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**Michigan State Bar Foundation**  
**President's 2015 Report to the Members**  
**Margaret J. Nichols, President**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Since its inception in 1947, the Michigan State Bar Foundation has made 1,817 grants totaling more than \$180 million, including \$8.2 million in the last year, in support of its mission to provide leadership and grants to improve access for all to the justice system, including support for civil legal aid to the poor, law-related education, and conflict resolution.

Foundation grants educate the public about the importance of the rule of law, train youth and other citizens in peaceful conflict resolution and assist those in need with critical civil legal services. As a result, young people know how to resolve problems peacefully; the public has educational information about the justice system; teachers have new ways to engage students to learn legal principles; seniors are able to save their homes from unscrupulous contractors; children live in safer homes; and low-income families have somewhere to go for civil legal help.

During the last year, the Foundation made grants of \$6,925,130 for nonprofit civil legal aid agencies across our State, \$465,715 for projects to improve the administration of justice, and \$865,270 designated for particular organizations from the Access to Justice Fund. These funds have made a difference for people and for the justice system through the grants and projects described in this report.

Additional information about the Foundation and its public interest programs can be found on the Foundation's website at [www.msbf.org](http://www.msbf.org).

## **FOUNDATION FELLOWS**

Over 1,500 distinguished Michigan lawyers and judges are currently Foundation Fellows. They are elected for their professional excellence and community contributions. Since the program was established in 1984, Fellows have contributed more than \$1.7 million to support the Foundation's law-related public service programs. Without contributions and leadership from the Fellows, many activities described in this report would not be possible.

## **FOUNDATION AWARDS**

The Michigan State Bar Foundation has selected Hon. Harold Hood (posthumously) as the 2015 recipient of its highest honor. The Founders Award recognizes lawyers who exemplify professional excellence and outstanding community contributions. Past recipients included Dennis Archer, Wallace Riley, Charles Rutherford, Hon. Julian Cook, Patrick Bruetsch, Kim Cahill (posthumously), Hon. Avern Cohn, John Cummiskey (posthumously) and Hon. Hilda Gage (posthumously).

The Michigan State Bar Foundation has also named Marilyn Mullane for its 2015 Access to Justice Award which honors persons who have significantly advanced access to justice for the poor in Michigan. Past recipients have included Robert Gillett, Candace Crowley, Hon. Chad Schmucker, Michael C. Chielens (posthumously) and Holli Wallace (posthumously).

The awards will be presented on behalf of the Foundation at the October 7th State Bar

Awards Banquet during the State Bar's Annual Meeting in Novi.

Hon. Harold Hood is being honored, posthumously, for his leadership in the justice system and in society. He was a Foundation Trustee for 23 years, particularly helping a grants committee seeking to improve the administration of justice, public understanding about the law, and civil legal aid to the poor. He served as a trial judge in the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court in Wayne County before being appointed to the Court of Appeals. He was founding chair of the Association of Black Judges in Michigan, a founding member of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, chair of the Michigan Supreme Court Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Issues in the Courts, and co-chair of the State Bar's Open Justice Commission, among numerous other leadership roles. His many awards included the State Bar's Champion of Justice Award and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Phillip A Hart Award.

Marilyn Mullane is receiving this award which honors those who have significantly advanced access to justice for the poor in Michigan. For 20 years, she has been Director of Michigan Legal Services, which provides impact-oriented legal aid to the poor in the Detroit metropolitan area. Under her leadership, the agency has prevented homelessness for thousands of indigent families and assisted many others with access to utilities, public benefits, health and mental health care. She has been legal counsel to a number of nonprofit agencies assisting the poor. She was a board member of many community organizations, including the Heat Warmth Fund, Michigan Community Resources and the Cass Corridor Neighborhood Development Corporation. Her awards have included several from the Detroit City Council for her work in housing, most recently on Tax Foreclosure Prevention, and the MichUHCcan Community Health hero of the Year, among others.

## **FUNDING AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

The Foundation has several sources of funding to support its programs and grants.

The IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts) program was adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1990. Under IOLTA, the Foundation receives interest on lawyers' pooled trust accounts which hold client funds that are too small in amount or held for such a brief period to generate net interest over costs to benefit the client. Many Michigan banks help provide more revenue for the Foundation's public interest grants by waiving fees on IOLTA accounts (see [www.msbf.org/iolta/HonorRoll.pdf](http://www.msbf.org/iolta/HonorRoll.pdf)).

