With help from a Legal Services of North Florida attorney ad litem, six-year-old Charlotte was adopted by Chelsea and Jessica Griffith. Charlotte, who loves fishing and Barbie dolls, found her “forever home” after three years in the foster care system.

**Attorney ad litem helps Charlotte find her forever home**

Stephanie Johnson, the managing attorney for Legal Services of North Florida’s Tallahassee office, left her office one day in 2020 to meet a new client. She headed to a day care center where she was introduced to four-year-old Charlotte*. "She was really quiet and really hesitant to talk to me," Johnson said. "I’m just some stranger who showed up. So, I said, ‘Do you like to read?’ She said, ‘I do,’ so we read *Frog and Toad* together. She had attention issues, so it was a lot of work keeping her engaged, but she just was so thankful to have somebody give her attention. She was the sweetest kid."

Charlotte was in foster care, one of more than 20,000 children in Florida who have been removed from their homes. In her foster home, she was placed on multiple psychotropic medications, setting into motion a process that made Johnson her attorney ad litem.

Johnson averages a case load of about 40 clients like Charlotte. As an attorney ad litem, she is responsible for advocating for the best interests and wishes of a child. Her work is supported by a Children’s Legal Services grant from The Florida Bar Foundation.

After meeting Charlotte, Johnson got to work on her case. Charlotte and her three younger siblings had been removed from their home due to their parents’ drug use. In their foster home, the foster mother was requesting that Charlotte be removed because she could not handle Charlotte’s behavioral issues along...
Message from the President
Hon. Suzanne Van Wyk

Growth, Change and Gratitude

Springtime is so beautiful in Tallahassee that it has its own festival, complete with a parade, live music, food vendors and craft fair. Yards are ablaze with azalea blooms, daffodils and red bud trees. Lawns are growing again (and we’re mowing again)! It is a season of growth and change as we open our windows again, plant spring flowers and prepare for proms and graduations.

It is my great pleasure to serve the Foundation as president this year. My colleagues on the board are as diverse as the communities from which they hail and bring a wealth of experience in various fields to assist the Foundation in faithful execution of its duties. For all of them, I am grateful. This year, I am especially grateful for officers Murray Silverstein, Bob Pardo, Ashley Sybesma and Connie Bookman for their wisdom, guidance and tireless efforts.

I would like to commend Vinny Cuomo, Jim Schwarz, Ian Comisky and Steve Salzer for utilizing their expertise in financial matters to develop a short-term investment policy for IOTA dollars; and, along with Carl Domino, for guiding the reallocation of Foundation investments in the recent volatile markets. Many, many thanks to Jim Schwarz for bringing his expertise in board governance, as well as his patient spirit, to guide the Foundation in the areas of policy making and diplomacy. Our hats are off to board member and delegate from The Florida Bar Jody Hudgins for his banking expertise and his tireless efforts on behalf of the Foundation. Along with Jody, many thanks to Josh Chilson and Jack Harkness for acting as liaisons to The Florida Bar and actively engaging to improve the mutual relationship. Thanks to our judicial (and former judicial) board members Hon. James E.C. Perry, Hon. Jeffrey Kuntz, Hon. Edwin Scales and Hon. Peggy Quince for their insights. Thanks to Jacksonville board members Hon. Hugh Carithers, Brian Currie and Ray Reid for liaising with their local grantees to improve communications. And, special thanks to Ray Reid for entertaining us with his talent on the piano at all of our meetings!

My thanks to entrepreneur and all-around sports enthusiast George Tinsley for his efforts to engage the business community to support the work of the Foundation. We are grateful for María Gonzalez’s leadership, as well as her efforts with the Family Law Section, which continues to provide us amazing support and annual donations. Thanks to newer board members Mike Tein, Bob Murphy, Hon. Stefanie Moon and Sarita Courtney Baigorri for becoming acclimated and getting involved quickly. Special thanks to Min Cho, who has gone above and beyond in helping to grow our relationship with the Young Lawyers Division and volunteer on a weekend with me at a YLD conference.

