



Annual Report

2014

The Connecticut Bar Foundation

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## Report of President Peter Arakas and Executive Director Sandy Klebanoff

We are pleased to present the 2014 Annual Report of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. Due to the exceptional cooperation and support by the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches and the continuing support of the Connecticut legal community, the Foundation was able to increase funding for the provision of legal services for low-income Connecticut residents despite the continuation of historically low bank interest rates on IOLTA. Of particular note, the Judicial Branch agreed to revise the distribution formula of the Court Fees Grants-In-Aid (CFGIA) program resulting in increased funds for legal services, and the legislature eliminated a sunset provision of certain CFGIA fee increases, preserving a critical funding source for grantees. In addition, the Judges of the Superior Court adopted changes to the Cy Prés rule that likely will result in additional funding for legal service programs.

The CBF is a proud supporter of CTLawhelp.org, which together with Connecticut's legal aid programs received international recognition as a finalist for the prestigious Hiil

Innovating Justice Award.

The unwavering support by the James W. Cooper Fellows and the cooperation of the Connecticut Bar Association enabled the Foundation to remain a unique organization that has produced many historic and outstanding programs. Led by Bill Logue and Dwight Merriam and working with members of the Fellows Education and Program Committee and subcommittees, the Fellows designed and produced two very successful symposia in 2014, both hosted at Quinnipiac University School of Law. The Fellows Roundtables continued to grow in 2014 with three separate programs conducted throughout the state. The annual Quintin Johnstone Essay Contest involved over 100 Fellows serving as essay judges and concluded with an awards ceremony at the Connecticut Supreme Court.

We note with sorrow the death of Quintin Johnstone, a former president of the Foundation and long-time member of the Board, whose hard work and thoughtful ideas contributed so much to the Foundation.

We thank Bruce Peabody for his service on the board and welcome new board members Charlsa Broadus, Douglas Brown and Margaret Castinado. We express gratitude to Brad Saxton for serving six years as Fellows Chair and look forward to working with his successor, Bill Logue. We acknowledge with sincere gratitude Quinnipiac University School of Law, the University of Connecticut School of Law, and the Connecticut Bar Association for their support of the Foundation and its mission. Finally, we thank the Foundation staff for its commitment, devotion and work on behalf of the Foundation: Liz Drummond, Anne Goico, Katilyn Carling, and Gina Casella.

This will be our final report as we both announced our respective retirements. We wish to thank the officers, members of the Board, Fellows, and staff for all the wonderful experiences. We have enjoyed working and serving with all of you. To our successors, Tim Shearin, President, and Don Philips, Executive Director, we send our best wishes for a productive and prosperous future.

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**2014 Grants Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts/Interest on Trust Accounts (IOLTA/IOTA) Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid (JBGIA), Court Fees Grants-in-Aid (CFGIA)**

<b>Legal Services Providers</b>	<b>IOLTA/IOTA</b>	<b>JBGIA</b>	<b>CFGIA</b>	<b>GRANTS PAID</b>
<b>AIDS Legal Network for Connecticut</b> provides legal assistance to low-income people with HIV/AIDS.		\$ 4,456		\$ 4,456
<b>Center for Children's Advocacy</b> provides legal representation and systemic advocacy for poor children statewide.	\$ 71,788	\$ 42,232	\$ 316,978	\$ 430,998
<b>Children's Law Center</b> provides representation to poor children in Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Tolland, Waterbury, and Windham Judicial Districts.	\$ 35,000	\$ 20,717	\$ 156,381	\$ 212,098
<b>Connecticut Fair Housing Center</b> represents those who have been victims of housing discrimination.	\$ 27,852	\$ 16,632	\$ 126,634	\$ 171,118
<b>Connecticut Legal Rights Project</b> represents low-income people in state psychiatric hospitals and after discharge.	\$ 98,051	\$ 57,680	\$ 432,960	\$ 588,691
<b>Connecticut Legal Services</b> provides general legal assistance in all areas of the state except Hartford and New Haven Counties.	\$ 1,300,087	\$ 764,834	\$ 5,740,698	\$ 7,805,619
<b>Connecticut Veterans Legal Center</b> provides legal assistance to veterans.	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,338		\$ 32,338
<b>Greater Hartford Legal Aid</b> provides general legal assistance in greater Hartford.	\$ 518,283	\$ 304,900	\$ 2,288,554	\$ 3,111,737
<b>Lawyers for Children America</b> provides representation to poor children in Bridgeport, Hartford, Middletown, New Haven, Rockville, Torrington, and Waterbury Juvenile Courts.	\$ 12,500	\$ 7,472	\$ 56,934	\$ 76,906
<b>New Haven Legal Assistance</b> provides general legal assistance in New Haven County.	\$ 406,589	\$ 239,190	\$ 1,795,328	\$ 2,441,107
<b>Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut</b> offers brief service and self help for low-income people as well as providing intake and referrals to the other legal service agencies in the state.	\$ 41,723	\$ 24,549	\$ 184,240	\$ 250,512
<b>Technology Grant</b>	\$ 68,246			\$ 68,246
<b>Legal Services Funding Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,605,119</b>	<b>\$ 1,490,000</b>	<b>\$11,098,707</b>	<b>\$ 15,193,826</b>

**Law School Scholarships**

Quinnipiac University School of Law, the University of Connecticut School of Law, and Yale Law School each received \$10,000 from the Connecticut Bar Foundation's IOLTA Law School Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to Connecticut law students demonstrating financial need.

**Cy Près**

The Foundation received \$22,110 for legal services from Cy Près awards in 2014.

"IOLTA/CFGIA/JBGIA support allows GHLA to provide legal services to thousands of clients who need representation to ensure protection from violence, food, shelter, and other basic human needs. It also makes it possible for GHLA to continue to be the only legal aid organization in Greater Hartford that provides multi-issue direct legal representation and systemic advocacy for vulnerable persons of all ages."

Jamey Bell, *Executive Director*, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Inc.

