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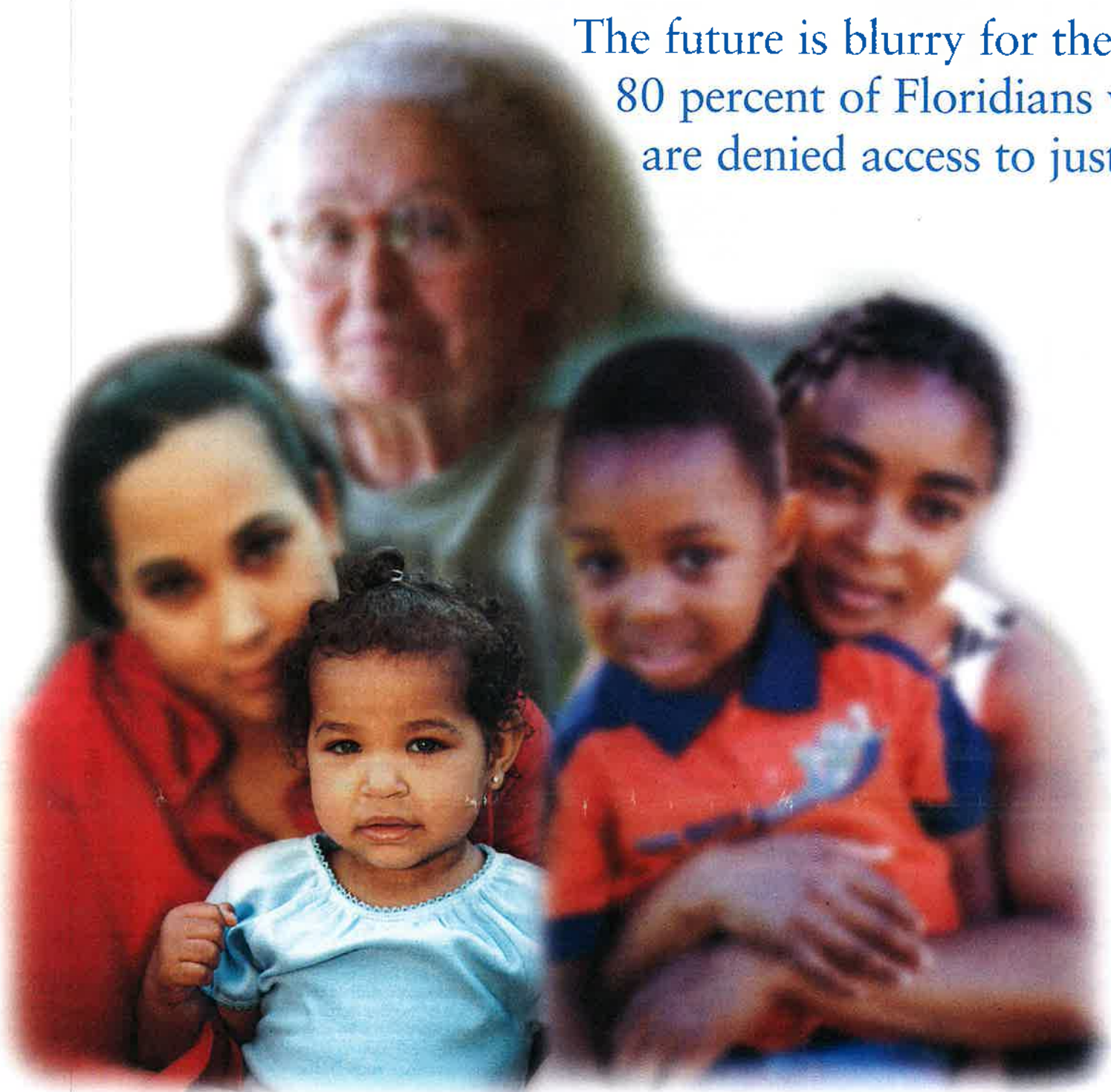
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The future is blurry for the  
80 percent of Floridians who  
are denied access to justice . . .

## How Your Foundation Is Working to Bring Justice into Focus . . .

**A** 2005 report funded by the Washington, D.C.-based Legal Services Corporation determined that less than 20 percent of the legal needs of low-income Americans were being met. The study also noted that, nationally, there is only one legal aid attorney for 6,861 low-income persons. In Florida, there is approximately one legal aid attorney for 7,500 low-income persons (as of May, 2006).

We can and must do more, for when the lives of our poorest residents are improved, we all benefit.

Since 1956, The Florida Bar Foundation has been making strides toward improving the justice gap. Recent increases in Foundation funding, along with innovative programs conceived by Foundation leadership, are helping to maximize the number of clients who are served by our legal aid grantee organizations.

We are also grateful to the leadership of The Florida Bar for encouraging its membership to routinely provide pro bono services to our grantee organizations.

In cooperation with Florida's accredited law schools, law students can participate in legal clinics throughout the school year. Additionally, first- and second-year law students have the opportunity to receive a paid summer internship at one of our grantee organizations. Recent law school graduates can also apply for a highly competitive Equal Justice Works fellowship, where they are able to work for two years on a legal aid project of their own design. Past projects have included a focus on the legal needs of migrant farm worker women, the homeless and relative caregivers.

Another area of Foundation funding concentrates on improvements in the administration of justice. Recent funding has helped with Florida's Innocence Initiative, a program that works to free factually innocent clients and continues to have much success. Other grants have provided the capital necessary to spearhead systemic reform of how girls are treated in Florida's justice system, and a program that significantly increased the collection of child support payments.

Through the dedication of many impassioned advocates who have never forgotten the reason they went to law school, your Foundation continues to work for statewide justice. Because you have remembered, the least among us is not forgotten.





WILLIAM H. DAVIS  
President  
The Florida Bar Foundation  
2005-06

## The President's Message

**T**his was an exciting year for The Florida Bar Foundation, as so many wonderful things that we had worked toward, or hoped for, came together. And the timing couldn't have been better: It was our Fiftieth Anniversary!

We were ready to celebrate; and we needed to pause and to reflect upon how all of the good work of our Foundation stems entirely from the commitments, generosity, and leadership of individuals over the last fifty years. A multitude of individual efforts by and on behalf of our Foundation — mostly by lawyers and judges — resonates in a truly monumental way; and, for generations to come, this history of commitment, generosity, and leadership will continue to shape the quality of justice, and life, of all of Florida.

What began in 1956 as a small group of Florida lawyers dispensing scholarships to needy law students has grown into a national paragon: The Florida Bar Foundation is now uniformly recognized as the preeminent leader, among all organizations of its kind, in all 50 states. It has become the finest expression of the philanthropic and civic spirit of lawyers, judges, and all those committed to fundamental promise of America: Equal Justice Under the Law. In so doing, your Foundation has improved the quality of life for all Floridians, especially the disadvantaged, and it has made possible countless improvements in the lives of individuals and in the overall administration of justice in Florida.

But we didn't spend the entire year celebrating: In 2006, we again delivered on our core mission, and much was accomplished. Through the hard and thoughtful work of your volunteer board and committee members, and the wisdom and guidance of your dedicated, professional staff, applications were received, programs were analyzed, and more than \$16.9 million in grants were awarded for our grant year, 2005-06. At the same time, we worked to enhance the income side; and we crafted and began to fund a more realistic, if not conservative, reserve policy designed to allow your Foundation to sustain worthy projects and programs through at least the early stages of the inevitable downturns we suffer, in income, as the economy cycles.

In this and in other important work, your Foundation's board members — lawyers and non-lawyers alike — demonstrated a deep and time-consuming dedication to the mission and ideals of your profession and Foundation; and for this, and for the opportunity to have worked with them over the years, I, personally, am most grateful. And all of us are grateful for, and humbled by, the good work of the many individuals who donated their time to the legal aid work done by the many programs supported by your Foundation; to the leaders of The Florida Bar for their tremendous and important support and guidance; and to the leaders of the Florida Bankers Association for their cooperation as we carried out our mutual obligations and commitments.

Thanks to all of that, and all of those good folks, your Florida Bar Foundation funds and supports scores of legal aid organizations serving the legal needs of the poor in all of Florida's 67 counties.

Yet we know much remains to be done. We know of the recent studies that

show, nationally, that only 20 percent of those needing legal aid are able to obtain it; and we know that Florida has a similarly gaping hole in its system of justice. But this year, we celebrated when Florida itself took a major step in the effort to close that gap. In 2006, for the first time, Florida joined the vast majority of states by funding state-wide legal aid for the poor. Several years ago, and thanks to the leadership of The Florida Bar, the Legislature had funded pilot programs in certain circuits; but this year, thanks to the demonstrated success of those pilot projects and the persistent efforts of Bar and Foundation volunteers, legislative leaders, and others, \$2.5 million in state money was appropriated, statewide, to help poor people in certain areas such as family law, protection from domestic violence, and governmental benefits. Now that Florida has unequivocally stepped up to help deliver on the promise of access to justice, we can hope that the success of this first-year of statewide funding will lead to a more substantial commitment of state dollars in years ahead.