In June, we will be saying goodbye to longstanding board member John Cardillo, who has served the Foundation for nine years. He has been a tireless ambassador for, and financial supporter of, the Foundation (as well as the Foundation’s unofficial food critic!). Carl Domino and Kevin McCoy will also be leaving the board, and we wish them the very best in their future endeavors. In July, we will welcome new board members Joseph Kadow and Ayana Barrow, and we look forward to working with them in 2023-24. A more formal welcome is forthcoming in the next newsletter.

The Foundation staff are consummate professionals dedicated to meeting the legal needs of the underserved populations in Florida. In February, we welcomed Robert Heidt as the new Director of Finance and Administration, following the loss of the Foundation’s CFO Lou Ann Powell. Robert is an accomplished professional and is using his organizational skills to improve record management. He is a calm, deliberate hand in an area of increased complexity.

As we prepare for the December 31 retirement of Jasmine Lee-Gaumier, the Foundation’s long-standing controller, we are working to find her successor and are appreciative of Jasmine’s willingness to train and orient her replacement.

Thank you to all who consistently support the Foundation, especially our Children’s Legal Services program. Learn more about how to donate to this program at the end of the newsletter.

Enjoy the change of seasons, plant something new, and let someone know you are grateful they are in your life!

Hon. Suzanne Van Wyk, President

Florida Bar Foundation President Suzanne Vak Wyk began her term July 1, 2022. Van Wyk is an administrative law judge with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings in Tallahassee. A graduate of Florida State University College of Law, she also has a master’s degree in urban and regional planning. Previously, Van Wyk was a shareholder with Bryant Miller Olive, served as assistant general counsel to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, as assistant county attorney with the Leon County Attorney’s Office, and as a staff attorney for the Florida Building Commission and the Florida Senate Committee on Community Affairs. She is board certified in City, County, and Local Government Law. Van Wyk, a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow and Gold Society donor, is currently serving as chair-elect of The Florida Bar’s Administrative Law Section, and previously served on the Committee on Professionalism and chaired the Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee. She is also a past president of the board of the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association.
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March board of directors meeting report

The Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors met in Lakeland on March 10, 2023, at Florida Southern College. The Foundation is grateful to Florida Southern College for hosting and especially grateful to former Foundation president Stephen Senn and his law firm Peterson & Myers for facilitating the visit with the college and for sponsoring a reception at the Polk Museum of Art. This hospitality and generosity allowed the Foundation to save considerable money and expenses associated with its committee and board meetings. The major actions of the board and reports received included:

Election of Foundation directors

The board ratified the Nominating Committee’s selection of Ayana Barrow and Joseph Kadow to fill two seats for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2023. Ms. Barrow is a lawyer actively involved in the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar, and Mr. Kadow is the former Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer for Bloomin’ Brands, Inc.

It was also reported that Sarita Courtney Baigorri and Brian Currie were appointed by The Florida Bar to each serve a second, three-year term on the board. The Foundation also notified the Bar of two open seats left vacant by Craig Waters’ resignation and Maria Gonzalez’s selection as the Foundation’s Second Vice President. It is expected that the Bar will fill these seats at its May meeting.

Report of the Medal of Honor Awards Committee

The board ratified the selection of David B. Rothman, Esq., as the Foundation’s 2023 recipient of its Medal of Honor Award for a Lawyer. The committee did not recommend a non-lawyer recipient.

The board also ratified the selection of Kimberly L. Rodgers, Esq., executive director of Community Law Program, as this year’s recipient of the Jane Elizabeth Curran Distinguished Service Award.

The Foundation will host an award ceremony and breakfast in conjunction with The Florida Bar annual convention in June. Sponsorships and tickets are available.

Administration of Justice Grants Awarded

The Improvements in the Administration of Justice (AOJ) grant program is designed to improve areas within the broader framework of the justice system, with emphasis on the process of operating the courts in an effective and expeditious manner. It has historically been used to fund programs that are not otherwise or regularly funded in the Foundation’s other grant programs.

