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Report of President Timothy S. Fisher and Executive Director Sandy Klebanoff

This has been a good year for the Connecticut Bar Foundation and for the cause of access to justice in Connecticut. Thanks to exceptional cooperation by the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial Branches of government and a strong educational effort by the legal services providers and many supporters, the Board will award \$14 million in grants in 2013. We also strengthened the base for legal services funding through enhanced Court Fees' revenues. In addition, the Connecticut Insurance Department has issued a bulletin to title companies regarding their compliance with the Interest on Trust Accounts requirements of Conn. Gen. Stat. §51-81c, which should generate additional income. It is our hope that these new revenue streams and the potential for an increase in IOLTA will protect the funding base for the state's legal aid network for the foreseeable future.

In 2012, the state lost one of its finest judges, United States District Court Judge Mark R. Kravitz. We were fortunate that he was present at the Foundation's May 2012 Fellows Reception where he received the Con-

necticut Bar Foundation Distinguished Service Award with tributes by Judge Jose Cabranes, Judge Jesse Furman, his fellow Supreme Court Clerk Chuck Cooper, and retired Wiggin and Dana Attorney Bill Doyle. Subsequently, with the support of the Kravitz Family, the Foundation created the Judge Mark R. Kravitz Symposium Series on the Administration of Justice. The inaugural program was held in December on "The Vanishing Trial," a topic that Judge Kravitz himself had addressed in his writings and in a keynote speech to the Foundation in 2004. We also helped facilitate the commissioning of the portrait of Judge Kravitz that is now hanging in Courtroom 2 at the U.S. District Courthouse in New Haven, following a wonderful and heartfelt unveiling ceremony in December.

Throughout the past year, the Foundation held a number of key programs, including the John A. Speziale Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium on the topic "ADR in Hard Times". The year saw amazing support by the James W. Cooper Fellows and many others as we relied on many volunteers to develop and execute programs including a sym-

posium on the History of Lawyers of Color in Connecticut. We continued the Quintin Johnstone High School Essay Contest, the Oral History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession, and the Truancy Project among other programs.

We express our gratitude to all Board members for their continuing enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work. We are especially grateful to those whose generosity provides a higher level of financial support to the Foundation through the Catherine Roraback Circle of major donors.

March 2013 concluded the three year presidency of Tim Fisher, and we look forward with great anticipation to the leadership of our new President Peter Arakas. These three years have been a time of growth and excitement for the Foundation which we hope will pay dividends for years to come.

Through it all, we have been blessed with a dedicated and incredibly hard working staff who keep the Foundation moving forward at all times and who are responsible for the high quality of the programs that we are able to provide.

2012 Grants Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts/Interest on Trust Accounts (IOLTA/IOTA) Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid (JBGIA), Court Fees Grants-in-Aid (CFGIA)

Legal Services Providers	IOLTA/IOTA	JBGIA	CFGIA	CBA Family Law Section Supplemental	GRANTS PAID
AIDS Legal Network for Connecticut provides legal assistance to low-income people with HIV/AIDS.	\$ 27,200	\$ 9,285	\$ 56,712	\$ 65	\$ 93,262
Center for Children's Advocacy provides legal advice to poor children statewide.	\$ 86,800	\$ 29,639	\$ 180,992	\$ 215	\$ 297,646
Children's Law Center provides representation to poor children in Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Tolland, Waterbury, and Windham Judicial Districts.	\$ 49,200	\$ 16,799	\$ 102,587	\$ 120	\$ 168,706
Connecticut Fair Housing Center represents those who have been victims of housing discrimination.	\$ 51,600	\$ 17,620	\$ 107,592	\$ 130	\$ 176,942
Connecticut Legal Rights Project represents low-income people in state psychiatric hospitals and after discharge.	\$ 176,400	\$ 60,100	\$ 367,818	\$ 440	\$ 604,758
Connecticut Legal Services provides general legal assistance in all areas of the state except Hartford and New Haven counties.	\$ 2,019,019	\$ 689,495	\$ 4,209,893	\$ 5,050	\$ 6,923,457
Greater Hartford Legal Aid provides general legal assistance in greater Hartford.	\$ 837,559	\$ 286,014	\$ 1,746,427	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,872,095
Lawyers for Children America provides representation to poor children in Fairfield, Hartford, Middlesex, and New Haven counties.	\$ 23,200	\$ 7,920	\$ 48,370	\$ 60	\$ 79,550
New Haven Legal Assistance provides general legal assistance in New Haven county.	\$ 663,022	\$ 226,459	\$ 1,382,528	\$ 1,660	\$ 2,273,669
Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut 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.	\$ 66,000	\$ 22,539	\$ 137,620	\$ 165	\$ 226,324
Cy Près Technology Grant					\$ 95,263
Legal Services Funding Total	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,365,870	\$ 8,340,539	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,811,672

Cy Près

The Foundation received \$330,977.52 in funding for legal services from a cy près award in 2012. All 50 states received funds from a lawsuit which originated in the state of Washington.

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.



During the 21 years that I was director of New Haven Legal Assistance, IOLTA was the backbone of our funding. It gave NHLA and other legal service organizations the crucial support that allowed us to provide needed legal services, hire talented staff, and develop new projects. IOLTA funding also helped us continue to be responsive to the ever changing needs of our clients and at the same time expand our ability to serve the low-income community through the development of new services such as ctlawhelp.org.

Patricia R. Kaplan
Former *Executive Director* of
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