Perhaps more important, in the long term, in 2006 your Foundation continued to enjoy the ever-broadening financial and moral support of individual Florida lawyers and other Foundation friends. This support has been most visible among our Foundation Fellows, who, since 2002, have increased greatly in number and in generosity, contributing over \$1.3 million to The Florida Bar Foundation Endowment Trust. This came about, and will surely continue, because those Florida lawyers who know what their Foundation does, want to become fellows. They want to become, by virtue of giving to the Endowment, a permanent contributor to the life-changing good work that legal aid makes possible. They want to permanently endow their civic duty, for as lawyers they recognize, as Alexander Hamilton put it, that, "The first duty of a society is justice." They want something, given by them, to always be there to help.

Also in 2006, thousands of Florida lawyers continued to participate in the Lawyers' Challenge for Children, by donating through the "check-off" on the annual Florida Bar Statement. This allowed your Foundation to increase funding for children's legal services, upholding children's legal rights to health care, education, and other services necessary for the development of self-sustaining and society-sustaining individuals. This year also saw the official launch of the "Kids Deserve Justice" license tag, the proceeds of which also support your Foundation's children's legal services program.

And finally, at the end of calendar year 2005, your Foundation initiated a small but successful year-end appeal aimed exclusively at helping provide legal assistance to disaster victims and for legal aid programs whose facilities were damaged by disasters.

Why all this new giving and support? Of course, it is because of an awareness of the need, but it is also because Florida lawyers are learning more about what their Foundation does to meet the need; and The Florida Bar Foundation is nothing if it is not creative and comprehensive. For example, in 2006, we continued to encourage, if not entice, dozens of bright young lawyers to a career in legal services or some other area of public service, by exposing them to the intangible benefits of this good work. We did this by working with law schools and funding competitive summer internships in legal aid programs throughout Florida,

through our Legal Services Summer Fellowship program; and also through part-time, school-year stipends, through our Public Services Fellows program. We also provided necessary matching grants for nationally-competitive, two-year Fellowships for recent law graduates pledged to work on specific projects in Florida legal aid offices, through the Equal Justice Works Fellowships program. These Foundation programs are a proven success in fostering long-term, positive change — and enthusiasm — among the recipients; not to mention among the individuals and families that benefit from their good work. And we expanded and funded a law-school-loan repayment program to enable new legal-aid lawyers to better make ends meet, and loan payments on their legal-services salaries.

On top of all that, your Foundation also supports a myriad of non-legal-aid projects designed to improve the overall administration of justice in Florida. This type of Foundation grant is often the only source of funds for local courts, bar associations, and other groups to explore ways to make the justice system more responsive to evolving needs. Usually limited to one-time or demonstration projects, or to seed money for justice-related innovations, your Foundation's Administration of Justice grant program is a sort of "venture capital" fund for the justice system. For example, in 2006 your Foundation provided funding to The Children's Campaign, in Tallahassee, to spearhead systemic reform of how girls are treated in Florida's Juvenile Justice System; and we also provided emergency and sustaining funding to the Florida Innocence Initiative, for its work screening and investigating inmates claiming to be innocent and who have DNA evidence that could prove it. We also provided substantial funding for various law-related education efforts and lots of other interesting and worthwhile projects.

As I stated at the outset, this all came about through the good work and the good will of individuals. Yet, in addition to the Foundation volunteers and the leaders of other entities that I have mentioned, I most of all want to thank our Foundations' seasoned and committed staff. We Florida lawyers need to know that the staff of our Foundation is the finest there is in their chosen endeavor, in no small part because their's is a labor of love. They live their professional lives imbued by the spirit of "beyond the call of duty." We are excited that, in 2006, we were able to enhance the scope of this staff considerably. We added to our professional communications staff, and we added a professional development director, because we know that our Foundation, and its endowment, are truly natural objects of affection for informed Florida lawyers; and we want to facilitate those good instincts.

But most of all I want to thank you for your interest in reading this report and for your patience with my enthusiasm for The Florida Bar Foundation. You can be proud to call it "our Foundation," as it is truly a most powerful manifestation of our best instincts as lawyers, as individuals, and as citizens.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS  
President, 2005-06

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### The Florida Bar Foundation Mission Statement

The mission of The Florida Bar Foundation, a philanthropic organization established in 1956 by Florida lawyers and the Supreme Court of Florida, is to provide greater access to justice. The Foundation will accomplish its mission primarily through funding of programs, which:

- Expand and improve representation and advocacy on behalf of low-income persons in civil legal matters;
- Improve the fair and effective administration of justice; and
- Promote service to the public by members of the legal profession by making public service an integral component of the law school experience.



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# How Legal Assistance Grantees Have Helped This Year



## Income Maintenance Matters 5,552 Cases (6%)

"Thomas" contacted Legal Aid to get help with child support modification and visitation.

During the intake process, Legal Aid attorneys discovered that Thomas, who lived in another county, had been in a car accident that had left him with severe back, neck and cognitive injuries. He had already been denied disability benefits, he owed thousands of dollars in back child support, and he had been unable to see his two children for more than a year.

Thanks to Legal Aid — and more than 100 hours of donated legal services — Thomas is now able to call and visit his children, and he has been able to secure financial assistance for them and for himself.

— Legal Aid Foundation of the  
Tallahassee Bar Association

"special interest order" stating it was not in her best interest to return to Guatemala.

Because she was in court proceedings, Legal Aid attorneys had to file a petition United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the court to attempt to get her status in the United States. Time was running out for Milagro, who would turn 18 in just a few weeks.

Legal Aid attorneys were relentless in pushing USCIS to accelerate their processing of the case, which was accomplished just a week before her court date.

Finally, on the last day possible, a Legal Aid pro bono attorney convinced the immigration court that Milagro was eligible for lawful permanent residency. Now Milagro is safe, with many pathways available to her.

— Bay Area Legal Services

found an extra breaker. It was for the apartment next door. By then, it was too late, and the power company turned off her electricity for nonpayment.

Because it was cold, Marcia and her children rented a nearby motel room for warmth. While she was at the motel, the landlord came and took Marcia's cat from the house. Marcia had to pay almost \$100 just to get her cat back.

Then Marcia went to Legal Aid. Legal Aid prepared a rent withholding letter for other problems on the property, and when the landlord sued for nonpayment, they counterclaimed for fraud, unjust enrichment, and constructive eviction. Legal Aid went with Marcia to mediation, where she settled for four months of free rent. This covered her motel charges, the ransom money for her cat, money for the electric bill, and the terrible damages Marcia received from the constructive eviction.

— Three Rivers Legal Services

years in question. The IRS conceded that Bill was entitled to claim his children, and received both the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. Legal Aid then filed a request for audit reconsideration with the IRS, since the period to file a petition had expired for the other years in question. Upon reconsideration, the IRS found that Bill was entitled to claim his children and receive the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

Thanks to Legal Aid, Bill no longer owed money for taxes and he received a \$12,009 refund.

— Legal Services of Greater Miami

## Family Matters 32,784 Cases (37%)

It is common for Legal Aid attorneys to assist with marital dissolutions, but not many have so many complications as "Shannon" and "Michael's". In the midst of their divorce, Shannon was battling a brain tumor and their 10-year-old son was undergoing treatment for leukemia. Michael had intense anger management issues and was systematically threatening and harassing Shannon.

Thanks to Legal Aid, Michael began attending counseling sessions to work on his problems, and now he and Shannon are working cooperatively to raise their children. They are also providing much-needed emotional support to one another as they face their son's second bone marrow transplant.

— Brevard County Legal Aid

## Individual Rights Matters 10,870 Cases (12%)

"Milagro" is a young Mayan girl who fled from Guatemala after her father's brutal beatings became too much. Milagro was picked up at the U.S. border and placed in Juvenile Immigration Detention at Tampa Bay Academy.

When Legal Aid attorneys interviewed Milagro, they discovered that she had an uncle in Ft. Myers, and were able to obtain her release from the detention facility. A petition was filed with the court to find her dependent and enter a

## Housing Matters 17,744 Cases (20%)

After renting a house, "Marcia" discovered an apartment in the back of the house with its own entrance. Marcia's landlord and the men who were working there assured her there were separate meters for the electricity.

Soon, Marcia began receiving astronomically high electric bills. The utility company came out to inspect, but found nothing abnormal. As Marcia continued to look around her house, she

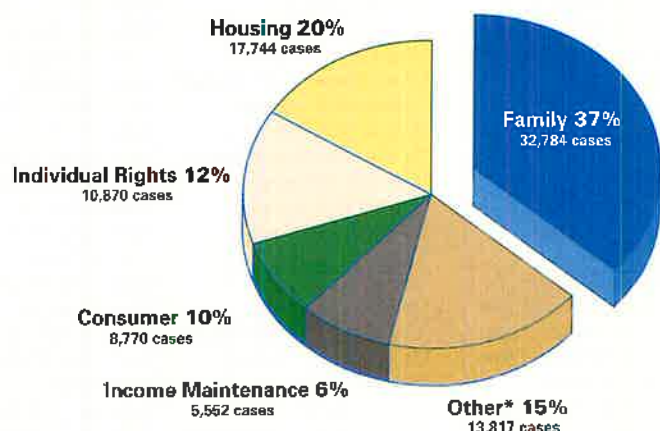
## Consumer Matters 8,770 Cases (10%)

For the past four years, "Bill" had filed his tax returns as the head of his household and claimed dependent exemptions for his children, in addition to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

However, the Internal Revenue Service denied all of Bill's claims, and assessed him taxes, interest and penalties totaling \$8,398. Legal Aid filed a tax court petition on Bill's behalf for one of the

## TOTAL: 89,537 Cases

Percentage of Cases Handled in 2005



\*Includes employment, health, children, education, etc.