IOLTA provides revenue designated by the Michigan Supreme Court for public purposes, with seventy percent (70%) of net IOLTA proceeds allocated for civil legal aid to the poor. Nationally, IOLTA is the second largest funder of civil legal aid for the poor.

In addition, 15% of net IOLTA funds are allocated for improvements in the administration of justice (AOJ). The Foundation offers several grant cycles annually for AOJ projects that advance law-related education, conflict resolution, civil legal aid to the poor, and other law-related programs. Information about grant applications and deadlines can be found at [www.msbf.org](http://www.msbf.org).

The Foundation also continues to be a partner in the Access to Justice (ATJ) Campaign along with the State Bar of Michigan and Michigan's civil legal aid programs. The ATJ Campaign seeks private donations to increase resources for civil legal aid for the poor. The Foundation holds the Access to Justice Fund and receives and manages donations and distributions for it. The Access to Justice Fund has received almost 14.2 million in contributions and pledges since its inception in 1997, including almost \$4.8 million now growing in a permanent endowment. ATJ Fund donations, as well as endowment earnings, make it possible for legal aid agencies to assist low-income families

throughout Michigan to stay safe from family violence, prevent homelessness, access medical care, obtain child support and resolve other critical civil legal needs.

Since the last Foundation members meeting, the Foundation distributed \$837,372 designated by ATJ Fund donors for individual nonprofit legal aid programs. Also, earnings from several designated ATJ Fund endowments were allocated for the designated agencies. Contributions from lawyers and judges to the ATJ Fund are one method of satisfying obligations under the State Bar's voluntary pro bono standard, and many Foundation members have made their own gifts to this important effort. For information about how to support the ATJ Fund, see [www.atjfund.org](http://www.atjfund.org).

Other sources of funding include private donations received through the Fellows program, the Memorial and Tribute Program, the Irwin I. Cohn Endowment Fund and the Michael Franck Fund (see details in the "Contributions" section on page 7.)

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Despite historically-low interest rates, the Foundation benefitted in recent years from the amended IOLTA rule (MRPC 1.15) adopted in 2005 by the Michigan Supreme Court. Now, IOLTA accounts may only be kept at financial institutions which pay IOLTA customers rates comparable to rates generally available to that institution's similarly-situated non-IOLTA customers. The increase in revenue during higher interest rate periods allowed the Foundation to establish a reserve for the purpose of sustaining annual grant levels and supporting selected strategies to advance legal aid services throughout Michigan.

These reserves helped avoid drastic cuts to grants made by IOLTA foundations in other states in the last few years. Income from the Access to Justice Fund statewide endowment and other donations also helped avoid deep cuts to annual grants and allowed the Foundation to provide significant support to the Michigan Legal Help program to assist the

large number of self-represented persons who cannot afford to hire a lawyer for their simple civil matter.

The Foundation worked with the State Bar and credit union groups to implement an amendment to MRPC 1.15 allowing lawyers to deposit IOLTA funds in credit unions. This followed a change in federal law assuring federal deposit insurance was available for IOLTA accounts at credit unions. The Foundation's long-standing relationship with Michigan's financial institutions and working partnership with the State Bar helped make the new program operational quickly. Now lawyers have additional options for IOLTA accounts.

The Michigan Legal Help program began with the aid of Foundation funding. It consists of an interactive website at [www.MichiganLegalHelp.org](http://www.MichiganLegalHelp.org) and a number of affiliated local self-help centers. Michigan Legal Help is currently expanding the number of local self-help centers, adding content to the website, launching a Spanish website and implementing Live Help through which pro bono law students help users navigate the website. Since the website launched in late 2012, it has had 5.5 million visits from more than 1.59 million visitors.

The Foundation remains involved in leadership for the Michigan Legal Help program effort through its funding and participation by Judge Butzbaugh and Ms. Rexer in the Michigan Legal Help Program Advisory Committee. Currently, the web site provides information in the areas of family law, protection from abuse, consumer law, housing law, expungement, income tax and public benefits. In addition, web site users can find information about local court procedures, videos and other instructions about going to court, toolkits and forms and referral information to help find a local lawyer or legal assistance center or community agency.