The board approved an allocation of $900,000 to fund AOJ projects this fiscal year, which represents a $100,000 increase over last year’s allocation. The Foundation received 13 applications requesting a total of $2,209,073. Last year, the Foundation received nine applications requesting a total of $991,042. As such, a $191,042 shortfall between the Foundation’s allocation of $800,000 and the “ask” existed last year (23% delta). This year’s shortfall increased to $1,309,703 between the Foundation’s $900,000 allocation and the total “ask” from all applicants (145% delta). Put another way, while applications increased by 44% (9 vs. 13), the amount requested increased by 222%. These differences and disparities presented more challenges to the review team.

Directors Brian Currie, Maria Gonzalez, Mike Tein and Hon. Stefanie Moon, along with staff, independently reviewed and scored the applications and thereafter conferred to review the results and make recommendations for funding. The scoring group recommended, and the board approved, six awards totaling $900,000. The six projects receiving AOJ awards are listed in the chart on this page.

Report on Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Pursuant to the terms of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) and individual loan agreements between the Foundation and eligible participants, the board took up the matter of its 2022 LRAP loans. In 2022, the board approved LRAP loans to 205 qualified attorneys totaling $1,024,663. Upon fulfilment of the terms and conditions of their promissory notes, participants are eligible for

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2023-24 Improvements in the Administration of Justice grants awarded

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Children’s Legal Services Grant Highlights

Nine legal aid providers were awarded Children’s Legal Services grants in 2022. Grants ranged from $50,000 to $150,000. 1,554 cases were opened during the first half of the grant term.

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Data comes from grantees’ interim reports, submitted at the halfway point of the 2022-23 grant term.
consideration for forgiveness of those loans. The board adopted and approved the Grants Committee’s recommendation (based on staff’s detailed report) which provides for:

1. Forgiveness of LRAP loans to 159 participants totaling $770,160;
2. Recission of $175,999 in unused LRAP awards by 49 participants that fully or partially declined their LRAP loans or defaulted prior to second disbursement; and
3. Acceptance of repayment from 26 participants that defaulted on their 2021 LRAP loans totaling $78,504.

Foundation selects Paul Doyle Children’s Advocacy Award Recipients

The Paul Doyle Children’s Advocacy Award honors Paul C. Doyle, founding director of the Foundation’s Legal Assistance for the Poor and Law Student Assistance Grant Programs (1991 to 2013) in recognition of his commitment to high-quality legal representation of Florida’s low-income children; for encouraging grantee programs to collaborate across geographic regions in order to bring the benefit of legal advocacy to low-income children regardless of their county of residence; for his strong and consistent support of grantees; and for a career dedicated to promoting high-quality legal representation of the poor. The purpose of the award is to recognize and encourage systemic legal advocacy on behalf of low-income children by any non-profit, philanthropic organization whose mission is similar to the Foundation’s, who is currently involved in projects directly affecting children’s issues, and who meet the award’s qualitative and other criteria.

A committee, chaired by former Foundation president Juliette Lippman, selected Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society’s Foster Youth Disability Advocacy Project as the winner. First runner-up was Florida Health Justice Project and second runner-up was Americans for Immigrant Justice.

In addition, pursuant to recent amendments to the selection criteria for this award, the selection committee noted that Florida Health Justice Project is a first-time applicant for this award and is therefore entitled to a $1,000 “newcomer’s” award. The committee requested approval of a newcomer’s award to FHJP in addition to its first runner-up award.

The board ratified the selection of award recipients who will be recognized at the Foundation’s annual award ceremony in June. Along with Ms. Lippman, the Foundation thanks Directors Brian Currie, Kevin McCoy, Maria Gonzalez, Sarita Courtney Baigorri, Hon. Stefanie Moon and retired Justice Peggy Quince who also served as members of the committee.