## Law School Loan Repayment Assistance Program

After surveying its legal assistance grantees, the Foundation re-established its Law School Loan Repayment Assistance Program in 2002-03 to improve recruitment and retention of staff legal aid attorneys. The survey showed that a significant number of newly hired attorneys were leaving public service after just three years, because of high student loan debt. The Foundation's Law School Loan Repayment Assistance Program pays the legal aid attorneys up to 75% of the annual payments on their need-based law school debt for up to five years. Annual payments are capped at \$6,000 and are in the form of one-year loans forgiven annually for attorneys who remain employed full time at a Foundation legal assistance grantee for the full 12-month period. In 2005-06, the Foundation committed \$239,212 to the program for benefits to 74 staff legal aid attorneys. In selecting participants, the Foundation gave first priority to former Equal Justice Works Fellows and second priority to attorneys in their second and third year of legal aid employment.

## Law Student Assistance Grants

Foundation Law Student Assistance Grant Programs promote the concept of public service and provide financial assistance to eligible students at Florida's accredited law schools.

### Public Service Fellows Program Goals

- To promote pro bono legal services by members of the legal profession;
- To provide law students with direct involvement in public service activities; and
- To promote the concept of public service legal work on law school campuses generally.

### Public Service Fellows 2005-06 Grant Awards

Nearly 40 students participated in the 2005-06 IOTA Public Service Fellows Program and contributed an estimated 8,000 hours of direct public service. Students work at legal aid offices, guardian ad litem programs, public defender offices, state attorney offices and other public service agencies.



Barry University School of Law  
Orlando

\$18,720



Florida A&M University College of Law  
Orlando

\$18,000



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Miami

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Florida State University College of Law  
Tallahassee

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Miami

\$25,200



Stetson University College of Law  
Tampa/St. Petersburg

\$30,500



University of Florida Levin College of Law  
Gainesville

\$20,100



University of Miami School of Law  
Coral Gables

\$70,000

**TOTAL**

**\$272,730**



# Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program

Since 1999, the Foundation and its Florida funding partners have provided matching funds for 49 Florida Equal Justice Works Fellows. Fellows have designed and led legal assistance projects in affordable housing, welfare to work, domestic violence, special education for disabled children, homelessness, immigration, prisoner rights, environmental practice and family preservation. These two-year public interest Fellowships are sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based Equal Justice Works with matching funds provided by the Open Society Institute. The Fellows are hosted by Foundation-funded legal assistance organizations.

In addition to addressing the civil legal needs of the poor in Florida, the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program enriches Florida's legal assistance community through the enthusiasm of individual Fellows who renew and enliven a host program's legal advocacy.

In 2005-06, the Foundation approved matching funds for six Fellows in the Class of 2006-08 and was joined by funding partners Greenberg Traurig and The Florida Bar.



Equal Justice Works Fellows gather at a reunion in Miami.

## Equal Justice Works Fellowships Class of 2006-2008

Fellow/Law School	Legal Aid Program	Project Name
Sharon Caserta Florida Coastal School of Law	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Jacksonville	Advocacy for Deaf/hard of hearing and disabled in N.E. Florida — Provide legal advocacy and outreach to the traditionally underserved deaf/hard of hearing and disabled in N.E. Florida.
Mary Clark University of Miami School of Law	Legal Aid Service of Broward County Plantation	Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Project — Educate and advocate for immigrant victims of domestic violence through collaboration with Women in Distress, Inc.
Kelcen Corrigan American University Washington College of Law	Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center Miami	Women Immigrant Detainees Project — Provide holistic legal representation, outreach and impact advocacy to women immigrant detainees throughout Florida.
Champagne Girtan University of Miami School of Law	Legal Services of Greater Miami Miami	Women Prisoner Release Project — Provide legal advocacy and education to women being released from prison to remove barriers that hinder re-entry to society.
Virginia Hamner University of Florida Levin College of Law	Florida Institutional Legal Services Gainesville	Female Prisoner Project — Address unique needs of female prisoners in Florida through advocacy, education, community partnerships, and potential litigation.
Kira Romero-Craft Florida State University College of Law	Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association Orlando	Undocumented Immigrant Children Project — Provide legal advocacy and support information to undocumented immigrant children in dependency or delinquency proceedings.

## A Success Story . . .

"Iona" is fifteen and has spent most of her life in the dependency foster care system. Iona's mother died when she was a baby, and then she went to live with her aunt. Soon after that, her aunt also died. With few other options, Iona went to live with her cousin. During her stay there, Iona was physically abused and sexually exploited.

The state sent Iona to live with another cousin and her husband in Germany, where she was physically abused by her cousin's husband, and began to develop behavior problems.

Iona was sent back to Tallahassee and the state sought to place her in a locked-down juvenile psychiatric facility. Legal Aid was appointed to represent Iona and argued against her placement there. Although Iona was ultimately placed in the facility and did quite well there, she was forced to remain there even after completing all the program's goals.

The state then sent Iona to a therapeutic group home, where she was punished for her "misbehavior" by placing her on an "alternative meal plan" that consisted of bread, water, and one apple per meal. The group home also took away her mattress and confiscated her personal belongings and hygiene items, a pillow, sheets and towels. They also refused to allow her to contact her attorney when she made that request.

Legal Aid filed for an emergency hearing to order the group home to stop using food or bedding as punishment. Legal Aid also contacted the company in the area responsible for ensuring that local foster homes and group homes comply with nutritional, health, and safety standards set by the state.

— Children's Advocacy Center



Since 1999, The Florida Bar Foundation has funded special annual grants for legal assistance to children. Starting in 2000-01, gifts from attorneys to the Foundation from the Lawyers' Challenge for Children on the annual Florida Bar Fee Statement and from other sources also support these grants.

The Foundation set several goals for its Children's Legal Services grant initiative, but emphasizes access to special education and health-care services required under law. Another goal is to create and energize a statewide network of children's legal services providers. The network also can provide support to the thousands of Florida attorneys involved in children's legal services through guardian ad litem and other projects.

In 2005-06, the Foundation gave Children's Legal Services grants totaling \$1,175,000 to 18 local legal aid and legal services programs.

Bay Area Legal Services Attorney Ad Litem Pilot Project	Tampa	\$60,000
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida Special Education Advocacy Project	Daytona Beach	\$70,000
Dade County Bar Association Legal Aid Teen Legal Collaborative (Joint project with Lawyers for Children America)	Miami	\$45,000
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center Unaccompanied Minors Project	Miami	\$45,000
Florida Legal Services Children's Statewide Litigation and Policy Advocacy Project and Collaborative Pro Bono and Transition Housing Pilot Project	Tallahassee	\$120,000
Florida's Children First Florida's Children First Systemic Advocacy Projects	Coral Springs	\$140,000
Florida Equal Justice Center Region Five Education Access Project	Ft. Myers	\$25,000
Florida State University College of Law Children's Advocacy Center Special Education/Health Care Access Project	Tallahassee	\$75,000
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Project Access Special Education Services	Jacksonville	\$50,000
Lawyers for Children America Teen Legal Collaborative (Joint project with Dade County Bar Association Legal Aid)	Miami	\$45,000
Lawyers for Children America Florida Youth S.H.I.N.E. Project	Miami	\$15,000
Legal Aid Service of Broward County Children's Advocacy Project	Ft. Lauderdale	\$50,000
Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association Guardian Ad Litem Project	Orlando	\$65,000
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County Children's Educational Law Advocacy Project	West Palm Beach	\$50,000
Legal Services of Greater Miami Special Education Advocacy Project	Miami	\$50,000
Legal Services of North Florida Children's Advocacy Project	Tallahassee	\$50,000
Southern Legal Counsel Education Advocacy Project	Gainesville	\$110,000
University of Miami School of Law Statewide Foster Children's Advocacy Project	Miami	\$110,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,175,000</b>





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## 2005-06 Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Program

The Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Program was established by the Foundation in 2003-04 as an ongoing program of one-time grants up to \$5,000 each awarded to voluntary bar associations in Florida to promote new or significant improvement in existing charitable, community-service projects. The goals of the Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Program are:

1. To increase community service by Florida's legal profession through voluntary bar association initiatives; and
2. To serve as a readily accessible source of funding for a full range of voluntary bar association charitable, community-service projects.

