2018 - 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

SAINT LOUIS BAR FOUNDATION
Mission

Promoting the Rule of Law
Advancing the Spirit of Justice

The St. Louis Bar Foundation promotes the Rule of Law and the administration of justice in both our society and within the legal profession. The Foundation seeks to improve the administration of justice in our community through law related education directed to citizens as well as through charitable undertakings. The Foundation is committed to strengthening the legal profession by encouraging attorneys to practice with the highest level of professionalism and civility and to engage in meaningful community service.

History

The St. Louis Bar Foundation is a 501(C)(3) corporation, founded in 1956, for the sole purpose of providing grants and scholarships that support and promote the improvement of the administration of justice through legal education and legal services. But, just as important, we are lawyers, judges and lay men and women who promote the study of law, and equal access to justice for all.
The most impactful work often occurs behind the scenes, so as we come to the end of another bar year and the end of my term as Foundation President, I wanted to highlight the successes and triumphs of your Bar Foundation through this – which I hope is the first of many – Annual Report. This is an opportunity for us to peel back the curtain and show the hard work of the Board of Directors, our Fellows, our volunteers and staff who contribute to furthering the mission of the Foundation.

But, before we get to the report itself, let me begin by conveying the Board’s sincerest thanks to all of the organizations, institutions, and individuals who support the Foundation’s events and programming. Within this Annual Report, you will see that it takes a combination of community and civic institutions, businesses, lawyers, and non-lawyers to pull off everything the Foundation has been able to accomplish year after year. The work of the Foundation thrives only because of the dedication, hard work, and financial support of so many.

In particular, none of the work of the Foundation could be accomplished without the tireless efforts of the Foundation staff, especially Executive Director, Zoe Linza, and Executive Assistant, Rebecca Hedrick. The events and programs highlighted on the following pages would not have been possible – at all – without the indefatigable work of Zoe, Rebecca, and other staff members, who also serve the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Further, to the Board of Directors I’ve had the privilege of serving with them many years, the last two as President, I greatly appreciate your guidance and support. I believe we’ve been able to move the Foundation forward in a positive direction, and I hope you feel that way too. I look forward to building on our successes under the leadership of our new President, Jenny Schwendemann.

And finally, to all of our Fellows, donors, supporters, and volunteers, thank you so much for doing the impactful work you do. Your endeavors have a far-reaching impact – an impact that you may have never realized. And that’s the real reason for this Annual Report. It’s a way to give tangible examples of the legal profession at its finest. It’s a way to demonstrate how, through you, we will continue to create lasting change through promoting the Rule of Law and the administration of Justice. Thank you all!

My warmest regards,

Patrick I. Chavez, President 2017-2019
St. Louis Bar Foundation
Each year, Motion for Kids provides an annual holiday party for up to 3,000 St. Louis area children in the foster care system, or those whose lives have been severely impacted by the criminal justice system. The 2018 event, held on December 15 at Chaifetz Arena, was co-sponsored and organized by The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Saint Louis Bar Foundation with generous support from Saint Louis University, Chaifetz Arena, Delaware North, St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Blues, Isaac Bruce Foundation, and many others.

Motion for Kids partners with local support organizations to identify the children invited to attend the holiday party. Those children are matched up with sponsors from the St. Louis legal community (lawyers, judges, paralegals, office administrators, law students, legal secretaries, and their families). Each sponsor is asked to purchase and wrap two gifts (totaling $30) chosen from the child’s wish list. Gifts are distributed during the party, to which the children and their families are invited. Holiday party activities include: photos and autographs with sports figures and cheerleaders, arts & crafts stations, games, books, photos with Santa Claus, refreshments, and live entertainment.
400 Volunteers

5,000 Gifts bought

2,500 Kids Impacted

2,500 Books Distributed

$34,700.30 Money Raised

5,000 Hot Dogs, Chips & Soda Served

$500,000 in-kind donations
In 2018, Kirkwood High School from the St. Louis Region took 1st Place in the State Championship of the Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition. This competition was established by The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) in 1979 and is BAMSL's most established program. It is supported by the Saint Louis Bar Foundation and funded by the Missouri Lawyer Trust Account Foundation.

In 2018, Truman High School from the Kansas City Region took 2nd Place in the State Championship.