Report of the Overall Review Ad Hoc Committee

Immediate Past President Connie Bookman reported on the work of the committee, which was created to study, review and make recommendations to the board regarding the Foundation’s brand, name, mission, mission statement and messaging. This committee has met 10 times since its creation. The group initially studied its purpose and charge, set out to identify and articulate the Foundation’s current challenges and aspirations for meeting those challenges, and then recommended:

1. The Foundation’s mission does not need to be and should not be changed;
2. The Foundation’s mission statement should be changed and clarified;
3. The Foundation should adopt and use a fictitious name that better reflects its mission and purpose;
4. The Foundation should endeavor to change and refine its messaging; and
5. The Foundation should create, develop or refine its brand to reflect the changes above.

These recommendations were approved by the board on June 23, 2022. Thereafter, the group broke into two subgroups, with one focused on the Foundation’s mission statement and the other focused on the possible adoption of a fictitious name and tagline. It was decided that the mission statement group would proceed first because the name and tagline would be influenced by the mission statement. The mission statement subgroup met several times afterwards and considered multiple proposed mission statements. Ultimately, the committee’s vice-chair, Gary Yordon, spent considerable time researching and drafting mission statements that would best describe the work that the Foundation sets out to do. On February 20, 2023, the committee met, discussed Gary’s recommendations, and voted to recommend to the Foundation board that the Foundation’s mission statement be changed to, “To increase access to the justice system for people of limited means, The Florida Bar Foundation funds legal services, develops innovative tools and programs, and supports legal aid providers and the courts.”

The Board adopted the committee’s recommendation. The committee will continue with its work regarding the possible adoption of a fictitious name and report back at the board’s next meeting.

Next Meeting

The Board’s next scheduled meeting will be in conjunction with The Florida Bar’s Annual Convention in Boca Raton in June.
Foundation makes first IOTA distributions under new rule

In December, The Florida Bar Foundation facilitated the first IOTA distributions to qualified legal aid providers under the amended Bar Rule 5.1-1(g).

Region I
- Emerald Coast Legal Aid: $62,544
- Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee Bar Assoc: $10,424
- Legal Services of North Florida: $358,585

Region II
- Jacksonville Area Legal Aid: $402,166
- Three Rivers Legal Services: $183,445

Region III
- Brevard County Legal Aid: $112,666
- Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida: $603,890
- Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Assoc: $506,996
- Seminole County Bar Assoc. Legal Aid Society: $112,666

Region IV
- Bay Area Legal Services: $556,905
- Community Law Program: $89,823
- Gulfcoast Legal Services: $336,837
- Legal Aid of Manasota: $67,367

Region V
- Florida Rural Legal Services: $306,881
- Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society: $56,137
- Lee County Legal Aid Society: $74,849
- Legal Aid Service of Collier County: $134,729
- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County: $583,821

Region VI
- Catholic Legal Services: $81,342
- Coast to Coast Legal Aid: $122,916
- Legal Aid Service of Broward County: $455,514

Region VII
- Catholic Legal Services: $276,752
- Community Justice Project: $67,091
- CABA Pro Bono Project: $100,638
- Dade Legal Aid: $264,173
- Legal Services of Greater Miami: $181,148

Statewide
- Americans for Immigrants Justice: $459,053
- Florida Health Justice Project: $122,414
- Florida Justice Institute: $122,414
- Florida Legal Services: $535,562
- Florida’s Children First: $30,603
- Innocence Project of Florida: $61,207
- Lawyers for Children America: $61,207
- Southern Legal Counsel: $122,414
- IDignity: $61,207

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- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- Tax Section
- Health Law Section
- Labor and Employment Section
- International Law Section
RESEARCH was the theme during my year in leadership! I distinctly remember daily feelings of awe and gratitude for the incredible mind bank and giftedness that attorneys and public members offered in moving the mission of The Florida Bar Foundation forward. No decision was ever made without thorough investigation and discussion. Because of that commitment, the Foundation is standing at its leanest and strongest ever.