Because the State Bar's Voluntary Pro



Bono Standard involves both volunteer legal services and financial donations to support civil legal aid for low-income persons, the Foundation works with the State Bar on the Bar's Circle of Excellence (COE) which recognizes law firms that meet the annual aspirational goals of the Pro Bono Standard. The Foundation and the State Bar work together on the COE application process and support a committee to decide on COE firms. A recognition flyer including COE firms and the largest cumulative ATJ Fund donor firms is jointly published annually by the State Bar and the Foundation (see current flyer on page 8).

Foundation representatives continued to participate in the State Planning Body which includes civil legal aid and indigent defense providers, bar and bench leaders, the State Bar of Michigan and the Foundation. Its work involves projects that can be addressed collectively to improve the delivery of legal aid for the poor. In addition, Foundation representatives continue to serve on the State Bar's Committee on Justice Initiatives which addresses pro bono, criminal issues, equal access and justice policy matters.

Foundation leadership also serve on the State Bar's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Task Force on the Future of Legal Services and its subgroups examining possible innovations, including enhancing access to justice for those in need.

Nationally, Foundation Executive Director Linda Rexer serves as co-chair of the ABA National Association of IOLTA Programs National Meetings Committee which produces national trainings for IOLTA programs. She also chairs the National Association of IOLTA Programs Foundation Leadership Committee using special national funding to help IOLTA leaders educate general foundations about the value of supporting civil legal aid to the poor. She also serves on the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) Public Policy Committee.

## **GRANT PROGRAMS**

The Foundation's grants process includes an applicant's written application, signed grant

assurances, and often additional information requested by Foundation staff after receipt of the grant proposal. The Foundation receives and manages all data electronically to facilitate analyzing information. Each recipient must have an evaluation plan and must submit a report after the project is completed and often an interim report while the project is active.

All Foundation grants are approved by the Board of Trustees under published criteria for each grant program after review and recommendations by staff and the appropriate grants committee. Grant conditions are often used to promote accountability, collaboration or replicability. These requirements promote more effective and efficient grant making by linking one applicant with another, facilitating sharing materials and lessons, or encouraging matching grants from other funders, thus leveraging scarce funding resources.

The Foundation's two major grant programs are: 1) support for civil legal services to the poor and 2) improvements in the administration of justice. Detailed descriptions of the Foundation's grant programs, application forms, criteria and other information can be found at [www.msbf.org](http://www.msbf.org).

## **LEGAL AID GRANTS**

Supporting civil legal aid for the poor is the Foundation's largest grants program, awarding almost \$7.8 million in annual and special funding in the last year. Despite these resources and impressive efforts by the state's nonprofit civil legal aid programs to achieve efficiencies and innovations, the need remains far greater than available resources.

A 2005 State Bar study showed legal aid programs must turn away nearly half of those who seek their help due to lack of resources. An American Bar Association study has also estimated that no more than 20% of the civil legal needs of the poor are being met each year. Michigan's difficult economy has widened that gap even further. Persons who live at or below 200% of the federal poverty standard (\$22,980 annually for an individual) qualify for help from legal aid agencies. In Michigan, that is more than 3.4 million persons of the state's

population of almost 10 million.

Legal aid programs funded by the Foundation closed 52,051 cases for low-income persons in Michigan last year in areas of family, housing, consumer, income and other challenges faced by clients.

Some 34,671 (66%) clients benefited from legal advice and counsel for problems that could be prevented or resolved through informing clients of their legal rights and responsibilities. Talking with an attorney about a problem before action is taken often helps people make good choices as employees, tenants, parents or citizens, and it can prevent the legal problem from getting worse.

Another 7,993 (15%) were helped with limited action services such as filling out forms, calling a landlord or reviewing documents, so that disputes could be worked out without going to court. An additional 8,013 clients received representation through litigation (4%), negotiated settlements (6%) or administrative agency decisions (6%) helping with problems affecting basics such as food, shelter, employment and access to health care.

Also, 1,374 (3%) received extensive services or other services, such as legal research, preparation of complex documents, extensive interaction with third parties or ongoing help to persons proceeding pro se. Legal aid programs work closely with community agencies on referrals and finding solutions for recurring problems.

Legal aid programs also handle a significant number of non-case "matters" that help clients prevent legal problems or seek community solutions, such as referrals for human service help, legal education, and community outreach or trainings. Also, working with the State Bar and local bars, legal aid programs have recruited and supported pro bono attorneys who gave 32,284 hours of free legal help last year to educate and serve low-income families.