In 2018...
- Student, Teachers, Legal Advisors & Supporters congregated in the St. Louis County Circuit Courts Building for the first two stages of the Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition.
- Volunteer Judicial Panelists scored and supported their efforts.
- Competitors argued both sides in a hypothetical case.
- Teams from high schools in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri competed.
- Volunteer legal advisors coached the students in the weeks before the competition, while volunteer judicial panelists evaluated their efforts and gave them helpful pointers the day of the trial.
- The top 2 teams in the state championship were awarded with a trophy.
As BAMSL's only statewide Law-Related Education program, the Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition serves more than 500 students from more than 40 schools throughout Missouri and is supported by 400 attorneys who volunteer as coaches, judges, and evaluators. The mock trials are structured like real courtroom trials and follow the same rules and procedures, so students learn first-hand how the legal system works and what role judges, lawyers, juries, and witnesses play in the court system. This increased understanding helps students develop a deeper appreciation for our justice system and the administration of justice. The competition also helps students develop and improve their public speaking and critical thinking skills.

It gets support from the Lawyers Association of Kansas City YLS which coordinates the Kansas City Region, Mizzou School of Law which hosts the out-state region’s competitions and helps recruit volunteers, and MOBAR which helps recruit volunteers.
St. Louis Attorneys Against Hunger, an initiative of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis with support from the Saint Louis Bar Foundation, unites lawyers and other legal professionals with the St. Louis community to fight against homelessness and hunger in the St. Louis metropolitan area.
$190,678.27
Raised since 2017

Recipients:
- St. Patrick Center
- Operation Food Search
- Meals on Wheels
- Gateway 180
- Peter & Paul Community Services
- Places for People
- Sunnyhill Inc.
- Youth in Need

St. Louis Attorneys Against Hunger Program received the National Association of Bar Executives 2018 LexisNexis Community & Educational Outreach Award
The purpose of the Spirit of Justice Awards (SOJ) is to recognize lawyers, non-lawyers or organizations who have demonstrated accomplishment, leadership, and integrity in fostering and maintaining the rule of law and in facilitating and promoting improvement of the administration of justice. The Spirit of Justice Awards are granted each year based on nominations received by the Foundation, and then chosen by the Spirit of Justice Awards Committee.

Begun in 2009, the Spirit of Justice Awards have become a popular way to spotlight the good work of the Foundation and of others in our community and provide a way for all to come together to celebrate our collective accomplishments. Since 2009, The St. Louis Bar Foundation has awarded 67 Spirit of Justice Awards.

The 2018 Spirit of Justice Award Celebration was held at the St. Louis Club where we honored:

John Ammann - Law Professor at Saint Louis University School of Law
John Hessel - Member at Lewis Rice LLC
Isaac Bruce Foundation
Hon. Stephen Limbaugh, Sr. - Senior Counsel at Armstrong Teasdale
Katie Meyer - Immigration Law Professor at Washington University School of Law
Chris Nagus - Reporter at KMOV- Channel 4
2009
John R. Barsanti, Jr. (deceased)
Dan Buck
Ruth Ezell
Ryan Hummert (deceased)
John G. Simon
Hon. Francis G. Slay
Charles A. Weiss
Ronda F. Williams (deceased)
Samuel Sung H. You

2010
Hon. Jimmie Edwards
Hon. Andrew J. Higgins (deceased)
Kids Voting Missouri
Mary Delach Leonard
Northwest Academy of Law
Edward Roth
Police Athletic League
Dr. Donald M. Suggs

2011
Christine Lewis Abate
Brian J. Cooke
Antonio D. French
Michael L. Matthews
James E. McDaniel
Mardi Montello (deceased)
Amy Lorenz-Moser
St. Louis Rams, Kevin Demoff

2012
Arch City Defenders
Todd Epstein (deceased)
Frank Finnegan
Frankie Muse Freeman (deceased)
Eric Greitens
Judicial Learning Center
BJC Healthcare

2013
Sheila Burton
Hon. Michael D. Burton
Patricia “Patti” Hageman
Paul Brown
Capt. Daniel Howard
Sylvester Brown Jr.
Art Holliday

2014
Lt. Shawn Dace
Sen. Jamilah Nasheed
Rep. Mike Colona
Erwin O. Switzer
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Maurice B. Graham

2015
Hon Ray Price, Jr.
Sgt. John Wall
Patricia B. Wolff, MD
Deborah Weaver
Molly Higgins

Criminal Justice Ministry
Brendan Roediger

2016
Hannah Sullivan
Ted Gianaris
St. Louis Internship Program
Emerson

2017
Paula Finlay
Marc Goldstein
Sue Greenberg
Marie Kenyon
Prof. Kim Norwood
Women in the Legal Profession Scholarship

The purpose of the Women in the Legal Profession Scholarship Fund is to award a scholarship to a law student serving in an internship for a 501(c)(3) or other qualified organization in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area for a minimum of eight (8) weeks. Preference will be given to applicants who, as part of their internship, will address legal issues that affect women, including internships that involve domestic violence, gender fairness, child custody and similar issues.

