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CHASTY MAYNARD

When his school failed to provide accommodations necessary for him to learn and attend class safely, TJ Johnson, who is medically fragile, and his family turned to Southern Legal Counsel, a Florida Bar Foundation Children's Legal Services grantee. Lawyer Abigail Adkins advocated for TJ's rights and ensured that his school provided him with the resources he needed.

Foundation grantee advocates for rights of children with disabilities

What started as playing in the pool with his siblings on Memorial Day turned into a life-altering emergency room trip for two-year-old TJ Johnson. After getting accidentally bumped in the head, TJ's eye began to wander, and he was rushed to the emergency room. There, doctors found a craniopharyngioma - a brain tumor near TJ's pituitary gland.

"For the first year after diagnosis, he had three brain surgeries and did proton beam radiation," Jordona Johnson, TJ's mother, said. "The tumor kept coming back, getting more and more aggressive, so we ended up being transferred to St. Jude Children's Hospital."

By the time TJ was five, he'd had two more surgeries. During his fifth surgery, he suffered several strokes and spent a month in the

hospital learning how to walk, talk and eat again.

"He actually recovered pretty quickly from that, but it caused a lot of other medical problems," Johnson, a property manager who writes novels in her spare time, said.

"[He has] weakness on his right side. He has a muscle movement disorder called dystonia; it aggravated the dystonia. The surgery also



Florida Bar Foundation President Connie Bookman began her term July 1, 2021. She is just the second non-lawyer to hold the position. A licensed clinical social worker, Bookman is the founder and CEO of Pensacola nonprofit Pathways for Change, which provides counseling, education, vocational training and residential addiction treatment. She is overseeing its current pivot from daily program operations to a broader vision of assisting local agencies in eliminating homelessness. She earned her bachelor's degree from St. Leo University and her master's degree in social work from Florida State University. She received the Chief Judge Award of Service for the First Judicial Circuit in 2015 and was named the FSU School of Social Work Field Educator of the Year in 2012. Bookman is also a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow and a member of the Silver Society for lifetime giving.

Message from the President

Foundation executive director Donny MacKenzie and I talk for an hour and a half every Thursday morning. I always leave those calls with a sense of awe in how he is directing the Foundation and utilizing the talent of his staff and board of directors. Those calls are also a lot of fun for me because many times he comes up with brilliant ideas as he is talking through the Foundation's challenges.

During one of those calls, we realized that we needed to create the Overall Review Committee. This committee is working to determine if the Foundation should change its mission statement, adopt a fictitious name, and scrutinize and clarify our messaging and branding. Keeping our mission intact is crucial for us to achieve our objectives but raising awareness and understanding of the Foundation's mission and work will allow us to gain more acceptance and funding from sources other than IOTA and lawyers.

We continue to talk about and maneuver the implementation of the amended IOTA rule, which is by far the most significant and important issue we have and are facing. There is much work to be done, but we have a very good roadmap in my opinion. We are implementing the rule from a staff perspective, developing timesheets for determining IOTA/non-IOTA ratios and studying the budget to develop an operations plan that complies with the rule while keeping the Foundation intact.

Along with that, Donny oversaw the monumental task of developing the fiscal year 2021-22 budget, creating a spending resolution pending the outcome of the task force proposal, and then preparing a budget that applied the amended rule prospectively, which was wise and prudent. This ensured that our \$5.88 million grants allocation used previous revenues not current fiscal year collections. The Foundation continues to exercise fiscal restraint and responsibility with its operations budget, adjusting down the retirement contributions for existing and new employees,

and adopting a safe harbor retirement plan. And, we enjoyed (again) a clear audit.

We also created the Sustainability Subcommittee, which is exploring how we can create a policy and implement a practice that reasonably compensates the Foundation for administering gifts received commensurate with the effort required to carry out the donor's intent and the Foundation's purpose.

Additionally, we are putting in significant effort regarding the potential subleasing of our current Foundation office, and I think the prospect of a new building is very exciting and economically promising.

It's been a very full year for me. I am grateful that we will be meeting together in person in June. I am excited about the fiscally sound plan of having a morning award ceremony, and I can't wait to celebrate the winners of the Medal of Honor, Goldstein-Van Nortwick, Jane Elizabeth Curran Distinguished Service and President's awards.