### 2005-06 Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Awards

<b>Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida</b> CARE-Credit Abuse Resistance Education - Student Outreach Program Miami	\$4,000
Funds will be used to teach teens and young adults about using consumer credit wisely and avoiding credit card debt.	
<b>Clearwater Bar Association</b> Student Legal Internship Program Clearwater	\$4,800
Funds will be used to provide valuable work experience for Pinellas County High School students to further their understanding of the law and to provide a mentor relationship for the students.	
<b>Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association</b> Holiday Project Gainesville	\$1,000
Funds will be used to provide gifts for needy elementary school students in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.	
<b>Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association</b> High School DUI Prevention Program Pensacola	\$ 300
Funds will be used to purchase "fatal vision" goggles, which are used to demonstrate the effects of drugs and alcohol on motor skills in an effort to stop teenage drunk driving.	
<b>Florida Association for Women Lawyers</b> Civic Forums Tallahassee	\$4,040
Funds will be used to conduct "Civic Forums" to educate the general public about our country's government and to instill in them the desire to participate in government activities.	
<b>Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association</b> Girls Mentoring Project Coral Gables	\$3,500
Funds will be used to host events for 4th, 5th and 6th grade girls from an urban Miami-Dade County public school to build self-esteem, while providing them with formal and practical education techniques and information.	
<b>Manatee County Bar Association</b> Any Given Monday Bradenton	\$4,000
Funds will be used as partial support to produce an educational video for the general public on the significance and importance of jury duty.	

<b>Orange County Bar Association</b> Justice in Balance Orlando	\$3,500
Funds will be used to advocate for more public awareness and education on civics by presenting numerous programs that will expose people of all ages to our constitutional form of government.	
<b>Palm Beach County Bar Association</b> Spelling Bee and Other Literacy Efforts West Palm Beach	\$2,000
Funds will be used to provide partial support for the Palm Beach County Bar Association's annual spelling bee, which raises funds to purchase books for low-income children.	
<b>Paul C. Perkins Bar Association</b> Street Law Project Orlando	\$4,000
Funds will be used to provide partial support of the project to present legal education to children and young adults so that they might gain a greater knowledge of the substantive law and trial procedures by learning about specific legal topics, developing confidence and ability in oral presentations and learning to study the legal system in the context of how they are directly affected by it.	
<b>Sarasota County Bar Association</b> Law and Sarasota Sarasota	\$3,840
Funds will be used to incorporate subtitles in Spanish for a five-part television series produced by the Sarasota County Bar Association entitled "Law and Sarasota."	
<b>Tallahassee Bar Association</b> Law for All Tallahassee	\$5,000
Funds will be used to provide billboard advertising for their "Law for All" project.	
<b>T.J. Reddick Bar Association</b> Adopt-a-School Mentoring Project Ft. Lauderdale	\$4,000
Funds will be used to increase student academic performance, educational experience, and cultural and social awareness through matching students with established professionals as mentors over a three-year period.	
<b>Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association</b> Young Lawyers Initiative - Best the Bar Tallahassee	\$2,500
Funds will be used to expand from annual to semi-annual the program to increase first-time passage rates among African-American law students taking the Bar entrance exam.	
<b>Volusia County Bar Association</b> Student Government Days Daytona Beach	\$2,500
Funds will be used to transport students involved in the Student Government Days project to Tallahassee where they will experience the Florida state government at work.	
<b>West Pasco Bar Association</b> Attorneys for Literacy New Port Ritchey	\$1,000
Funds will be used to purchase books for students in New Port Ritchey schools to encourage reading.	

**Total \$49,980**



# Improvements in the Administration of Justice Grant Program

## Grantmaking Philosophy

A goal of The Florida Bar Foundation is to focus grants in areas where the funding can have a measurable impact. Toward that end, the Foundation concentrates grants for improvements in the administration of justice in five areas, with emphasis on how the courts can operate more effectively and expeditiously.

## Areas of Funding

- Improvement in the operation and management of the court system;
- Improvement and reform of the criminal, civil and juvenile justice systems;
- Public education and understanding about the law, including law-related education;
- Promotion and support for public interest legal representation; and
- Promotion and support for voluntary bar association sponsored community-service initiatives to improve the operation of the civil or criminal justice systems and for education, outreach or service-delivery projects, which enhance the administration of justice in Florida.

The Foundation occasionally considers and seeks out projects in other subject areas related to improving the administration of justice in Florida.

## Funding Criteria

Preference generally will be given to:

- Applicants seeking start-up funds or seed money over a one- or two-year period;
- Programs with demonstration value or replication potential; and
- Requests for matching funds.

AOJ typically does not fund direct service programs (e.g., drug treatment or counseling), replicas of established programs, local community groups, programs for which there is a governmental responsibility to provide funding and continuing program support.

## 2005-06 Grant Awards

**Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.** \$45,000  
Training Law Enforcement on Immigration Legal Remedies for Victims of Crime  
Washington, D.C.

To provide funds to educate, mentor and assist law enforcement officials in Florida to help battered and abused immigrants obtain special legal remedies available to immigrant victims of crime.

**Children's Campaign, Inc.** \$444,436  
Justice for Girls: Florida's Juvenile Justice Reform Initiative  
Tallahassee

For two-year support of an initiative that will spearhead systemic reform in the care and treatment of girls in Florida's Juvenile Justice System, including a Florida-based Girls Reform Blueprint Taskforce combined with a Public Information Advocacy Campaign.

**Disability Independence Group** \$20,000  
Coral Gables

Second-year funding to provide support to reduce attitudinal barriers and, therefore, improve outcomes of court and other law-related proceedings for persons with disabilities through increasing employment options for disabled persons in the legal field (law schools, paralegal schools, law firms, courts systems, governmental entities and other related legal entities).

**The Florida Bar** \$5,000  
Reporting on the Courts and the Law: A Workshop for Journalists  
Tallahassee

To provide partial support for the cost of journalists, who are new to the court and legal beats, to attend an intensive two-day workshop to educate them about the third branch of government and related legal matters.

**The Florida Bar Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section** \$24,000  
Access to Appellate Court Justice: Error Correction vs. Precedent Setting Function  
Tallahassee

To provide funds to coordinate a workshop on Access to Justice: Error Correction vs. Precedent Setting Function for District Court of Appeals judges and Appellate Court attorneys.

**The Florida Bar Committee on Professionalism** \$25,000  
Diversity Video - The Changing Faces of Justice  
Tallahassee

To provide partial support to produce a one-hour CLE Video/DVD intended to present the strength and importance of diversity within the legal community.

**The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division** \$15,000  
Tallahassee

To provide matching funds for Young Lawyers Affiliate Public Service Project Awards.

**Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center** \$8,500  
2006 Annual Dinner Video  
Miami

To provide partial support for a videotape to showcase the work of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center on behalf of low-income immigrant clients at the 2006 annual awards dinner.

**Florida Innocence Initiative** \$214,841  
Tallahassee

To provide general support for the initiative to screen and investigate criminal cases, and to advocate for the release of inmates excluded from criminal responsibility through DNA testing.

**Florida Law Related Education Association** \$25,000  
Web site Program  
Tallahassee

To provide funds for a joint project in which the FLREA and the Florida Supreme Court will develop and post on the World-Wide Web a new law-related education program designed to encourage judges and lawyers to engage in law-related education in Florida's schools, and to publish documents for use in that program.

**Florida Law Related Education Association** \$194,250  
Improving Justice: State Law and Civic Education Initiatives  
Tallahassee

To provide general support of resources for a statewide law related education (LRE) program to impact students, teachers, judges, attorneys and policy-makers.

**Florida Law Related Education Association** \$45,000  
The Florida Justice Teaching Institute/Law Week  
Tallahassee

To provide funds for travel expenses for Florida middle and high school teachers to attend the Institute. The Florida Justice Teaching Institute equips teachers with the academic and clinical experiences necessary to effectively teach students about the court system.

**Florida Legal Services** \$9,400  
Building the Foundation for a Comprehensive Legal Response to Disasters  
Tallahassee

To provide funds for a first-of-its kind planning meeting to bring together organizations that provide crucial services to victims of disasters with representatives of the legal community.

**Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Florida** \$150,000  
Rethinking the Restoration of Civil Rights in Florida  
Tallahassee/Miami

Second-year funding to provide support to identify and minimize barriers to voting and other aspects of citizenship for non-incarcerated citizens with a prior felony conviction(s), through research, public policy advocacy, individual case advocacy, and development of training materials.

**Florida Supreme Court Historical Society** \$70,000  
Tallahassee

To provide partial support for the publication of Volume II, history of the Florida Supreme Court, covering 1918-1972.

**The Florida Tax Watch Research Institute** \$80,000  
Evaluation of the State Courts System Phase III  
Tallahassee

To provide partial support to conduct phase three of a multi-year independent research evaluation of the State Courts System following the implementation of Revision 7 to Article V of Florida's Constitution.

**Legal Services of Greater Miami** \$6,500  
History and Program Video Project  
Miami

To provide partial support to produce a video series that will: 1) document the history behind the creation of LSGMI; and 2) outline the services provided by LSGMI for use with LSGMI's 40th Anniversary Celebration and for future fundraising efforts.

**Martin County Bar Association** \$7,500  
Challenges to Independent Judiciary - Juror Education Videotape  
Stuart

To provide funds for the creation and production of a videotape addressing the importance of the need for an independent judiciary, and how the judiciary operates as one of three co-equal branches of government under the United States Constitution, and State Constitution, as well as the importance of the concept of the separation of powers between the branches of government.