Criteria to apply for a Women in the Legal Profession Section Scholarship:

1. Each applicant must fill out an application and submit it via e-mail to wilpscholarship@gmail.com

2. Each applicant is also required to submit the following documents with the application:
   - A written commitment from the organization for which she will intern, stating that she will be serving as an intern for a minimum of eight (8), and the work to be performed will be conducted according to Supreme Court Rules under a supervising attorney, if applicable.
   - A copy of her transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
   - A brief statement (not exceeding 2 pages) explaining why the scholarship would be beneficial to her.
   - A letter of recommendation (optional)

Past recipients of the Women in the Legal Profession Scholarship

2017 - Emilee Bramstedt

2016 - Maureen Hanlon

2014 - Claire Wiltse
Law Related Education

St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP)
The St. Louis Internship Program is offered to various metropolitan area high school students throughout the summer. SLIP started in the legal field and has spread to an array of professions. SLIP offers internship opportunities for young women and men in their sophomore or junior year of high school who exhibit a willingness to learn, adaptability to changing business practices, presentation of communication skills, exhibition of initiative and an understanding of business etiquette. The program selects young women and men to work in law firms and government agencies as paid interns for a nine-week summer period. It also includes a two-week Mock Trial Institute as an educational component. The Resource Center helps coordinate the program and provides speakers, expertise, attorney-coaches, and materials for the Institute, employs a part-time student intern, and assists with recruitment and organization.

Lawyers in the Classroom/Speaker’s Bureau
The Resource Center provides attorney speakers and materials to schools and community organizations upon request. Volunteer attorneys attend career fairs at St. Louis area schools and institutions for grades K-12. Attorneys also volunteer to attend classrooms, meetings, or events to discuss a specific legal topic.

Law Day Activities
The St. Louis Bar Foundation works with the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) and its Young Lawyers Division to sponsor a host of Law Day programs and activities each May. Lawyers, judges, and other representatives of the legal profession often give school presentations on or around Law Day. By volunteering their time, they give students a memorable opportunity to learn about the law in action. Not only can they share with them their personal experiences, but they can convey how law and the legal system protect our freedoms. BAMSL also works with the Federal Court to provide educational opportunities to students in the St. Louis area.
The St. Louis Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Program features two clinics, located at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, which provide debtors an opportunity to meet with an experienced bankruptcy attorney for a free one-on-one, 30-minute consultation. The Pre-Filing Clinic focuses on educating potential bankruptcy filers about bankruptcy and how it may help prevent foreclosure, how the process works, and dangers of filing bankruptcy without attorney representation. The Post-Filing Clinic provides those who filed bankruptcy without an attorney with answers specific to their case.

The PSAP is provided by the Saint Louis Bar Foundation with support from The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and grant funding from the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation and the Missouri Lawyer Trust Account Foundation.

The Program officially launched in February 2018 with the Pre-Filing Clinic’s training session and subsequent staffing of the Pre-Filing Clinic. The Pre-Filing Clinic now has 12 volunteers who staff the clinic for drop-in meetings at the Eagleton Courthouse from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The clinic has met with 30 debtors since its launch. Each meeting concludes with the debtor receiving an information packet containing information from the Bankruptcy Court and how to contact the Program for an attorney referral or future meeting.

The Post-Filing Clinic held its first training session in April 2018 and began accepting appointments with unrepresented debtors in May 2018. A second training was held in August 2018. The Post-Filing Clinic now has 8 volunteers who take appointments for meetings at the Eagleton Courthouse. One volunteer, has even made herself available for two hours every Thursday. The clinic has scheduled 57 appointments with debtors since its launch. Each meeting concludes with the debtor receiving information about how to contact the Program for an attorney referral.
Lawyers for City Neighborhoods

Lawyers for City Neighborhoods is a pro bono initiative started in 2012 by The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis with support from the Saint Louis Bar Foundation to assist the St. Louis City Counselor’s Office Problem Properties Unit in addressing problem properties that threaten the safety and stability of St. Louis neighborhoods.

Through this project private attorneys are trained by knowledgeable attorneys, with CLE credit provided by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, then the volunteer attorneys donate their time to assist the St. Louis City Counselor’s Office and neighborhood associations in using legal remedies to have problem properties brought into compliance with city ordinances and building codes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
St. Louis Bar Foundation Fellows

The Fellows program was established in 1985 to provide an endowment and a consistent, stable funding base allowing the Foundation to become a viable entity of permanence. Fifty percent of receipts and pledges become a part of the Fellows Endowment Fund, which preserves the original gift and expends only endowment income. The remaining 50 percent becomes part of the Foundation general purpose fund. Fellows may request that their gift be designated in the manner of their choosing.

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