And, finally, I want to thank all of you who have been so supportive of me as I faced the passing of my husband. The Alan B. Bookman Service in Leadership Award will carry on his legacy, and I look forward to meeting the fine lawyers who will receive this award.

Connie Bookman, President



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Spring Board of Directors meeting report

The Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors met via Zoom on March 18, 2022. The major actions of the board and reports received included:

Election of Foundation Board of Directors

Retired Justice Peggy Quince and Retired Judge Hugh Carithers were elected to serve a second, three-year term on the board after being nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee also announced that The Florida Bar had selected Min Cho to serve a second three-year term on the board and had selected Robert Craig Waters to serve a three-year term on the board beginning July 1, 2022.

Lastly, President Bookman reported that the Foundation is awaiting word from the Supreme Court on its selection of the two seats vacated by Greg Coleman and Roberto Pardo. President Bookman thanked Mr. Coleman for his distinguished service to the Foundation board for the maximum six-year period under the bylaws.

Report of the Medal of Honor Awards Committee

The Board ratified the selection of John C. Patterson Jr. as the Foundation's 2022 recipient of its Medal of Honor Award. The committee did not recommend a non-lawyer recipient because none were nominated this year.

The Board also ratified the selection of Richard "Dick" C. Woltmann, President/CEO of

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., as this year's recipient of the Jane Elizabeth Curran Distinguished Service Award.

The Board previously decided that the Foundation's annual awards dinner would be cancelled due to uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic along with scheduling and cost considerations. It is, however, planning to host an award ceremony breakfast in conjunction with The Florida Bar annual convention. More details will follow regarding the event as they become available.

Administration of Justice Grants Awarded

The Improvements to the Administration of Justice (AOJ) grant program is designed to assist in the improvement in the administration of justice in 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 previously allocated and approved \$800,000 for funding AOJ projects this year. The Foundation received 8 applications requesting \$991,042 in total.

Directors Ashley Sybesma, Hon. Suzanne Van Wyk and Murray Silverstein, along with staff, independently reviewed and scored the applications, conferenced to review the results and made recommendations for funding. The scoring committee recommended, and the board approved, four awards totaling

\$780,000 with the return of \$20,000 back to the Foundation's grant allocation (see chart below).

Report on Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

Consistent with previous practice and in accordance with the terms of the program and individual loan agreements between the Foundation and eligible participants, the Board took up the matter of its 2021 LRAP loans. In 2021, the Board approved LRAP loans to 259 qualified attorneys. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of their promissory notes, participants are eligible for 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:

- Forgiveness of LRAP loans to 220 participants totaling \$1,018,354.51 (two of these requests totaling \$7,500 were conditionally approved pending further review by staff and referral to the Executive Committee in April);
- Rescission of \$217,204.27 in unused LRAP awards by 56 participants that fully or partially declined their LRAP loans or defaulted prior to second disbursement; and
- Acceptance of repayment from 21 participants that defaulted on their 2021 LRAP loans totaling \$57,916.67.

The Board also approved the Grants Committee recommendation for 2022 LRAP loans to 205 returning and/or new applicants

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2021-22 Improvements in the Administration of Justice grants awarded

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Program	Project	Grant
Florida's Children First	Improving Justice for Children: Attorneys Clients Partnering for Systemic Change	\$250,000
Innocence Project of Florida	2022 Vindicate the Wrongfully Convicted Project	\$300,000
Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar	Acesso for All	\$130,000
Dade Legal Aid	2022 Innovative and Transformative Pro Bono Project	\$100,000
		Total: \$780,000

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caused his hypothalamic obesity to get pretty aggressive and out of control so he gained a lot of weight very quickly, which limited his mobility and caused additional health issues."

Now 11, TJ continues to deal with side effects from the benign tumor including diabetes insipidus, Addison's disease and seizures.

"He's in pain a lot. He can walk a little bit, short distances, but it's painful," Johnson said. "He doesn't sleep well. He's also developmentally delayed. So it's really hard for him to understand why he can't do normal things like other kids."

Through his struggles, TJ has found joy in video games, art, and most importantly, school, his favorite thing.

"He loves going to school," Johnson said.

But, there were more barriers to TJ going to school than Johnson could imagine. When their family moved to Gainesville, Alachua County Public Schools could not find an appropriate class for TJ for 21 days. And, once he was placed, Johnson was told she would have to provide his transportation.

"So, I'm responsible for dropping him off and picking him up at school every day, in the middle of work," Johnson said.

