation, where she settled for four months of rent. This covered her motel charges, thePresenter money for her cat, money for the electric bill, and the terrible damage Marcia received from the constructive eviction.

— Three Rivers Legal Services

Consumer Matters
8,770 Cases (10%)
For the past four years, "Bill" had filed his tax returns as the head of his household and claimed dependents for his children, in addition to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. However, the Internal Revenue Service denied all of Bill’s claims, and assessed him taxes, interest and penalties totaling $8,398. Legal Aid filed a tax court petition on Bill’s behalf for one of the years in question. The IRS conceded that Bill was entitled to claim his children, and received both the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. Legal Aid then filed a request for audit reconsideration with the IRS, since the period to file a petition had expired for the other years in question. Upon reconsideration, the IRS found that Bill was entitled to claim his children and receive the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

Thanks to Legal Aid, Bill no longer owed money for taxes and he received a $12,099 refund.

— Legal Services of Greater Miami

Family Matters
32,784 Cases (37%)
It is common for Legal Aid attorneys to assist with marital dissolutions, but not many have so many complications as "Shannon" and "Michael." In the midst of their divorce, Shannon was battling a brain tumor and their 10-year-old son was undergoing treatment for leukemia. Michael had intense anger management issues and was systematically threatening and harassing Shannon.

Thanks to Legal Aid, Michael began attending counseling sessions to work on his problems, and now he and Shannon are working cooperatively to raise their children. They are also providing much-needed emotional support to one another as they face their son’s second bone marrow transplant.

— Broward County Legal Aid

Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program
A first surveying its legal assistance grantees, the Foundation re-established the Law School Loan Repayment Assistance Program in 2002-03 to improve recruitment and retention of staff legal aid attorneys. The survey showed that a significant number of newly hired attorneys were leaving public service after just three years, because of high student loan debt. The Foundation’s Law School Loan Repayment Assistance Program pays the legal aid attorneys up to 75% of the annual payments on their need-based law school debt for up to five years. Annual payments are capped at $6,000, and are in the form of one-year loans forgiven annually for attorneys who remain employed full time at a Foundation legal assistance grantees for the full 12-month period. In 2003-04, the Foundation committed $239,212 to the program for benefits to 74 staff legal aid attorneys. In selecting participants, the Foundation gave priority to former Equal Justice Works Fellows and second priority to attorneys in their second and third year of legal aid employment.

Law Student Assistance Grants
Foundation Law Student Assistance Grant Programs promote the concept of public service and provide financial assistance to eligible sundusts at Florida’s accredited law schools.

Public Service Fellows Program Goals
To promote pro bono legal services by members of the legal profession;
To provide law students with direct involvement in public service activities; and
To promote the concept of public service legal work on law school campuses generally.

Public Service Fellows 2005-06 Grant Awards
Nearly 40 students participated in the 2005-06 EOTA Public Service Fellows Program and contributed an estimated 8,000 hours of direct public service. Students work at legal aid programs, public defender offices, state attorney offices and other public service agencies.

Barry University School of Law
Orlando
Florida A&M University College of Law
Orlando

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Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program

Since 1999, the Foundation and its Florida funding partners have provided matching funds for 49 Florida Equal Justice Works Fellows. Fellows have designed and led legal assistance projects in affordable housing, welfare to work, domestic violence, special education for disabled children, homelessness, immigration, prisoner rights, environmental practice and family preservation. These two-year public interest fellowships are sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based Equal Justice Works with matching funds provided by the Open Society Institute. The Fellows are hosted by Foundation-funded legal assistance organizations.

In addition to addressing the civil/legal needs of the poor in Florida, the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program enriches Florida's legal assistance community through the enthusiasm of individual Fellows who renew and enliven a host program's legal advocacy.

In 2005-06, the Foundation approved matching funds for six Fellows in the Class of 2006-08 and was joined by funding partners Greenberg Traurig and The Florida Bar.

Equal Justice Works Fellows gather at a reunion in Miami.

A Success Story . . .

"Iona" is fifteen and has spent most of her life in the dependency foster care system. Iona’s mother died when she was a baby, and then she went to live with her aunt. Soon after that, her aunt also died. With few other options, Iona went to live with her cousin. During her stay there, Iona was physically abused and sexually exploited.