**National Legal Aid & Defender Association** \$2,500  
Annual Conference  
Washington, D.C.

To provide partial support for Annual Conference speaker.

**Total** \$1,391,927



## Disaster Legal Assistance Grant Program

After a record-breaking hurricane season in 2004, Foundation leadership began a comprehensive plan to address the needs of its grantees in the event of natural disasters. The Florida Bar Foundation began providing annual training for grantees to better address their plans post-disaster and published a Legal Assistance Disaster Manual for grantee use. The Foundation also awards Disaster

Legal Assistance Grants to Foundation-funded legal aid programs to repair and expand service capacity and to respond to increased legal needs of clients due to disasters.

## 2006 DISASTER LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANTEE LIST

Grantee	Grant Award
Florida Equal Justice Center Ft. Myers	\$95,000
Florida Legal Services Tallahassee	\$10,000
Florida Rural Legal Services Lakeland	\$40,000
Legal Aid Service of Broward County Ft. Lauderdale	\$50,000
Legal Services of Greater Miami Miami	\$25,000
Legal Services of North Florida Tallahassee	\$55,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>

## 2006 STATEWIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE SPECIAL NEEDS GRANTEE LIST



The Statewide Legal Assistance Special Needs Grants are designed to strengthen the services provided by statewide legal assistance programs under Florida's Legal Services State Plan. Under the State Plan, these programs provide critical assistance to local legal aid programs and their clients, particularly in the areas of legislative and administrative advocacy. They also provide mentoring to local legal aid program advocates, undertake important impact litigation and provide leadership and advocacy in assisting special needs populations, such as institutionalized persons, farmworkers, children and immigrants.

Grantee	Grant Award
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center Miami	\$95,000
Florida Institutional Legal Services Gainesville	\$60,000
Florida Justice Institute Miami	\$60,000
Florida Legal Services Tallahassee	\$190,000
Florida Rural Legal Services Lakeland	\$45,000
Southern Legal Counsel Gainesville	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$510,000</b>



# The 2006 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence

**T**his competitive, biennial award recognizes a project of significant impact undertaken by a Foundation Legal Assistance for the Poor grantee. To be eligible, the project must affect a substantial number of poor persons, address an important poverty-law issue, involve a significant commitment of grantee program resources and staff and reflect legal work, which is of a high professional level.

The 2006 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence was presented to Florida Legal Services in Miami, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, and the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association for their *Prescription Drug Access Project*.

The *Prescription Drug Access Project* is intended to safeguard access to critically needed medications for thousands of impoverished Floridians who suffer from chronic and debilitating health conditions. The lead attorneys on the project were Miriam Harmatz — *Florida Legal Services*;



President William H. Davis, at left, presents the 2006 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence to Miriam Harmatz, lead attorney for the project, *Florida Legal Services*, and to Shirley Spuhler, Helpline Director, *Florida Legal Services*.

William Fraser — *Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County*; C. Shawn Boehringer — *Legal Aid Service of Broward County*; and Jennifer Wimberly — *Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar*

Association. The Helpline Director for the project was Shirley Spuhler — *Florida Legal Services*; and the Helpline Team comprised Staci Johnson, Courtney Landreth and Kathie Mahoney — *Florida Legal Services*.

**First Runner Up:** Legal Services of Greater Miami for its “*Cuban-Haitian Entrant Project*.”

Because of the efforts of Legal Services of Greater Miami and its *Cuban-Haitian Entrant Project*, the Social Security Administration changed its policy, allowing thousands of otherwise ineligible Cuban and Haitian immigrants to receive life-sustaining financial assistance. Lead attorneys on the project were Lizel Gonzalez, Vivian Chavez, and José Fons.

**Second Runner Up:** Legal Services of North Florida for its “*Access to School Entrance in Leon County for Homeless Children and Youth Project*.”

Because of the efforts of Legal Services of North Florida and its *Access to School Entrance in Leon County for Homeless Children and Youth Project*, hundreds of homeless children are provided immediate school enrollment. Lead attorney for the project was Tara Rosenblum.

## Legal Services Summer Fellowship Program

**I**n cooperation with the nation's accredited law schools, the Foundation administers a summer fellowship program for first- and second-year law students at Foundation-funded legal assistance programs in Florida.

The Foundation awarded \$135,600 to continue the legal services fellowship program for the summer of 2006. Twenty six law students were assigned to 15 legal assistance programs from May to August 2006. Partnering with the Foundation was the Florida Lawyers' Legal Insurance Corporation (FLLIC), which funded one summer fellow and the Florida Legal Services Project Director's Association (PDA), which funds a summer fellow in honor of Terry Russell.

Mariel A. Acosta  
Mia A. Adams  
Mariam Ahmedi  
Todd Allison  
Rebecca M. Brown  
Stephen Christian  
Katharyn Christian  
Jennifer R. Fleming  
Joshua Glickman  
Rebecca Gutjahr  
Jason H. Haber  
Tiffany Henson  
Elizabeth B. Illsley  
Losmin Jimenez  
Joseph Klein  
Lindsey L. Laughler  
Amy Lazzaroni  
Laudy Luna  
Jennifer D. Newton  
Mary Kathleen Nokes  
Kara E. Schickowski  
Barbara Serokee  
Fraerly Symphorien  
Erik M. Vieira  
Michelle A. White  
Olivia Zink

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Florida Coastal School of Law  
American University Washington College of Law  
University of Miami School of Law  
University of Florida Levin College of Law  
Florida A&M University College of Law  
University of Florida Levin College of Law  
University of Miami School of Law  
Washington University in St. Louis  
University of Miami School of Law  
Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center  
Barry University School of Law  
University of Florida Levin College of Law  
University of Florida Levin College of Law  
St. Thomas University School of Law  
Stetson University College of Law  
Stetson University College of Law  
University of Dayton School of Law  
Loyola University New Orleans School of Law  
University of Miami School of Law  
Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center  
University of Florida Levin College of Law  
Florida State University College of Law  
Columbus School of Law at Catholic U. of America  
University of Miami School of Law  
University of Florida Levin College of Law

## What the Foundation Means to Me . . .

**I** have always wanted to work with children with special needs. As a child, I worked with deaf children; in middle school, I witnessed my disabled cousin's fight for school access; and in high school, I chaperoned dances for developmentally disabled young adults.

In college, I earned my B.A. in Elementary Education — Varying Exceptionalities and my M.Ed. in Educational Leadership. It was during this time that I decided that I wanted to become an education attorney, despite the many protests from my professors. Repeatedly, a worried professor would express their concern that I would never be able to secure employment, because the field of education law was not yet established.

Yet, I decided to attend law school. I interned with a dependency judge the summer after my first year of law school. My internship opened my eyes to the needs of the unique population of

foster children.

It was through this experience that I decided that I wanted to devote my career to advocating for these children.



Sarah Wallerstein  
Equal Justice Works  
Fellow, 2005-07

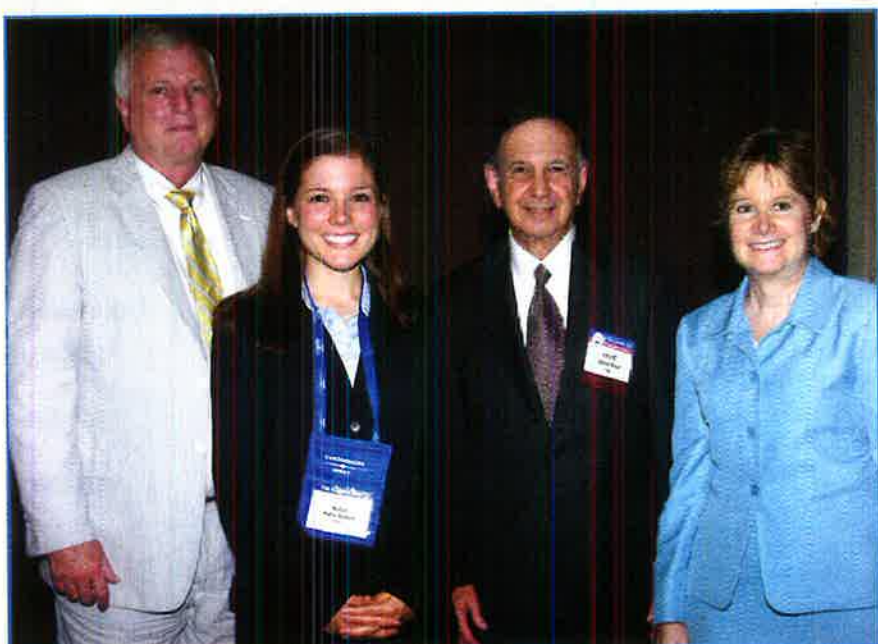
The Florida Bar Foundation, through funding my Equal Justice Works Fellowship, has provided me with means to engage in the practice of law in an area that I was once told did not exist. The funding that The Florida Bar Foundation has provided has allowed me to begin to reach my goals and achieve my dream job.”