Once at school, TJ was legally afforded accommodations that were spelled out in his Individualized Education Program (IEP). But, Johnson found that school staff often did not adhere to or even know about TJ's accommodations. Additionally, she found that the school nurse didn't have access to TJ's records.



Jordana Johnson with son TJ, 11

"He needed to have a safe environment to maneuver his wheelchair, and he also needed for the staff to be aware of his medical conditions and his symptoms so that he could be sent to the nurse's clinic or I could be called if needed," Johnson said.

Frustrated and concerned for TJ's safety, Johnson began researching how to improve his situation. During an internet search, she found Southern Legal Counsel (SLC), a Florida Bar Foundation grantee. SLC's legal work on behalf of children has been funded by Foundation Children's Legal Services grants since 1999.

SLC also serves children with chronic health conditions through its Healthy Kids Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) with UF Health Pediatrics, taking referrals for health harming legal needs from the Severe Asthma Clinic, Diabetes Clinic, Sick Cell Clinic, and Pediatric Oncology.

Since its inception, the MLP has assisted pediatric patients and their families on more than 120 cases. SLC lawyers advocate for appropriate school accommodations and services, work to avoid truancy proceedings, represent families in eviction and guardianship proceedings, and secure pro bono counsel to assist families with adoption proceedings and asylum petitions.

Johnson was connected to SLC lawyer Abigail Adkins, who immediately began advocating for TJ.

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, public schools are obligated to provide accommodations that ensure a free and appropriate education to medically fragile children like TJ.

Adkins and SLC went to work coordinating IEP meetings with TJ's school and facilitating access to his medical records.

"Abigail is great," Johnson said. "She's been so helpful in going to all the IEP meetings with me, going over any concerns and questions I have. If there are issues with the school, she is very prompt in reaching out and getting things sorted out. She's been truly a blessing in helping me with all of this."

At the onset of COVID-19, the school system transitioned to remote learning, and SLC helped the Johnsons obtain all of the necessary resources for TJ to learn from home.

And then, when students returned to school, SLC advocated for the school district to put in place the necessary precautions to ensure that TJ, who is immune-compromised, could safely participate in class, including updating student evaluations, incorporating his nursing plan into his IEP, and placing the school district on notice as to deficits in staff training and implementation of the IEP.

Had SLC not been there to help, "we would probably be in a terrible situation," Johnson said. "I would probably still be fighting with the school and getting them to comply with the IEP plan. There would probably still be staff members who are dealing with him on a daily basis who hadn't even read over his IEP plan or his medical files."

"It is imperative to have an advocate to help you because with all the medical things that you're dealing with on top of school, it is overwhelming. And it's incredibly difficult to manage all of it on your own. Understanding all the legalities of everything and your rights... it's not clear, it's not made easily accessible to you. It's something that you have to fight to get or fight to learn. And just having that advocate is the greatest resource I've been given since he started school."



Abigail Adkins

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totaling \$1,024,662.82. (One request for funding in the amount of \$5,000 was conditionally approved pending further review by staff and referral to the Executive Committee in April).

Goldstein-Van Nortwick Award

The Goldstein-Van Nortwick Award for Excellence is an award recognizing high quality, significant impact work by a Foundation grantee organization. This award honors the life, legacy, and friendship of two champions whose commitment to those less fortunate, while remaining true to the highest principles of our judicial system, helped create the touchstone by which we measure excellence.

The Foundation received 11 applications that were independently reviewed and scored by the 2022 Goldstein Van-Nortwick Award Selection Committee members appointed by Foundation president Connie Bookman.

Committee members included Maria Henderson, former Foundation president and wife of Judge Van Nortwick, who served as chair of the committee, and Foundation directors Brian Currie, Sarita Courtney-Baigorri, Maria Gonzalez and Steve Senn.

After independent review, the committee members met to discuss the applications, and review and analyze the scores. They selected Community Law Program and Bay Area Legal Services as winner for their Pinellas Eviction Diversion Program. The first runner-up is Florida Health Justice Project for the Enforcing Medicaid Rights of Former Foster Youth project; the second runner-up is Americans for Immigrant Justice for their COVID in Immigration Detention project.

The board ratified the committee's selection of award recipients, and winners will be recognized at the Foundation's annual award ceremony in June.