The state sent Iona to live with another cousin and her husband in Germany, where she was physically abused by her cousin’s husband, and began to develop behavior problems.

Iona was sent back to Tallahassee and the state sought to place her in a locked-down juvenile psychiatric facility. Legal Aid was appointed to represent Iona and argued against her placement there. Although Iona was ultimately placed in the facility and did quite well there, she was forced to remain there even after completing all the program’s goals.

The state then sent Iona to a therapeutic group home, where she was punished for her “misbehavior” by placing her on an “alternative meal plan” that consisted of bread, water, and one apple per meal. The group home also took away her mattress and confiscated her personal belongings and hygiene items, a pillow, sheets and towels. They also refused to allow her to contact her attorney when she made that request.

Legal Aid filed an emergency hearing to order the group home to stop using food or bedding as punishment. Legal Aid also contacted the company in the area responsible for ensuring that local foster homes and group homes comply with nutritional, health, and safety standards set by the state.

— Children’s Advocacy Center

European Justice Works Fellowships

Class of 2006-2008

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Advocacy for Deaf/hard of hearing and disabled in N.E. Florida — Provide legal advocacy and outreach to the traditionally underserved deaf/hard of hearing and disabled in N.E. Florida.

Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Project — Educate and advocate for immigrant victims of domestic violence through collaboration with Women in Dissress, Inc.

Women Immigrant Detainees Project — Provide basic legal representation, outreach and impact advocacy to women immigrant detainees throughout Florida.

Women Prisoner Release Project — Provide legal advocacy and education to women being released from prisons to remove barriers that hinder re-entry to society.

Female Prisoner Project — Address unique needs of female prisoners in Florida through advocacy, education, community partnerships, and potential litigation.

Undocumented Immigrant Children Project — Provide legal advocacy and support information to undocumented immigrant children in dependency or delinquency proceedings.

Children’s Legal Services Grant Program

Since 1999, the Florida Bar Foundation has funded special annual grants for legal assistance to children. Starting in 2000-01, gifts from attorneys to the Foundation from the Lawyers’ Challenge for Children on the annual Florida Bar Fee Statement and from other sources also support these grants.

The Foundation set several goals for its Children’s Legal Services grant initiative, but emphasizes access to special education and health-care services required under law. Another goal is to create and merge a statewide network of children’s legal services providers. The network also can provide support to the thousands of Florida attorneys involved in children’s legal services through guardian ad litem and other projects.

In 2005-06, the Foundation gave Children’s Legal Services grants totaling $1,175,000 to 18 local legal aid and legal services programs.

| Bar Area Legal Services | Attorney Aids Loan Project | Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida | Special Education Advocacy Project | Florida County Bar Association Legal Aid | Teen Legal Collaborative (joint project with Lawyers for Children America) | Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center | Unmatched Minors Project | Florida Legal Services | Children’s In-Custody Litigation and Policy Advocacy Project and Collaborative Pro Bono and Transition Housing File Project | Florida’s Children First | Children’s First Seminar on Guardianship | Children’s Advocacy Project | Florida State University College of Law Children’s Advocacy Center | Special Education/Health Care Access Project | Jacksonville Area Legal Aid | Project Access Special Education Services | Lawyers for Children America | Teen Legal Collaboration (joint project with Duval County Bar Association Legal Aid) | Lawyers for Children America | Florida Youth A.I.L.I.N.E. Project | Legal Aid Service of Broward County | Children’s Advocacy Project | Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association | Guardian Ad Litem Project | Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County | Children’s Educational Law Advocacy Project | Legal Services of Greater Miami | Social Education Advocacy Project | Legal Services of North Florida | Children’s Advocacy Project | Southern Legal Counsel | Education Advocacy Project | University of Miami School of Law | Suncoast Foster Children’s Advocacy Project |
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| Tampa                   | $60,000                  | Daytona Beach                      | $70,000                         | Miami                               | $45,000                               | Miami                           | $45,000                         | Tallahassee               | $120,000                          | Coral Springs           | Palm Springs                  | Tallahassee              | Orlando                        | $65,000                         | Jacksonville               | $50,000                         | Miami                               | $15,000                          | Miami                               | $50,000                         | Orlando                        | $65,000                         | West Palm Beach             | $50,000                         | Miami                               | $50,000                         | Tallahassee               | $50,000                         | Gainesville                 | $110,000                         | Miami                               | $110,000                         | Total                             | $1,175,000                        |
The following individuals have been a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow for 25 years or more. We appreciate your support.