Through their work every day, nonprofit legal aid keep families safe from domestic violence, help the disabled obtain access to health care, protect a senior's home from predatory lenders, educate a community about

their legal rights and responsibilities, or otherwise assist with civil legal needs. Five statewide programs and seven regional programs received annual legal services grants to support the delivery of civil legal aid for the poor. See the list of 2014 annual legal aid grantees at the end of this report. Also see reports and other information available at [www.msb.org](http://www.msb.org), for more details on Foundation grants.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTS**

In the last decade, the Foundation has distributed over \$4.5 million in Administration of Justice Grants for projects that improve the administration of justice through law-related education, conflict resolution, or assisting the delivery of civil legal aid to the poor. The Foundation's Administration of Justice Grants Programs often helps innovative ideas get off the ground, expand successful projects for replication in other communities, and provide educational materials in print and on the Internet to expand access to law-related education.

Receiving an AOJ grant often creates opportunities for recipient organizations to obtain additional or matching funding from other sources. Also, AOJ grantees may work together as a result of Foundation grant conditions encouraging collaborative efforts. Many partnerships forged while working together on AOJ grant projects have lasted long after the project was finished.

This past year, \$465,715 was awarded from several Foundation funding sources for the following Administration of Justice grants:

**Historical Society for the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan** was awarded up to \$10,000 to produce a book on the courts history.

**Michigan Community Resources** was awarded up to \$20,000 to produce an interactive multi-media teaching tool for community organizations about legal issues related to community development, safety, land use and financing.

**Michigan Poverty Law Program** received \$400,000 to support ongoing operations and expansion of resource materials for the

[www.MichiganLegalHelp.org](http://www.MichiganLegalHelp.org) website and affiliated self-help centers.

**Program and Planning Fund** of the Michigan State Bar Foundation received up to \$5,000 for training, law-related education, conflict resolution, and other capacity-building opportunities for grantees/others.

**The Sugar Law Center for Economic Social Justice** was awarded funding of up to \$7,500 to help educate low-wage workers on their legal rights regarding employment violations.

**Thomas M. Cooley Law School** was received funds of \$1,870 for research associated with restorative justice and barriers to successful reentry of ex offenders into society.

**University of Detroit Law School** received funding up to \$10,000 for their “Solo & Small Firm Incubator Services to Senior Citizens” project.

**Wayne State University Law School** received up to \$10,000 for the “Advocates for Warriors at Wayne Law” project working with veterans on legal matters.

**Cohn Bar Excellence Program** received \$1,344 from the Foundation’s Irwin I. Cohn Memorial Fund toward three scholarships for local/special bar association representatives who could not otherwise attend the State Bar of Michigan’s Bar Leadership Institute.

**Michal Franck Fund** earnings (of varying annual amounts) were designated for a symposium at future State Bar annual meetings with a speaker addressing ethics/professionalism.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Many of the Foundation’s charitable programs would not be possible without tax-deductible gifts to the Foundation.

### Foundation Membership:

Foundation membership is open to all members in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan upon payment of dues.

### Foundation Fellows:

Fellows meet the criteria of professional excellence and service to community are elected

by the Foundation Trustees after nomination by other Fellows. Fellows make a membership financial pledge at three levels of membership: Patron, Supporting and Fellow. Existing Fellows may upgrade their membership category at any time. Life Fellows have no further financial obligation; however, many Life Fellows continue to make voluntary donations.

### Memorial/Tribute Fund:

Gifts in memory of deceased individuals may be made to the Foundation’s Memorial Fund. Donations may also be made to the Foundation’s Tribute Fund, which honors accomplishments of living persons.

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### Michael Franck Fund for Professional Responsibility:

This fund was established in memory of the long-time Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan to support projects promoting professional responsibility.

### Irwin I. Cohn Memorial Fund:

The Irwin I. Cohn Memorial Fund provides stipends and other support to promote education for and excellence in bar association leadership.

### Access to Justice Fund:

The Access to Justice Fund supports civil legal aid for the poor, including building a permanent statewide endowment to generate future revenue and supporting local legal aid program fundraising through the Access to Justice Fund. The Access to Justice Campaign is a partnership of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan State Bar Foundation and Michigan’s nonprofit civil legal aid providers. For more information see [www.atjfund.org](http://www.atjfund.org).

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- Legal Services of Eastern Michigan\* (E)
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