The creation of FIVE Ad Hoc committees enhanced our commitment of transparency and inclusiveness in all of our policy making. The Overall Review Committee studied, reviewed and made recommendations regarding the Foundation’s brand, name, mission and mission statement. A daunting task for 14 committed members! Fortunately, the Emmy Award-winning Gary Yordon guided us in these five decisions:

- The mission does not need to be and should not be changed;
- The mission statement should be changed and clarified;
- Adopt and use a fictitious name that better reflects our mission and purpose;
- Endeavor to change and refine our messaging; and
- Create and refine our brand to reflect the changes above.

The Audit RFP Ad Hoc Committee was charged with overseeing the planned periodic review of the Foundation’s current auditor and possible replacement. A request for proposal to 21 selected auditor firms was prepared. Ultimately, four finalists were identified and interviewed, with the committee recommending the retention of Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) as the Foundation’s new annual auditor.

The Paul Doyle Children’s Advocacy Award Criteria Review Committee and the Goldstein-Van Nortwick Award Selection Committee reviewed the selection and qualifications criteria for the awards and recommended changes for consideration.

The Grants Committee formed the EJW Policy Ad Hoc Committee to develop a formal policy relating to the Foundation’s funding and participation in the Equal Justice Works program. The Grants Committee also recommended and the board approved in concept, the development of a policy regarding receipt, processing, and administration of donations.

Eight grant programs were approved for funding of $5,880,000 during my year.

The Foundation’s FY 2021-22 operating budget was presented and approved by the board in the amount of $2,579,365, which represented a 10.5% reduction from the Foundation’s FY 2020-21 operating budget. Actual spending for FY 2021-22 was $2,159,709, which was $419,656 or 16% below budget. Now, that’s great work!

After three years of intense work and study, the Long-Range Technology Plan of the Technology and Training Committee was approved. To streamline operations of the Foundation, the majority of technology assets were transferred to legal aid organizations that are better equipped to maintain and run them.

IOTA Rule implementation

I have always found that change, though uncomfortable at first, is good! As is the case of the new IOTA rule. The Foundation continued its focus on expenses associated with its entire operation, as well as those required to administer IOTA funds pursuant to Rule 5.1-1(g). The Foundation sought input from all stakeholders and grantees regarding its grants and awards and all other obligations and duties consistent with its mission, specifically including those required under Rule 5.1-1(g). Those efforts included consideration of either terminating, renegotiating or sub-leasing the Foundation’s current rented space. Exciting times for the Foundation!
**Purchase of new building**

The Foundation made a financially prudent choice to purchase a building to house its operations, rather than continuing to rent space. 175 Lookout Place is the Foundation’s new home.

**Alan B. Bookman Service in Leadership Award**

During my year as president, I lost the love of my life, Alan B. Bookman, an honorable man and past president of The Florida Bar. I could not have asked for a more loving and caring support system than my friends and colleagues of the Foundation and past presidents of The Florida Bar.

More than $100,000 was quickly raised to honor Alan and to provide an annual grant to a lawyer who represents the character and values of Alan. His name will go on in perpetuity as this lawyer gifts $5,000 each year to a legal aid organization of his or her choice. For that I am very grateful.

Awe and gratitude capture the essence of all that the Foundation does to assure that everyone living in Florida has a voice. God bless you for your support.
The Legacy for Justice

The Legacy for Justice recognizes those who have included the Foundation in their estate planning, made a gift or pledge of more than $10,000, directed a significant cy pres award to the Foundation or facilitated a colleague’s major gift. We offer the members of this prestigious group our sincerest gratitude for their deep and abiding commitment to the Foundation. (Through April 14, 2023)

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2,303,883 people benefited either directly or indirectly because their civil legal cases were taken by Foundation-funded grantees in calendar year 2021.

2021-22 Florida Bar Foundation Fellows

Florida Bar Foundation Fellows pledge $1,000 to support the Foundation. Learn more at www.TheFloridaBarFoundation.org/Fellow.

New Fellows from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

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Joseph Fasone
Cynthia L. Hall

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The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
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The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section
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