Hon. James Adkins
Thomas E. Cacotte
Hon. James E. Alderman
Walter H. Alfond
Sam T. Allgood, Jr.
James J. Alman
Angus G. Andrews
Charles D. Ansheley
Margaret B. Atwell
Marvin E. Barkin
John Richard Barrett
Drake M. Batchelder
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Dixie E. Beggs
Ivan J. Bloch
E. Jackson Boggs
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Joseph W. Bradshaw, Jr.
Sheppard Broad
Thomas W. Brown
Kenneth W. Bryant
Herney Barnett
John L. Buesa
Ronald E. Caricature
Russell E. Carillo

Florida Bar Foundation Original Fellows

The Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Program was established by the Foundation in 2003-04 as an ongoing program of one-time grants up to $5,000 each awarded to voluntary bar associations in Florida to promote new or significant improvement in existing charitable, community-service projects. The goals of the Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Program are:

1. To increase community service by Florida's legal profession through voluntary bar association initiative and
2. To serve as a readily accessible source of funding for a full range of voluntary bar association charitable, community-service projects.

2005-2006 Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Awards

Barstow Deposit Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida $4,000
CASK-Credit Abuse Restores Elders - Senior Citizen's Program Miami
Fund will be used to teach teens and young adults about using consumer credit wisely and avoiding credit card debt.

Clearwater Bar Association
Statewide Legal Internship Program Clearwater
Fund will be used to provide valuable work experience for Pinellas County High School students to further their understanding of the law and to provide a mentor relationship for the students.

Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association
Vets for Peace Gainesville
Fund will be used to provide gifts to needy elementary school students in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Examination/Sarasota Renee Bar Association $500
High School Drug Prevention Program Pensacola
Fund will be used to purchase "local videos" programs, which are used to demonstrate the effects of drug and alcohol on mental skills in an effort to stop teenage drug driving.

Florida Association for Women Lawyers
Clio Fraternity Tallahassee
Fund will be used to conduct "Civic Forums" to educate the general public about our country's government and to instill in them the desire to participate in government activities.

Green S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association $5,500
Girls Mentoring Program Carol G. Griffin
Fund will be used to host events for 4th, 5th and 6th grade girls from an urban Miami-Dade County public school to build self-esteem, while providing them with formal and practical education techniques and information.

Manatee County Bar Association
Any Good Morning Bradenton
Fund will be used as partial support to produce an educational video for the general public on the significance and importance of jury duty.

Orange County Bar Association
Junior in Science Orlando
Fund will be used to address for more public awareness and education on civics by presenting numerous programs that will expose people of all ages to our constitutional form of government.

Palm Beach County Bar Association
Selecting Bar and Other Literary Ethics West Palm Beach
Fund will be used to provide partial support for the Palm Beach County Bar Association's annual spelling bee, which raises funds to purchase books for low-income children.

Paul C. Perkins Bar Association
Street Law Program Orlando
Fund will be used to provide partial support for the project to present legal education to children and young adults so that they may gain a greater knowledge of the substantive law and trial procedures by learning about specific legal topics, developing confidence and ability in total presentation and learning to study the legal system in the context of how they are directly affected by it.

Sarasota County Bar Association
Law and Saravastio Sarasota
Fund will be used to incorporate subtitles in Spanish for a five-part series television program produced by the Sarasota County Bar Association entitled "Law and Saravastio."

Tallahassee Bar Association
Law for All Tallahassee
Fund will be used to provide billboard advertising for their "Law for All" project.

Tallahassee Bar Association
Adopt-a-School Mentoring Program Ft. Lauderdale
Fund will be used to increase student academic performance, educational experience, and cultural and social awareness through matching students with established professionals as mentors over a three-year period.

Virgin Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association $2,500
Young Lawyers League - Base the Tallahassee Tallahatchee
Fund will be used to expand from annual to semi-annual program to increase first-time passage rates among African-American law students taking the Bar entrance exam.

Volusia County Bar Association
Judges for Government Days Daytona Beach
Fund will be used to transport students involved in the Student Government Days project to Tallahassee where they will experience the Florida state government at work.