—Sarah Wallerstein

## Kids Deserve Justice



More than 1,000 people have shown their support for children's legal services by purchasing a Kids Deserve Justice specialty license plate. All proceeds from sales of the plate will be used to support children's legal services, protecting the rights of our most vulnerable residents. For more information, call the Foundation or visit [www.flbarfndn.org/KidsDeserveJustice](http://www.flbarfndn.org/KidsDeserveJustice).



Katie Nokes, a Legal Services Summer Fellow selected by The Florida Bar Foundation and sponsored by Florida Lawyers' Legal Insurance Corporation, stands with her benefactors. From left, William R. (Bill) Garrett, President of FLLIC, Katie Nokes, L. David Shear, Past President of FLLIC and Laurie K. Amber, Secretary of FLLIC.



# Grants for Legal Assistance for the Poor

**The Foundation's Legal Assistance for the Poor (LAP)** grant program, supported primarily by IOTA funds, provides general support and special purpose grants to a network of organizations providing free civil legal services to the poor. Together, this network provides at least basic access to the justice system for low-income individuals and families residing in every county in Florida. LAP grants also support legal assistance for specific client services and to serve specific client groups.

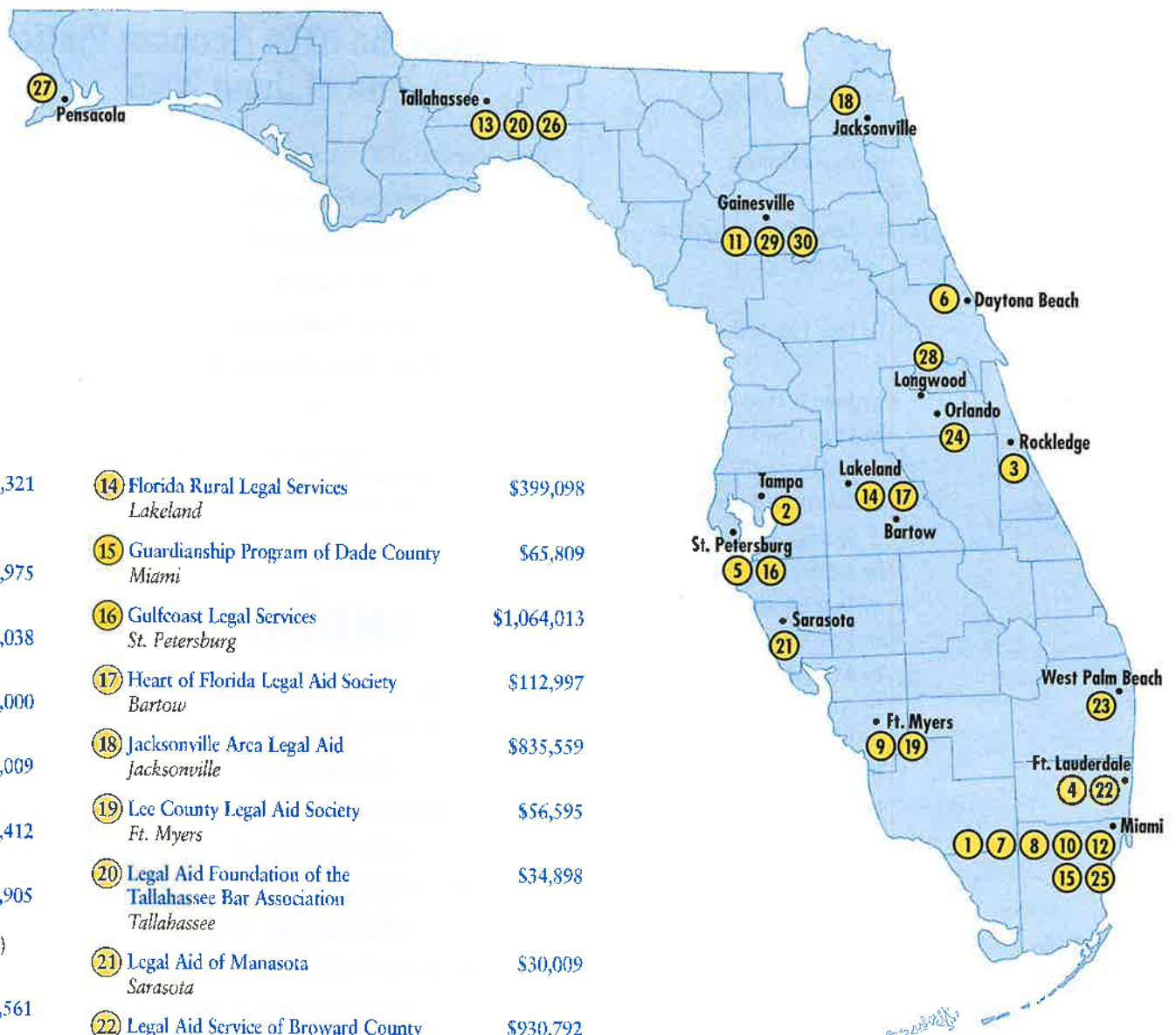
In fiscal year 2005-06, the Foundation awarded 31 grants in support of legal aid organizations serving every Florida county:

1 American Friends Service Committee Central American Political Asylum Program Miami	\$128,321
2 Bay Area Legal Services Tampa	\$242,975
3 Brevard County Legal Aid Rockledge	\$83,038
4 Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida Ft. Lauderdale	\$25,000
5 Community Law Program St. Petersburg	\$30,009
6 Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida Daytona Beach	\$976,412
7 Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project (Administered by Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center) Miami	\$32,905
8 Dade County Bar Association Office of Public Service-Volunteer Lawyers Miami	\$357,561
9 Florida Equal Justice Center Ft. Myers	\$375,738
10 Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center Miami	\$618,851
11 Florida Institutional Legal Services Civil Legal Assistance Project Gainesville	\$437,480
12 Florida Justice Institute Miami	\$270,105
13 Florida Legal Services Tallahassee	\$1,839,885
Florida Legal Services Migrant Farmworker Justice Project Tallahassee	\$602,348

14 Florida Rural Legal Services Lakeland	\$399,098
15 Guardianship Program of Dade County Miami	\$65,809
16 Gulfcoast Legal Services St. Petersburg	\$1,064,013
17 Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society Bartow	\$112,997
18 Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Jacksonville	\$835,559
19 Lee County Legal Aid Society Ft. Myers	\$56,595
20 Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association Tallahassee	\$34,898
21 Legal Aid of Manasota Sarasota	\$30,009
22 Legal Aid Service of Broward County Ft. Lauderdale	\$930,792
23 Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County West Palm Beach	\$355,488
24 Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association Orlando	\$538,258
25 Legal Services of Greater Miami Miami	\$643,461
26 Legal Services of North Florida Tallahassee	\$257,445
27 Northwest Florida Legal Services Pensacola	\$439,950
28 Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society Longwood	\$62,326

29 Southern Legal Counsel Gainesville	\$232,708
30 Three Rivers Legal Services Gainesville	\$69,134

**Total \$12,149,168**



## Foundation Legal Assistance for the Poor Grants Support a Wide Variety of Pro Bono Services by Members of The Florida Bar



**P**ro bono hours donated by members of The Florida Bar through organized pro bono programs in 2005 represented 16% of all cases — more than 14,000 — closed by Foundation legal aid grantees. Foundation funds support the intake and referral of cases to pro bono volunteer attorneys and provide such volunteers with backup support and training.

While much of the time donated by pro bono attorneys was in family law cases, there is a wide variety of pro bono service opportunities for Florida attorneys. To name just a few:

- Transactional attorneys helping community groups develop affordable housing
- Handling small probate matters
- Representing children in dependency proceedings
- Co-counseling cases with legal aid attorneys in housing and consumer law and assisting particularly vulnerable clients, such as the elderly, the disabled and the mentally ill

And, not all pro bono work has to involve direct representation of clients. For example:

- Providing substantive law and skills training to legal aid attorneys
- Serving as mentors to less experienced legal aid attorneys
- Doing client intake
- Participating in community legal education programs such as being a panelist at a seminar on domestic violence or speaking to the elderly about protection of their homesteads

The benefits of involving members of The Florida Bar in serving the legal needs of the poor extend well beyond the positive outcomes for individual clients, because attorneys make things happen. When talent and commitment are applied to removing the legal barriers poor people face in stabilizing their lives, entire communities benefit.

The Foundation encourages its Legal Assistance for the Poor grantees to continue to expand the scope of pro bono opportunities they offer private attorneys in their communities.