Alan B. Bookman Service in Leadership Award

The Board approved the Development Committee's recommendation to approve the acceptance of a gift agreement establishing the Alan B. Bookman Memorial Fund. Alan B.

Bookman Service in Leadership, Inc. (Bookman Leadership, Inc.) created the Fund with the intention of raising at least \$50,000 to provide grants to not-for-profit organizations located in Florida, as designated by a member of The Florida Bar who is honored by Bookman Leadership, Inc. with the Alan B. Bookman Service in Leadership Award.

The Fund will be housed in The Florida Bar Foundation Endowment, which previously approved and agreed to accept designated funds for such purposes. A copy of the agreement is available upon request.

The Foundation is honored to be able to participate in this effort to honor the legacy and memory of Alan Bookman, a former president of The Florida Bar who passed away in December 2021.

Report of the Audit RFP Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Suzanne Van Wyk reported that the committee's work continues and is on schedule. The Audit RFP Ad Hoc Committee was charged with overseeing the planned, periodic review of the Foundation's current auditor and possible replacement. The Committee accomplishes its task by inviting numerous auditing firms, including its current auditor, to submit proposals for providing auditing and review services for the Foundation.

Twenty-one firms were invited to apply and each was given an opportunity to provide written questions. Five firms ultimately declined and five did not respond. The Foundation recently received questions from the remaining firms which it answered in detail. Written proposals, due March 25, will be reviewed by staff and the committee. The committee is expected to recommend acceptance of one firm in time for the Board's June meeting.

Report of the Overall Review Ad Hoc Committee

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. The group initially studied its charge and then set out to articulate the Foundation's current challenges and its aspirations for meeting those challenges.

Ms. Bookman further reported the committee agreed that it was created to study whether changes to the Foundation's mission, mission statement, name, messaging, or brand in whole or part would affect the ultimate objective of raising awareness and understanding of the Foundation, which in turn would result in funding from sources other than IOTA and lawyers.

The committee also revisited the timelines established for its work. Namely, it is expected that the committee will provide a preliminary recommendation to the Board by the June 2022 meeting. Thereafter, the committee is expected to provide at the December 2022 meeting a first draft for approval in concept of any recommendations approved at the June 2022 meeting.

To expedite the process, the committee unanimously agreed:

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

At her request, retired Justice Peggy Quince was added to the committee.

Next Meeting

The Board's next scheduled meeting will be on June 23, 2022, in Orlando during The Florida Bar Annual Convention.

Miami Law is 2022 Florida Pro Bono Law School Challenge MVP

The Florida Bar Foundation announced the winners of the 2022 Florida Pro Bono Law School Challenge in April. The University of Miami School of Law won the MVP Pro Bono Award for matching the most students with its own alumni. For the second year in a row, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law won for most student engagement, and Ave Maria School of Law won for the most alumni engagement.

"Through the Law School Challenge, 177 pro bono cases were handled by lawyer and student teams throughout the state," said Connie Bookman, the Foundation's president. "We are encouraged by the volunteer efforts put forth by law students from each of our state's 11 schools and impressed by the willingness of lawyers to mentor and give of their time and talent to needy clients."

This is the fourth year that the Challenge has run. Using an online platform at FloridaLawSchoolChallenge.org to match

students with lawyer mentors, Florida's law schools compete to see which can take the most pro bono cases.

A core part of the Foundation's mission is to promote public service among lawyers by making it an integral part of the law school experience. By connecting students with lawyers to partner on pro bono cases from legal aid organizations, the Foundation increases access to justice and promotes pro bono work.

This year, law students had early access to the site, two weeks before lawyers, so that lawyers had a larger number of student-selected cases to choose from on the first day of the competition.

Almost 1,000 cases have been taken through the Challenge since 2019.

Though the Challenge has ended, lawyers interested in taking a pro bono case can visit www.FloridaProBonoMatters.org to view available cases.

Pro Bono MVP



Most Student Engagement



Most Alumni Engagement



Foundation is recipient of cy pres award for \$57,000

The Florida Bar Foundation received a cy pres award of \$57,588.08 in January. Robert W. Murphy of The Murphy Law Firm in Ft. Lauderdale facilitated the donation.

Under cy pres, courts can approve a charitable donation out of unclaimed class action funds or a direct grant in lieu of damages to an organization that could vindicate class member rights in the future.