West Park Bar Association
Anniversary Luncheon New Port Richey
Fund will be used to purchase books for students in New Port Richey schools to encourage reading.

Total $49,980

Herbert Walker
Tannenbaum
Dennis P. Thompson
Richard Joseph Thornton
William Tribeck, Jr.
Russell Troutman
Steven J. Uffeld
James A. Urban
Bill Wagner
Sylvia H. Wallbolt
James H. Walden
Michael Raymond Wald
David Eimer Ward, Jr.
Richard P. Warfield
Lamar Warren
Gordon W. Watts
Jool R. Wells
William Witherick
Gasper Williams
Reginald L. Williams
Hon. O. Edgar Williams, Jr.
Lee L. Willis II
Richard Frederick Wolfson
John R. Wood
Frank Wootstey
Leo Westrick
Bartyn Young
Harry Zakrzewski
Disaster Legal Assistance Grant Program

A record-breaking hurricane season in 2004, Foundation leadership began a comprehensive plan to address the needs of its grantees in the event of natural disasters. The Florida Bar Foundation began providing annual training for grantees to better address their plans post-disaster and published a Legal Assistance Disaster Manual for grantees use. The Foundation also awards Disaster Legal Assistance Grants to Foundation-funded legal aid programs to repair and expand service capacity and to respond to increased legal needs of clients due to disasters.

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The 2006 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence

This competitive, biennial award recognizes a project of significant impact undertaken by a Foundation Legal Assistance for the Poor grantee. To be eligible, the project must affect a substantial number of poor persons, address an important poverty-law issue, involve a significant commitment of grantee program resources and staff and reflect legal work, which is of a high professional level.

The 2006 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence was presented to Florida Legal Services in Broward County, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, and the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association for their Prescription Drug Access Project.

The Prescription Drug Access Project is intended to safeguard access to critically needed medications for thousands of impoverished Floridians who suffer from chronic and debilitating health conditions. The lead attorneys on the project were Miriam Harms — Florida Legal Services President William A. Davison, at left, presents the 2006 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence to Miriam Harms, lead attorney for the project, Florida Legal Services, and to Shirley Spalter, Helpline Director, Florida Legal Services. William Frays — Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County; C. Shawn Boothman — Legal Aid Society of Broward County; and Jennifer Wimberly — Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association. The Helpline Director for the project was Shirley Spalter — Florida Legal Services; and the Helpline Team comprised Staci Johnson, Counter Leader; and Karrie Mohney — Florida Legal Services. First Runner-Up Legal Services of Greater Miami for its “Cuban-Haitian Entrant Project.”

Because of the efforts of Legal Services of Greater Miami and its Cuban-Haitian Entrant Project, the Social Security Administration changed its policy, allowing thousands of otherwise ineligible Cuban and Haitian immigrants to receive life-sustaining financial assistance. Lead attorneys on the project were Linel Gonzalez, Vivian Chavez, and Jose Fern. Second Runner-Up Legal Services of North Florida for its “Access to School Entrance in Leon County for Homeless Children and Youth Project.”

Because of the efforts of Legal Services of North Florida and its Access to School Entrance in Leon County for Homeless Children and Youth Project, hundreds of homeless children are provided immediate school enrollment. Lead attorney for the project was Tina Rosenblum.

Legal Services Summer Fellowship Program

In cooperation with the nation’s accredited law schools, the Foundation administers a summer fellowship program for first- and second-year law students at Foundation-funded legal assistance programs in Florida.

The Foundation awarded $135,600 to continue the legal services fellowship program for the summer of 2006. Twenty six law students were assigned to 15 legal assistance programs throughout the state from May to August 2006. Participating with the Foundation was the Florida Lawyers’ Legal Insurance Corporation (FLILC), which funded one summer fellow and the Florida Legal Services Project Director’s Association (FDPA), which funds a summer fellow in honor of Jerry Russell.

Marilyn A. Acosta
Mia A. Adams
Mariam Ahmedani
Todd Allison
Rebecca M. Brown
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Keith Christian
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Loyola University New Orleans School of Law
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Florida State University College of Law
Columbia School of Law at Catholic University
University of Miami School of Law
University of Florida Law College of Law

What the Foundation Means to Me...

