

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1.73 MILLION IN GRANTS

CONCORD, NH -- "I am pleased to announce that the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Board of Directors voted to approve \$1,730,000 in Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Grant awards to twelve organizations for fiscal year 2008," reports David G. Snyder, executive director. "This significant investment will benefit New Hampshire communities statewide." The grants will be disbursed June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008.

In support of its mission to "...ensure that all people in New Hampshire, especially those with limited means, are able to understand and obtain meaningful access to the justice system," the NH Bar Foundation makes grants annually to nonprofit organizations throughout the State that provide free or reduced-fee civil legal services or produce educational programs about the law and the courts. The NH Bar Foundation ranked 8th in charitable giving among the state's 425 foundations in FY 2006 by awarding more than \$1.75 million in support of 23 programs. Since its founding in 1977, the NH Bar Foundation, located at 2 Pillsbury Street in Concord, has awarded more than \$20 million in grants. Visit www.nhbarfoundation.org for additional information about the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation recent grant awards will be disbursed to the following organizations:

\$20,000 to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA NH)

To support a staff attorney position to provide direct legal services to child victims and provide legal education for CASA staff and 400 guardian ad litem volunteers.

\$14,545 to the Disabilities Rights Center

To support an staff attorney position to represent individuals with a range of disabilities, including, cognitive, mental, sensory, and physical disabilities.

\$56,000 to Franklin Pierce Civil Practice Clinic

To support the civil practice clinic that provides direct representation of indigent clients in a variety of civil legal matters while training law students to handle the legal needs of indigent clients.

\$25,000 to the International Institute of NH

To support a staff attorney position to assist and represent refugees assigned to New Hampshire, including documentation assistance in the naturalization process; legal protection for victims of abuse, and achieving asylee status to escape from persecution and trauma.

\$90,000 to the Law School Loan Forgiveness

To provide law school loan assistance for eligible staff attorneys working for nonprofit law agencies, including NH Legal Assistance, Legal Advice & Referral Center, NHBA Pro Bono Referral Program, and the Disabilities Rights Center.

\$60,000 to Legal Advice & Referral Center

To support a toll-free call-in civil legal service agency providing advice, referral for representation, and pro se assistance to low-income callers.

\$36,000 to the NH Bar Association Reduced-Fee Referral Service

To support a lawyer referral program connecting those with some limited capacity to pay for civil legal assistance with attorneys willing to work for a reduced-fee.

\$1,140,000 to NH Legal Assistance-Manchester, Claremont, Concord Littleton, Nashua, Portsmouth

To support civil legal services for low-income and elderly people across New Hampshire, especially in matters of shelter, subsistence income, access to healthcare, and protection from family violence.

\$210,000 to NH Pro Bono Referral Program

To support civil legal services for low-income people on matters involving preservation of income and housing, family safety and stability, the best interest of children in divorce and parenting cases.

\$23,546 to NHPBRP Domestic Violence Emergency Project (DOVE)

To support free, expedited civil legal representation for low-income victims of domestic violence.

\$5,000 to The Support Center at Burch House

To provide funds to be used for civil legal representation of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

\$50,000 to the NH Bar Association's Law-Related Education Program

To support educational program expansion, in addition to funding ongoing programs such as A Lawyer and Judge in Every School.

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation makes grants annually through two grant programs, the Justice Grants Program and the IOLTA Grants Program. Grant information is available online at www.nhbarfoundation.org or by calling the NH Bar Foundation at 603-224-6942.

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