Murphy represented a consumer who settled with a credit union on behalf of a class. The case involved consumers who financed the purchase of personal property which was used as collateral and then repossessed. The class members had been sent post-repossession notices that deprived them of their rights or failed to comply with the disclosure requirements.

Murphy, who will join the Foundation's board of directors July 1, has a history of facilitating cy pres awards for the Foundation.

In 2018, Murphy represented a client in a similar case concerning the rights of consumers whose cars were repossessed. A \$341,897 cy pres award was directed to the Foundation from the class action settlement.

And, in 2020, the Foundation received \$16,019 from another case of Murphy's, bringing the total of gifts facilitated by

him to \$415,474.20.

"I would encourage both practitioners and judges to recognize that there's going to be a potential for a cy pres in every single class action that involves money being paid out," Murphy said. "Civil legal aid is a natural cy pres recipient for unclaimed settlement funds."



Robert W. Murphy presents a check to Foundation Development Director Michelle Fonseca, CFRE

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THE FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION

2020-21

Message from 2020-21 President Stephen R. Senn

In 2012, I attended my first Board meeting of The Florida Bar Foundation. I had applied to serve on the Foundation Board because I appreciated the importance of the IOTA program and was proud that Florida had been the pioneering state to introduce this Rumpelstiltskinian program of creating gold from the previously unrealized potential of interest on funds sitting in law firm trust accounts. I also knew that in prior years IOTA revenues had been strong and that the Board had wisely retained and prudently invested some of the earlier surplus, just in case interest rates dropped - which they did. The retained reserves enabled the Foundation to maintain level funding for what was hoped would just be a few years, until rates returned to normal levels. But, they never did, at least not yet.

Current predictions that interest rates are finally returning to normal provide a light at the end of a very long tunnel of years of low IOTA revenues. We can now hope and even expect that IOTA revenues will soon return to levels that will significantly improve the capacity to fund civil justice for all Floridians.

During these lean years, the Foundation has taken great care to marshal available funds for maximum benefit. Some of this has been by targeting IOTA funds to serve the most serious needs that would otherwise go wanting. The Foundation has also been entrusted to administer funds provided to support legal aid from the courts and by former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, which helped to allow continued support

to Florida's legal aid offices despite the low IOTA revenues. Throughout this period, generous contributions from those who value justice have also helped cover the necessary expenses of the Foundation and support Florida's legal aid network.

The Foundation has also cut its expenses to bare bones levels. This has required much sacrifice from our staff. The Foundation benefits from remarkably talented, hard-working and big-hearted staff members who have been asked to do more with less, and have achieved so much by their efforts. We owe them our gratitude, and I will miss working with them.

Because of that damned virus, the Board has been required to operate without in-person meetings for the last two years. The pandemic has cloaked us all in another tunnel from which I hope we are finally about to emerge. Technology has allowed us to meet with each other through our computer screens. And we were able to conduct our last two award ceremonies virtually as well. But we do feel shortchanged because the most valued compensation we receive for our Board service is the camaraderie with the amazing individuals who serve alongside us. I have missed being in the same room with these people I have come to know and love, and am glad that the Board will soon be emerging from the COVID tunnel and coming back to meet at the same table in order to conduct the important business of the Foundation.

Over the last decade we have kept the



program going, have lowered the costs of the organization, and have maximized distribution of available funds to best serve Florida's legal aid network. We celebrated when, in September of 2019, the Foundation crossed the milestone of \$500 million distributed to serve the cause of justice since the inception of the program. The latest total figure, through the end of the coming fiscal year, is more than \$526 million. These dollars make a tremendous difference to Florida's civil justice system and to those Floridians who depend upon that system.

When I think back on the things I expect to always remember, it will begin with the many wonderful people, staff and fellow board members I am now honored to call friends. It has also been a joy to spend time with some of the individuals selected for

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Who do you bank with?

Community Champions are participating banking institutions that go above and beyond the IOTA rule requirements of Florida's Interest on Trust Accounts (IOTA) Program. They are committed to ensuring the success of the IOTA program and the mission of The Florida Bar Foundation by fostering a partnership to enhance and increase funding for legal aid to Florida's most vulnerable populations.