“I have always wanted to work with kids with special needs. As a child, I worked with deaf children; in middle school, I witnessed my disabled cousin’s fight for school access; and in high school, I championed cancers for developmentally disabled young adults. In college, I earned my B.A. in Elementary Education — Varying Exceptionalities and my M.Ed. in Educational Leadership. It was during this time that I decided that I wanted to become an education attorney, despite the many protests from my professors. Repeatedly, a worried professor would express their concern that I would never be able to secure employment, because of the field of education law was not yet established.

Yet, I decided to attend law school. I interned with a dependency judge the summer after my first year of law school. My internship opened my eyes to the needs of the unique population of foster children.

It was through this experience that I decided that I wanted to devote my career to advocating for children and youth who are in need.”

—Sarah Wallestein

Equal Justice Works Fellow, 2005-07

The Florida Bar Foundation, through funding my Equal Justice Works Fellowship, has provided me with the means to engage in the practice of law in an area that I was once told did not exist. The funding that The Florida Bar Foundation has provided has allowed me to begin to reach my goals and achieve my dream job.”

Sarah Wallestein

Kids Deserve Justice

More than 1,000 people have shown their support for children’s legal services by purchasing a Kids Deserve Justice specialty license plate. All proceeds from the sale of the plate will be used to support children’s legal services, protecting the rights of our most vulnerable residents. For more information, call the Foundation or visit www.flbarfinds.org/KidsDeserveJustice.
Grants for Legal Assistance for the Poor

The Foundation's Legal Assistance for the Poor (LAP) grant program, supported primarily by IOFA funds, provides general support and special purpose grants to a network of organizations providing free civil legal services to the poor. Together, this network provides at least basic access to the justice system for low-income individuals and families residing in every county in Florida. LAP grants also support legal assistance for specific client services and to serve specific client groups.

In fiscal year 2005-06, the Foundation awarded 31 grants in support of legal aid organizations serving every Florida county:

1. American Friends Service Committee
   Central American Political Asylum Program
   Miami
   $12,832
2. Bay Area Legal Services
   Tampa
   $242,975
3. Brevard County Legal Aid
   Rockledge
   $83,038
4. Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida
   Ft. Lauderdale
   $25,000
5. Community Law Program
   St. Petersburg
   $50,009
6. Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida
   Daytona Beach
   $976,412
7. Cuban American Bar Association
   Pro Bono Project (Administered by Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center)
   Miami
   $32,905
8. Dade County Bar Association
   Office of Public Service Volunteers
   Miami
   $357,561
9. Florida Equal Justice Center
   Ft. Myers
   $175,738
10. Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
    Miami
    $618,551
11. Florida Inter-Judicial Legal Services
    Civil Legal Assistance Project
    Gainesville
    $437,480
12. Florida Justice Institute
    Miami
    $270,105
13. Florida Legal Services
    Tallahassee
    $4,839,885
14. Florida Legal Services
    Migrant Farmworker Justice Project
    Tallahassee
    $602,348
15. Florida Rural Legal Services
    Lake Wales
    $399,098
16. Guardianship Program of Dade County
    Miami
    $65,809
17. Gulfshore Legal Services
    St. Petersburg
    $1,364,013
18. Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society
    Bartow
    $112,997
19. Jacksonville Area Legal Aid
    Jacksonville
    $835,559
20. Lee County Legal Aid Society
    Ft. Myers
    $56,595
21. Legal Aid Foundation of the
    Tallahassee Bar Association
    Tallahassee
    $34,898
22. Legal Aid of Manasota
    Sarasota
    $30,009
23. Legal Aid Service of Broward County
    Ft. Lauderdale
    $930,792
24. Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
    West Palm Beach
    $355,488
25. Legal Aid Society of the Orange County
    Bar Association
    Orlando
    $538,253
26. Legal Services of Greater Miami
    Miami
    $643,461
27. Legal Services of North Florida
    Tallahassee
    $275,445
28. Northeast Florida Legal Services
    Pensacola
    $439,950
29. Seminole County Bar Association
    Legal Aid Society
    Longwood
    $62,326
30. Southern Legal Counsel
    Gainesville
    $252,708
31. Three Rivers Legal Services
    Gainesville
    $69,334

Total $12,149,168

Foundation Legal Assistance for the Poor Grants
Support a Wide Variety of Pro Bono Services by Members of The Florida Bar

Pro bono hours donated by members of The Florida Bar through organized pro bono programs in 2003 represented 16% of all cases — more than 14,000 — closed by Foundation legal aid grantees. Foundation funds support the intake and referral of cases to pro bono volunteer attorneys and provide such volunteers with backup support and training.