## In Memory of . . .

William O.E. Henry	by Shuler A. Peele
Hon. Howard P. Rives	by Burton Young
Thomas C. MacDonald, Jr.	by Jane Elizabeth Curran by Burton Young
Henry Zapruder	by Jane Elizabeth Curran
Amy Davis	by John F. Harkness, Jr. by Hon. Charles J. Kahn
Alain Gaumier	by American Society for Quality, Inc. by Sandra A. Chin by Jane Elizabeth Curran by Erik Haas by Margaret Hepworth by Albert V. Lee by Lou Ann Powell by Tamyra R. Rankin by Margaret Smellie by Polly R. Smith by Randall Wilson
Sean P. Bulfin	by John Joseph Bulfin
Elizabeth Mikolajczyk	by Marshall L. Cohen

## Profile of the IOTA Account Portfolio as of June 2006

Total Number of IOTA Accounts . . . . .	24,590
Weighted Average IOTA Account Interest Rate . . . . .	1.98%
Total Principal Balance in IOTA Accounts . . . . .	\$4.02 Billion
Average Balance per Account . . . . .	\$162,523
Number of Lawyers Participating in IOTA . . . . .	31,636
Number of Banks Participating in IOTA . . . . .	316

*IOTA eligible funds: Client and third-person funds shall be deposited in a lawyer's or law firm's IOTA account unless the funds can otherwise earn income for the client or third person in excess of the costs incurred to secure such income.*

## ENDOWMENT

In 1991, the Foundation established an Endowment as a permanent source of support for all of the Foundation's charitable activities. Initial funding for the Endowment came from \$1 million in unrestricted IOTA investment earnings, the income from which exclusively will fund IOTA grants. In 2005-06, additional Endowment funding came from \$291,481 in donations and other contributions increasing the total Endowment net assets to \$4,867,338 million.

## Thanks, We Couldn't Do It Without You

Also making a difference are the attorneys, law firms and other organizations who contributed to our success in 2005-06 through pro bono services to the Foundation itself:

- Stephen C. Emmanuel, Esquire  
*Ausley & McMullen*  
Tallahassee
- Donald Carlton Works III, Esquire  
*Jackson Lewis et. al.*  
Orlando
- Jeffrey S. Levin, Esquire  
*Holland & Knight*  
New York City
- *Florida Trend*  
Miami

## Be Sure to Thank Your Banker . . .

September 1981 marked implementation by the Florida Supreme Court of the country's first IOTA program and the beginning of an important source of support for civil legal assistance to the poor, projects to improve Florida's justice system and programs to promote public service by law students. While we often mark that milestone and thank those responsible, we don't publicly recognize often enough Florida's banking community.

It is because of the support and cooperation of Florida banks that IOTA works. From the superb staff at the banks who make sure monthly remittance information and interest gets to the Foundation, the teams who worked so closely with the Foundation to implement the interest rate comparability rule, to the leaders of the Florida Bankers Association who step up to the plate and help IOTA achieve its full potential.

The Foundation, its grantees and those they serve are very grateful for the successful partnership between the legal and banking communities that is Florida's IOTA program.

## Lawyers' Challenge for Children



**A**s you complete your Annual Florida Bar Fee Statement next spring, please consider contributing to the Foundation's Children's Legal Services Grant

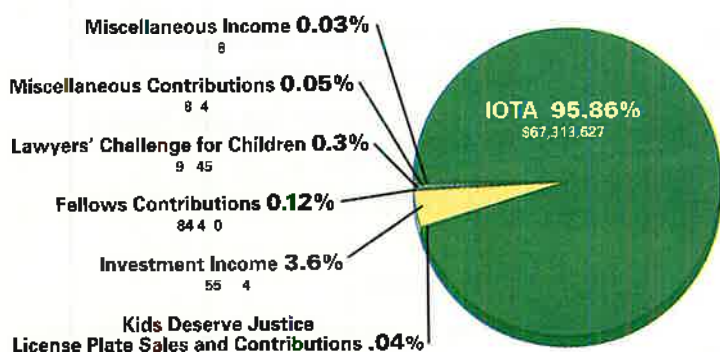
program through the Lawyers' Challenge for Children. Last year, more than 4,200 attorneys showed their support for children's legal programs funded by The

Florida Bar Foundation, helping to remove barriers to a productive future for thousands of low-income children in Florida. Thanks to their generosity, more than \$205,000 was awarded in grants for children's legal services. For a complete list of those who supported the Lawyers' Challenge for Children on the Annual Florida Bar Fee Statement, please visit [www.flabarfdn.org](http://www.flabarfdn.org).

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

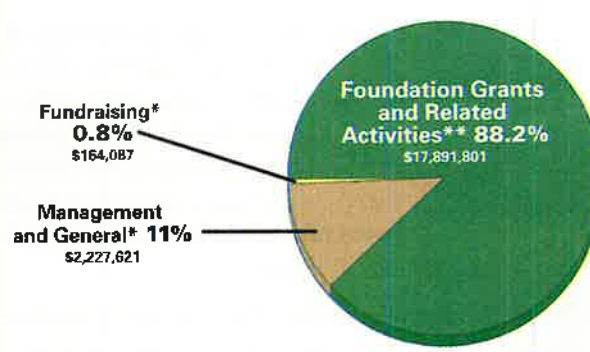
### 2005-06 Revenues

\$70,223,044



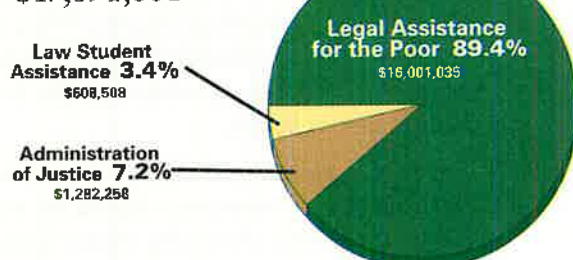
### 2005-06 Expenses

\$20,283,509



### 2005-06 Breakout of Grants and Related Activities\*\*

\$17,891,801



\* Fundraising and management expenses represent 11.8% of the Foundation's total activities.

\*\* Foundation grants are based upon the net revenues of the 2005-06 fiscal year. These amounts may differ from the grants listed elsewhere in this report due to conditional and multi-year grants.

Audited financial statements are available from the Foundation upon request. the Foundation's IRS Form 990 is available on the Foundation's Web site at <http://www.flabarfdn.org>.



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



William H. Davis, President, The Florida Bar Foundation, 2005-06, and W. Dexter Douglass, 2006 Medal of Honor Award recipient, lawyer category

### THE FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD/LAWYER PRESENTED TO W. DEXTER DOUGLASS FOR . . .

*"... outstanding service to the bench, bar and citizens of Florida. Throughout his long and distinguished career, Dexter Douglass has exemplified the ideals of the legal profession of duty and service to the public. A native Floridian, he began his legal career in Tallahassee in 1955 following decorated combat service in the Korean War. Since then, he has represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil and criminal proceedings in the federal and state courts, often pro bono or mindful of their ability to pay. Committed to civil and individuals rights, he has zealously advocated for causes both unpopular and controversial, true to the ideal of equal justice under law. From service for 16 years as chair of the board of trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, where he brought integration absent the tumult and strife marking similar efforts at the time, obtaining justice in North Florida for an African-American family defending their home, strengthening the process of selecting and removing judges, promoting high ethical standards for the legal profession, to service on the Article V Revision Commission, Dexter Douglass has improved the administration of justice and advanced the science of jurisprudence to the benefit of us all. It is, however, for his singular achievements as chair of the 1998 Florida Constitutional Revision Commission that he is most lauded by his colleagues. With consummate political skill, Dexter Douglass led the Commission to bi-partisan approval of amendments for reform of the structure of government, wildlife and environmental protections, increased equality for women, and enhanced requirements for high-quality public education and equitable funding statewide for the courts. With warmth, charm and a twinkle in his eye, Dexter Douglass has gained the respect and admiration of allies and adversaries alike, earning him the title of trusted attorney and counselor-at-law."*

JUNE 22, 2006

### THE FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD/NON-LAWYER PRESENTED TO JANET R. McALILEY FOR . . .

*"... her dedication to improving the administration of justice in Florida as an educator, community leader, and role model and mentor for young women. Janet McAiley has effectively given voice to those too often silenced in society — school children, immigrants and those seeking a balance of power in the criminal justice system. As an elected member of the Dade County School Board for 16 years, Janet McAiley championed the rights of children to better educational opportunities and academic freedoms. She rejected the popular politics of mindless school censorship and instead placed her trust in the intellect and judgment of students, instilling in them a dedication to preserving the right of free speech as guaranteed by our Constitution. As a board member, then president of Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, she has selflessly devoted her time advocating for the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers and for better treatment of the many who too often languish in detention. Throughout her career and into retirement, Janet McAiley has lent her boundless energy and outstanding leadership skills to countless community and civic organizations earning admiration and trust. Appointed to the City of Miami's Civilian Investigative Panel where she serves as vice-chair, she advises on police policy, addressing areas of public mistrust and concern. Hard working and humble, skillfully balancing the practical with the ideal, Janet McAiley has, by the example of her life, inspired many to follow in her footsteps of exceptional service to community and to those in great need."*

JUNE 22, 2006



William H. Davis and Janet R. McAiley, 2006 Medal of Honor Award recipient, non-lawyer category



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

**"The Foundation has done so much for legal services in Florida. The Foundation has been such a force for the poor in Florida. FIAC and other organizations have benefited tremendously from it. It is something that should make the lawyers of Florida very proud."**

