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Annual Report

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Report of President Peter Arakas and Executive Director Sandy Klebanoff

We are pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. This report highlights the challenges and the accomplishments of the year.

Again, as a result of exceptional cooperation by the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government, we made progress in implementing the mission of the Connecticut Bar Foundation "... to further the rule of law and assist in efforts to improve the administration of justice in Connecticut." Despite the continuation of historically low bank interest rates on IOLTA, the Foundation supplemented this reduced revenue by awarding grants from the funds it receives from CFGIA and JBGIA. Additionally, planning began to eliminate the sunset of a substantial portion of CFGIA funding and to increase the proportion of CFGIA funds supporting legal services.

The Annual CBF Reception and Meeting of the James W. Cooper Fellows honored the past presidents

of the Foundation and featured an address by award-winning journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault and a welcome from Governor Dannel Malloy. The Legal Services Leadership award was presented to the Hon. Raymond Norko, and the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Timothy Fisher, who retired as President.

The ongoing support of the James W. Cooper Fellows contributed to the success of the Foundation during the year. Fellows were involved in the planning for the next John A. Speziale Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium, the Judge Mark R. Kravitz Symposium, a symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning issues, and a symposium on the History of Legal Aid. The Impaired Lawyer Symposium was held in October, the Fellows Roundtable program was inaugurated, and the CBA Paralegals Section held a successful event to benefit the Connecticut Innocence Fund. The planning and execution of the annual Quintin Johnstone Essay Contest continued

to involve numerous Fellows and culminated in the awards ceremony at the Connecticut Supreme Court. We salute and thank the chairs and committee members of the Foundation programs for their commitment.

We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and wish to add a special thanks to the growing number of the Catherine Roraback Circle members.

We thank the Hon. Raymond Norko, Willajeanne McLean, Alice Bruno, and Don Liu for their service on the Board and welcome new board members Asker Saeed and Moy Ogilvie. We also thank Quinnipiac University School of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, and the leadership of the CBA for their support of the Foundation and legal services.

And finally, we convey our sincere appreciation to the outstanding Foundation staff for their tireless efforts, valuable contributions, and dedication during this period of increased activity.

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2013 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	GRANTS PAID
AIDS Legal Network for Connecticut provides legal assistance to low-income people with HIV/AIDS.	\$ 15,108	\$ 9,519	\$ 69,179	\$ 93,806
Center for Children's Advocacy provides legal representation and systemic advocacy for poor children statewide.	\$ 71,731	\$ 37,315	\$ 328,426	\$ 437,472
Children's Law Center provides representation to poor children in Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Tolland, Waterbury, and Windham Judicial Districts.	\$ 35,395	\$ 19,601	\$ 162,059	\$ 217,055
Connecticut Fair Housing Center represents those who have been victims of housing discrimination.	\$ 28,665	\$ 18,062	\$ 131,242	\$ 177,969
Connecticut Legal Rights Project represents low-income people in state psychiatric hospitals and after discharge.	\$ 97,973	\$ 61,743	\$ 448,575	\$ 608,291
Connecticut Legal Services provides general legal assistance in all areas of the state except Hartford and New Haven Counties.	\$ 1,299,048	\$ 766,073	\$ 5,947,795	\$ 8,012,916
Greater Hartford Legal Aid provides general legal assistance in greater Hartford.	\$ 517,869	\$ 305,398	\$ 2,371,100	\$ 3,194,367
Lawyers for Children America provides representation to poor children in Bridgeport, Hartford, Middletown, New Haven, Rockville, Torrington, and Waterbury Juvenile Courts	\$ 12,886	\$ 8,120	\$ 59,001	\$ 80,007
New Haven Legal Assistance provides general legal assistance in New Haven County.	\$ 406,265	\$ 239,582	\$ 1,860,114	\$ 2,505,961
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.	\$ 41,690	\$ 24,587	\$ 190,879	\$ 257,156
Technology Grant	\$ 47,008			\$ 47,008
Legal Services Funding Total	\$ 2,573,638	\$ 1,490,000	\$11,568,370	\$ 15,632,008

Cy Près

The Foundation received \$6,475 for legal services from cy près awards in 2013.

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.



With IOLTA/CFGIA/JBGIA funding, the Center for Children's Advocacy has helped thousands of poor Connecticut children have their basic needs met and receive appropriate health, mental health, and educational services. In this time of soaring child poverty and wide disparities in graduation and achievement rates, these services are critical. The Center's innovative delivery of legal representation - inside schools and hospitals - would not be possible without IOLTA/CFGIA/JBGIA support.

Martha Stone, *Executive Director*
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