While much of the time donated by pro bono attorneys was in family law cases, there is a wide variety of pro bono service opportunities for Florida attorneys. To name just a few:

- Transactional attorneys helping community groups develop affordable housing
- Handling small probate matters
- Representing children in dependency proceedings
- Co-counseling cases with legal aid attorneys in housing and consumer law and assisting particularly vulnerable clients, such as the elderly, the disabled and the mentally ill

And, not all pro bono work has to involve direct representation of clients. For example:

- Providing substantive law and skills training to legal aid attorneys
- Serving as mentors to less experienced legal aid attorneys
- Doing client intake
- Participating in community legal education programs such as being a panelist at a seminar on domestic violence or speaking to the elderly about protection of their homesteads

The benefits of involving members of The Florida Bar in serving the legal needs of the poor extend well beyond the positive outcomes for individual clients, because attorneys make things happen. When talent and commitment are applied to removing the legal barriers poor people face in stabilizing their lives, entire communities benefit.

The Foundation encourages its Legal Assistance for the Poor grantees to continue to expand the scope of pro bono opportunities they offer private attorneys in their communities.
In Memory of...

William O.E. Henry by Shaler A. Peele
Hon. Howard P. Rives by Burton Young
Thomas C. MacDonald, Jr. by Jane Elizabeth Carran by Burton Young
Henry Zapruder by Jane Elizabeth Carran
Amy Davis by John F. Harkness, Jr. by Hon. Charles J. Kahn
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by Sandra A. Chin
by Jane Elizabeth Carran by Erik Haas
by Margaret Hepworth by Albert V. Lee
by Lou Ann Powell by Tammy R. Rankin
by Margaret Smellie by Polly R. Smith by Randall Wilson
Sean P. Baffin by John Joseph Baffin
Elizabeth Mikolajczak by Marshall L. Cohen

Profile of the IOTA Account Portfolio as of June 2006

- Total Number of IOTA Accounts: 24,590
- Weighted Average IOTA Account Interest Rate: 1.98%
- Total Principal Balance in IOTA Accounts: $4.02 Billion
- Average Balance per Account: $162,523
- Number of Lawyers Participating in IOTA: 31,636
- Number of Banks Participating in IOTA: 316

IOTA eligible funds: Client and third-person funds shall be deposited in a lawyer's or law firm's IOTA account unless the funds can otherwise secure income for the client or third person in excess of the costs incurred to secure such income.

ENDOWMENT

In 1991, the Foundation established an Endowment as a permanent source of support for all of the Foundation’s charitable activities. Initial funding for the Endowment came from $1 million in unrestricted IOTA investment earnings, the income from which exclusively will fund IOTA grants. In 2005-06, additional Endowment funding came from $791,481 in donations and other contributions increasing the total Endowment net assets to $4,867,338 million.

Thanks, We Couldn’t Do It Without You

Also making a difference are the attorneys, law firms and other organizations who contributed to our success in 2005-06 through pro bono services to the Foundation itself:

- Stephen C. Emmamanuel, Esquire Aasley & McMillen Tallahassee
- Donald Carlton Works III, Esquire Jackson Lewis et. al. Orlando
- Jeffrey S. Levin, Esquire Holland & Knight New York City
- Florida Trend Miami

Be Sure to Thank Your Banker...

September 1981 marked implementation by the Florida Supreme Court of the country’s first IOTA program and the beginning of an important source of support for civil legal assistance to the poor, projects to improve Florida’s justice system and programs to promote public service by law students. While we often mark that milestone and thank those responsible, we don’t publicly recognize often enough Florida’s banking community.

It is because of the support and cooperation of Florida banks that IOTA works. From the supervising staff at the banks who make sure monthly remittance information and interest goes to the Foundation, the teams who worked so closely with the Foundation to implement the interest rate comparability rule, to the leaders of the Florida Bankers Association who step up to the plate and help IOTA achieve its full potential.