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Ameris Bank	Citibank	First Colony Bank of Florida	Intercredit Bank, N.A.	Sabal Palm Bank
Anchor Bank	Citizens Bank & Trust	First Federal Bank of Florida	Intracoastal Bank	ServisFirst Bank
Apollo Bank	Citizens Bank of Florida	First Florida Integrity Bank	KeyBank	SmartBank
Axiom Bank	Cogent Bank	First Home Bank	Lake Michigan Credit Union of Florida	Stearns Bank, N.A.
BAC Florida Bank	Commerce National Bank & Trust	First National Bank Coastal Community	Liberty Savings Bank, FSB	Sunrise Bank
Banco do Brasil Americas	Community Bank of Mississippi	First National Bank Northwest Florida	M & T Bank	TD Bank, N.A.
Bancorsouth Bank	Community Bank of The South	First National Bank of Pasco	Mainstreet Community Bank of Florida	Terrabank, N.A.
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Bank Florida	Continental National Bank	First Republic Bank	MidSouth Bank	T C Federal Bank
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the Foundation's Medal of Honor award, including Judge Peter Fay, Judge James Lawrence King and Judge E.J. Salcines. Donny MacKenzie and I spent entertaining and educational hours with these champions of justice, just listening to their great stories, in preparation for the award ceremonies at which their achievements were celebrated. And I will always remember with gratitude how so many of the most respected attorneys throughout the state expressed their support for the work of the Foundation and the organizations we support by devoting time to participate in the rule-making process before the Supreme Court, which further defined the role of the Foundation and codified

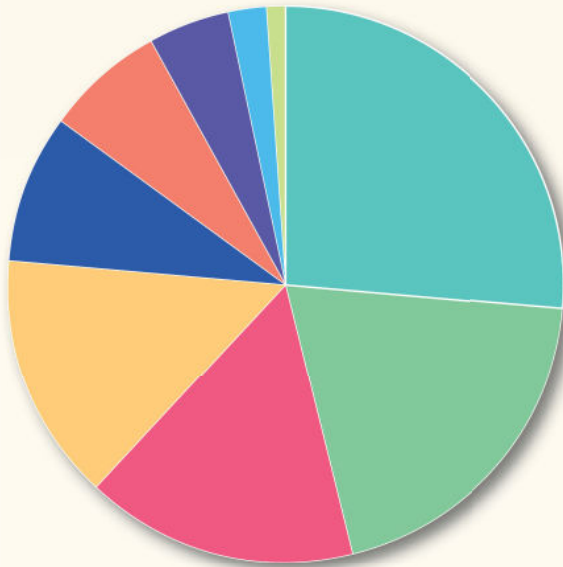
measures for oversight of the activities of the Foundation in its use of IOTA funds.

During my decade of service on the Foundation Board, I have come to know so many people I consider to be heroes of justice. They all share a fundamental commitment to what Americans pledge by rote, too often without serious thought - that we as a nation are dedicated to liberty and justice for all. The American legal system is among the highest achievements of human civilization. But its weakness lies in its complexity, which has resulted in a dependency upon attorneys to provide legal advice and to represent parties in court. A system of justice which largely depends upon

attorneys risks failure when attorneys are unavailable, which for too many is too often the case. This justice gap is the difference between justice for all and justice for some. The Foundation, those who support it, and the legal aid attorneys the Foundation helps pay for, are committed to reducing this gap as much as possible.

My decade with the Foundation has been a labor of love, a joy and an honor. I will continue to do what I can and thank everyone reading this for your own contributions to the cause of justice: for what you have done, and for what you will do in the future.

GRANT EXPENDITURES IN 2020-21

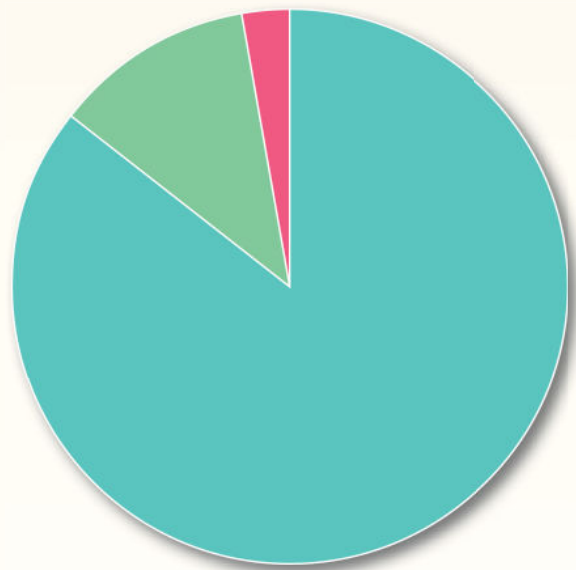


\$1,970,085	Community Economic Development
\$1,454,993	COVID-19 Relief
\$1,158,551	Engle Grant Program
\$1,066,045	Loan Repayment Assistance Program Forgiveness
\$654,283	Children's Legal Services
\$510,000	Improvements in the Administration of Justice
\$342,500	Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program
\$167,320	Law School Civil Legal Clinics
\$72,000	Other grants

In addition to the grant expenditures, the Foundation spent \$701,925 in program support and other charitable activities that provided direct and indirect support to our grantees.