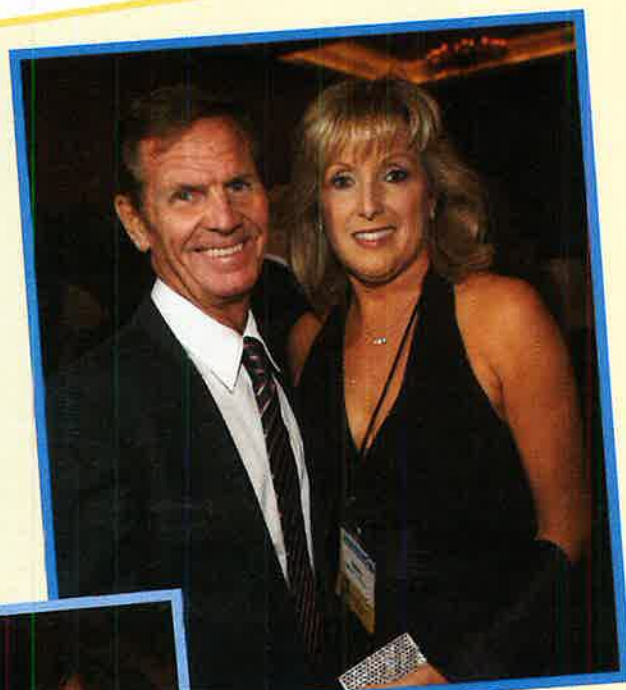
**Janet Reno**



Alan Bookman and Connie Bookman



Mary Anne Robertson (Coast to Coast Legal Aid), Janet Reno and Z. Felicia Jordan (Coast to Coast Legal Aid)



Albert Whelan and Kathy McLeroy



Burton Young and Bob Ervin

**"My association with the Foundation goes back to the 60s. One of the things I'm proud of is that I made the first contribution that qualified me for a Fellow. It's been meaningful to me since 1966."**

**Bob Ervin**



Gayenne Young and Kimberly Baid

**"It has added so much to the life of Florida citizens and from our perspective, for the children of Florida which is our basic, most precious resource. Our children of tomorrow... So the Foundation is directly responsible for so many of the good things that happen to those who may not have the opportunity to otherwise participate in this great democracy. I'm honored to be here, to be included tonight..."**

**Chief Justice Fred Lewis**



William H. Davis and outgoing directors John Yarchonis, Jack Brandon, Mike Stafford and James Bell



K. Beth Luna and Sarah Sullivan

**"The Foundation is a light for all of us. It provides the services for the people who need it the most and have it the least. As far as I'm concerned, there's no finer organization in the state of Florida..."**

**Howard Coker**



Terry Russell, Mary Kay Russell and Cristy Russell



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and Joseph Hatchett, 2000 Medal of Honor Award recipient

*"The Foundation performs a very useful purpose. I've been happy to be a member of the Foundation for many years. It appears to be growing every day and rightly so. I'm very happy to see that progress."*

**Joseph Hatchett**



Mary Cox, center, with her parents, Dr. James and Mary Cousar



Royce Walden and Eddy Walden

*"The Foundation, of course, has done a wonderful thing with the monies they generate. They certainly had some rocky beginnings, but it's turned out terrific. Florida was the first state to have the program, and now most of the states have a similar program. It makes a lot of sense."*

**Thomas Barkdull**



Bill Davis and Susan Davis



Frank Angones Jr. and Georgina Angones

*"I received the Medal of Honor award back in 1985, and to this day, it's still the highest honor I could ever receive and I treasure it very much."*

**Sylvia Alberdi**



Julie Blackwell and Bruce Blackwell



Mindy Thornton and John Thornton



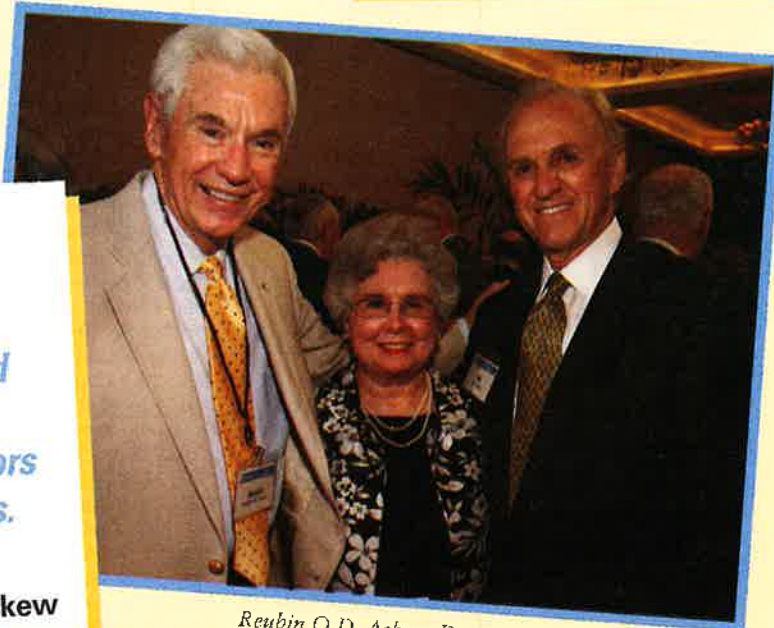
Hon. William A. Van Nortwick, Jr. and Maria Henderson

*"The Foundation is a very much-needed organization and I appreciate the fact that the lawmakers and the attorneys of our state were able to come together for a good cause. It's amazing for these people to give this money back to the community."*

**Abraham R. Brown**

*"To celebrate the 50th year, that hardly seems possible for the Foundation . . . but it's been a great organization, it's done a lot — it's really sort of led the way in terms of legal services for the indigent. I've been pleased with the growth and I've been pleased with its leadership. I received the Medal of Honor after I left the office of the governor, and it meant a lot . . . I've gotten some honors which I'm deeply grateful for, but that's in the center of my honors. I've been proud of the Foundation . . . proud of its work . . ."*

**Reubin Askew**



Reubin O.D. Askew, Donna Lou Askew and Bill Wagner



# Lifetime Giving

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# From the Executive Director



Grantmaking at the Foundation was a lot more fun in 2005-06. Last year saw IOTA revenue jump dramatically thanks to an IOTA Rule amendment adopted by the Florida Supreme Court in 2001. The amendment, dubbed "interest rate comparability," has made it possible for IOTA accounts to earn interest rates comparable to a bank's other customers when the IOTA accounts meet the same minimum balance or other qualifications set by the bank. With the rise in short-term interest rates in the economy, the yield on IOTA accounts statewide was 1.92% in 2005-06, compared to .42% before full implementation of the Rule amendment.

Kudos go to the Florida Bankers Association, which joined the Foundation in seeking the Court's approval of the amendment and to The Florida Bar Board of Governors for its unanimous support. Legal aid and other grant funding increased in 2005-06 as a result and grant program reserves were re-established.

Legal aid general support grants, which cover every Florida county, had been flat since 2000. Although the grant increases were welcomed, they brought funding levels just shy of their prior high in 1998-99, when adding in inflation and growth in Florida's poverty population. However, knowing that IOTA account interest rates will fall at some point in the future, the Foundation board also re-established its grant program reserve to maintain funding levels for up to four years once annual IOTA revenue drops. The increased revenue also has made possible special initiatives to improve Florida's statewide legal services delivery system such as compatible case management software, leadership training for legal aid advocates, and additional training and resources to provide legal assistance to disaster victims.

Another result of increased IOTA revenue is the ability of the Foundation to take another look at its mission and how it is carried out. Those efforts began during a Foundation board retreat this past August. Current grant programs and operations were reviewed, fundraising goals examined, and plans discussed for a "visioning" session in 2006-07. That session will

identify a couple of "BHAGs," or "big, hairy, audacious goals" for the Foundation to undertake in the next three to five years.

With its mission of providing "greater access to justice" through grant programs for legal aid to the poor, involving law students in public service, and funding projects to improve Florida's justice system, Foundation board members are ready to join with other leaders of the bench and bar and the broader community to take on a couple of well-crafted BHAGs. After all, lawyers are problem-solvers. They are energized by a call to action and excel at bringing the benefits of law and the legal system to removing barriers faced by the poor and a justice system too often out of reach.

We welcome your comments and suggestions about the activities recounted in this annual report — and any BHAGs you'd like us to consider.

Thanks for your continued support.



JANE ELIZABETH CURRAN  
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## A Look Ahead . . .

The Florida Bar Foundation would like to announce the successful completion of its development staffing search. In July



DONALD J. HALE  
Director of Development and Communications

of development and alumni affairs for the University of Florida Levin College of Law in Gainesville.

2006, Donald J. Hale became the director of development and communications. Donald previously served as the senior director

In August, Michelle C. Lyles became the assistant director of development. Michelle was a member of the fundraising team for the Heart of Florida United Way in Orlando.

The Foundation has combined the development, communications, and marketing programs into one department. Camille Murawski will continue in her capacity as communications manager, and Shannon Stankiewicz will continue to market the Kids Deserve License Plate program. In August, the development and communications departments welcomed a new staff member, Keila Rios, administrative

assistant for development. The new and existing staff is committed to stewardship of previous donors who have invested in the Foundation, and we look forward to welcoming more individuals to invest in our programs, including our Planned Giving Society, during this fiscal year. Because you have remembered to give back, the least among us has not been forgotten.



MICHELLE C. LYLES  
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The Foundation is governed by a 31-member board of directors, which meets quarterly. The board conducts its work through ad hoc and standing committees. The board comprises the officers of

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