The Foundation, its grantees and those they serve are very grateful for the successful partnership between the financial and banking community that is Florida’s IOTA program.
THE FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD/LAWYER PRESENTED TO W. DEXTER DOUGLASS FOR . . .

"... outstanding service to the bench, bar and citizens of Florida. Throughout his long and distinguished career, Dexter Douglass has exemplified the ideals of the legal profession of duty and service to the public. A native Floridian, he began his legal career in Tallahassee in 1965 following decorated combat service in the Korean War. Since then, he has represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil and criminal proceedings in the federal and state courts, often pro bono or mindful of their ability to pay. Committed to civil and individual rights, he has zealously advocated for causes both unpopular and controversial, true to the ideal of equal justice under law. From service for 16 years as chair of the board of trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, where he brought integration absent the tumult and strife marking similar efforts at the time, obtaining justice in North Florida for an African-American family defending their home, strengthening the process of selecting and removing judges, promoting high ethical standards for the legal profession, to service on the Article V Revision Commission, Dexter Douglass has improved the administration of justice and advanced the science of jurisprudence to the benefit of us all. It is, however, for his singular achievements as chair of the 1998 Florida Constitutional Revision Commission that he is most lauded by his colleagues. With consummate political skill, Dexter Douglass led the Commission to bi-partisan approval of amendments for reform of the structure of government, wildlife and environmental protections, increased equality for women, and enhanced requirements for high-quality public education and equitable funding statewide for the courts. With warmth, charm and a twinkle in his eye, Dexter Douglass has gained the respect and admiration of allies and adversaries alike, earning him the title of trusted attorney and counselor-at-law."

JUNE 22, 2006

THE FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD/NON-LAWYER PRESENTED TO JANET R. MCAULIFFE FOR . . .

"... her dedication to improving the administration of justice in Florida as an educator, community leader, and role model and mentor for young women. Janet McAuliffe has effectively given voice to those too often silenced in society — school children, immigrants and those seeking a balance of power in the criminal justice system. As an elected member of the Dade County School Board for 16 years, Janet McAuliffe championed the rights of children to better educational opportunities and academic frontiers. She rejected the popular politics of mindless school censorship and instead placed her trust in the intellect and judgment of students, instilling in them a dedication to preserving the right of free speech as guaranteed by our Constitution. As a board member, then president of Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, she has tirelessly devoted her time advocating for the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers and for fair treatment of the many who too often languish in detention. Throughout her career and into retirement, Janet McAuliffe has lent her boundless energy and outstanding leadership skills to countless community and civic organizations earning admiration and trust. Appointed to the City of Miami's Civilian Investigative Panel where she serves as vice-chair, she advises on police policy, addressing areas of public mistrust and concern. Hard working and humble, skillfully balancing the practical with the ideal, Janet McAuliffe has, by the example of her life, inspired many to follow in her footsteps of exceptional service to community and to those in great need."

JUNE 22, 2006
The Foundation has done so much for legal services in Florida. The Foundation has been such a force for the poor in Florida. FIAC and other organizations have benefited tremendously from it. It is something that should make the lawyers of Florida very proud.

Janet Reno

It has added so much to the life of Florida citizens and from our perspective, for the children of Florida which is our basic, most precious resource. Our children of tomorrow... So the Foundation is directly responsible for so many of the good things that happen to those who may not have the opportunity to otherwise participate in this great democracy. I'm honored to be here, to be included tonight...

Chief Justice Fred Lewis

The Foundation is a light for all of us. It provides the services for the people who need it the most and have it the least. As far as I'm concerned, there's no finer organization in the state of Florida...

Howard Coker
"The Foundation performs a very useful purpose. I've been happy to be a member of the Foundation for many years. It appears to be growing every day and rightly so. I'm very happy to see that progress."

Joseph Hatchett

"The Foundation, of course, has done a wonderful thing with the monies they generate. They certainly had some rocky beginnings, but it's turned out terrific. Florida was the first state to have the program, and now most of the states have a similar program. It makes a lot of sense."

Thomas Barkdoll

"I received the Medal of Honor award back in 1985, and to this day, it's still the highest honor I could ever receive and I treasure it very much."

Sylvia Alberdi

"The Foundation is a very much-needed organization and I appreciate the fact that the lawmakers and the attorneys of our state were able to come together for a good cause. It's amazing for these people to give this money back to the community."