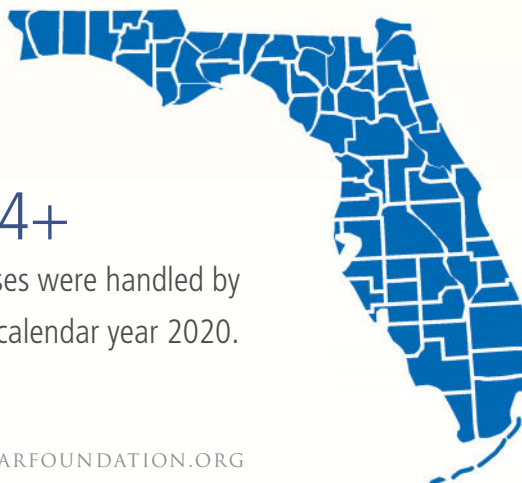
HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT IN 2020-21

85.8%	Charitable Activities (\$8,097,702)
11.6%	Administration (\$1,094,851)
2.6%	Fundraising (\$247,671)



70,224+

legal aid cases were handled by grantees in calendar year 2020.



The Foundation funded **67** grants in fiscal year 2020-21, all without state funding. Florida is one of only three states that provide no funding through its state legislature for civil legal aid.

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 22, 2022)

Louie N. Adcock, Jr.* **

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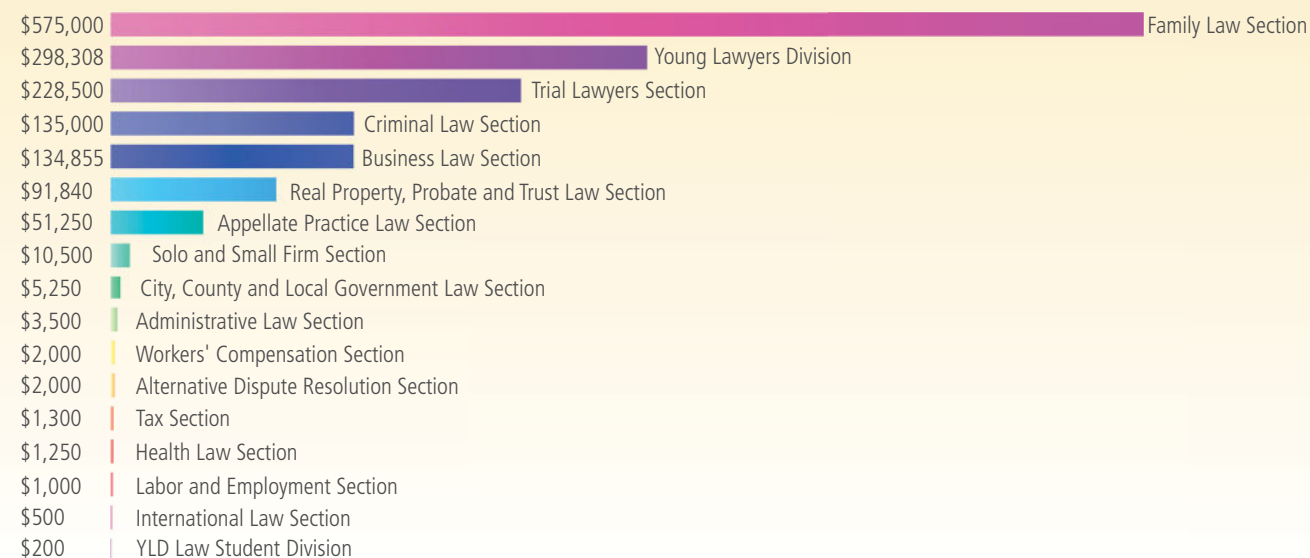
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