Abraham R. Brown

"To celebrate the 50th year, that hardly seems possible for the Foundation... but it's been a great organization, it's done a lot — it's really sort of led the way in terms of legal services for the indigent. I've been pleased with the growth and I've been pleased with its leadership. I received the Medal of Honor after I left the office of the governor, and it meant a lot... I've gotten some honors which I'm deeply grateful for, but that's in the center of my honors. I've been proud of the Foundation... proud of its work..."

Reubin Askew
From the Executive Director

Grantmaking at the Foundation was a lot more exciting in 2005-06. Last year saw IOTA revenue jump dramatically thanks to an IOTA Rule amendment adopted by the Florida Supreme Court in 2001. The amendment, dubbed “interest rate comparability,” has made it possible for IOTA accounts to earn interest rates comparable to a bank’s other customers when the IOTA accounts meet the same minimum balance or other qualifications set by the bank. With the rise in short-term interest rates in the economy, the yield on IOTA accounts statewide was 1.92% in 2005-06, compared to 0.42% before full implementation of the Rule amendment.

Kudos go to the Florida Bankers Association, which joined the Foundation in seeking the Court’s approval of the amendment and to The Florida Bar Board of Governors for its unanimous support. Legal aid and other grant funding increased in 2003-04 as a result and grant program reserves were re-established.

Legal aid general support grants, which cover every Florida county, had been flat since 2000. Although the grant increases were welcomed, they brought funding levels just shy of their prior high in 1998-99, when adding in inflation and growth in Florida’s poverty population. However, knowing that IOTA account interest rates will fall at some point in the future, the Foundation board also re-established its grant program reserve to maintain funding levels for up to four years once annual IOTA revenue drops. The increased revenue also has made possible special initiatives to improve Florida’s statewide legal services delivery system such as compatible case management software, leadership training for legal aid advocates, and additional training and resources to provide legal assistance to disaster victims.

Another result of increased IOTA revenue is the ability of the Foundation to take another look at its mission and how it is carried out. Those efforts began during a Foundation board retreat this past August. Current grant programs and operations were reviewed, fundraising goals examined, and plans discussed for a “visioning” session in 2006-07. That session will identify a couple of “BHAGs,” or “big, hairy, audacious goals” for the Foundation to undertake in the next three to five years.

With its mission of providing “greater access to justice” through grant programs for legal aid to the poor involving law students in public service, and funding projects to improve Florida’s justice system, Foundation board members are ready to join with other leaders of the bench and bar and the broader community to take on a couple of well-crafted BHAGs. After all, lawyers are problem-solvers. They are energized by a call to action and excite at bringing the benefits of law and the legal system to removing barriers faced by the poor and a justice system too often out of reach.

We welcome your comments and suggestions about the activities recounted in this annual report — and any BHAGs you’d like us to co-create.

Thanks for your continued support.

Jane Elizabeth Curran
Executive Director

A Look Ahead . . .

The Florida Bar Foundation would like to announce the successful completion of its development staffing search. In July 2006, Donald J. Hale became the director of development and communications.

The Foundation has combined the development, communications, and marketing programs into one department. Camille Murawski will continue in her capacity as communications manager, and Shannon Stackiewicz will continue to market the Kids Desire License Plate program. In August, the development and communications departments welcomed a new staff member, Kela Rios, administrative assistant for development. The new and existing staff is committed to stewardship of previous donors who have invested in the Foundation, and we look forward to welcoming more individuals to invest in our programs, including our Planned Giving Society, during this fiscal year.

Because you have remembered to give back, the least among us has not been forgotten.

Michelle C. Lyles
Assistant Director of Development

The Florida Bar Foundation is a non-profit Florida corporation established in 1986 by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar to raise, administer and disburse public interest programs on behalf of Florida’s legal profession. Membership is open to all individuals interested in supporting the mission of the Foundation. Membership is a way to participate in the work of the Foundation. Membership is not required to be a member of The Florida Bar. To learn more about membership, contact the Foundation office at 850-488-1666.

Governance

The Florida Bar Foundation is governed by a 20-member board of directors, which meets quarterly. The board consists of the Chair and immediate past Chair of the Florida Bar and a member of the House of Delegates of The Florida Bar. The remaining 18 directors are elected by and are members of The Florida Bar. The term of each director is four years.

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