



Message from 2022-23 President Suzanne Van Wyk

It was an honor to serve as the Foundation’s president in 2022-23. We should all be proud of the work we accomplished through the efforts of our board of directors and staff. It takes many hours of committed, behind-the-scenes efforts to run the Foundation, and I am ever thankful for the dedication of the many individuals who contributed to our accomplishments during my term as president.

IOTA Trial Run and first IOTA distributions

After drafting fair and effective objective standards for distribution, we completed a successful trial run using non-IOTA reserves to test our methodology for distributing IOTA funds. We then solicited and received thoughtful feedback from our grantees, modified our work plan a bit, and thereafter distributed \$7.6 million to 34 grantees in December 2022. We also prepared and submitted our first report to the Florida Supreme Court regarding implementation of the 2021 amendments to the IOTA rule. This report was submitted early in deference to the Court and to maintain transparency in our efforts.

Updated mission and new name

The board of directors updated the Foundation’s mission statement to better convey what we do. The new mission statement is *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 also adopted a fictitious name, FFLA, with the tagline Funding Florida Legal Aid, to accurately capture the work we do. We wholeheartedly thank Gary Yordon of The Zachary Group, who voluntarily spearheaded the renaming effort and generously developed an introductory video for FFLA, which underscores the core value of our mission: Justice for All. The video can be found on our website.

In-person meetings resumed

After almost two years of Zoom calls and remote meetings, we resumed in-person board meetings. We continued our relatively new practice of meeting in different cities each quarter so that grantees and other stakeholders could more

easily attend. We also began asking law firms and others to host us, resulting in reduced expenses for meeting space.

Gift Administration Policy created

The Development Committee created a Gift Administration Policy, which the board



adopted, that establishes transparent policies and procedures regarding the use of gifts received by FFLA. It contributes to our financial sustainability by retaining a small portion of gifts to pay administrative and operating expenses. The policy does not apply to IOTA funds or in-kind gifts.

Florida Pro Bono Law School Challenge expanded

Based on feedback from law students, lawyers and legal aid organizations, the Foundation transitioned the Law School Challenge to a year-round model, with cases available throughout the year rather than just 8 weeks each spring.

Partnering with the Young Lawyers Division

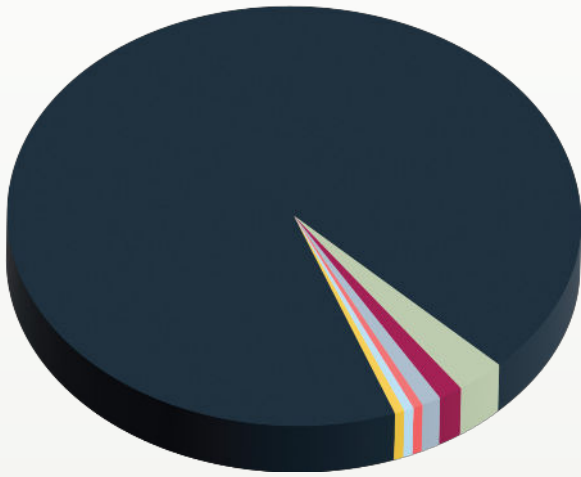
The Foundation developed a new, strong relationship with The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, which increased opportunities to spread awareness of our mission among their members, to promote becoming a Fellow (which supports our Endowment Trust), and to recruit the next generation of FFLA board members.

In conclusion

This year, we rose to the challenge of implementing significant changes to the IOTA rule in order to better serve our grantees, and, ultimately, Floridians who receive the legal services provided by those funds. With a singular goal of increasing access to justice for people of limited means, we will rise to future challenges, build on the successful funding model, and continue progress toward that goal.

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Collections and Expenses

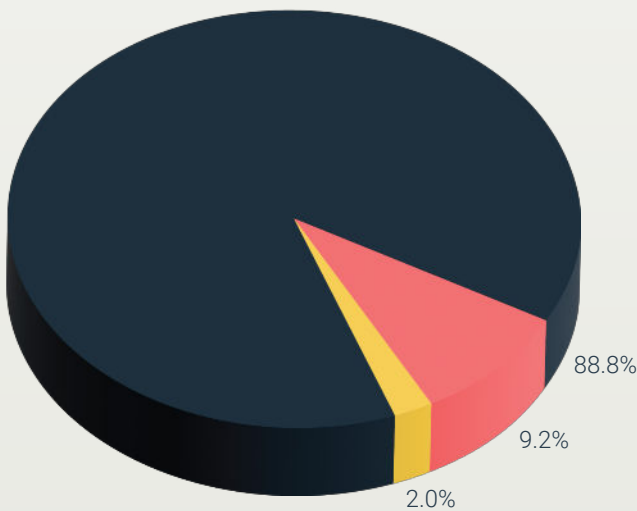
Funding Sources



IOTA Collections	\$ 45,547,390
Net Investment Income	\$ 1,882,171
Settlements and Awards	\$ 673,632
Private Contributions	\$ 639,268
Cy Pres Awards	\$ 61,886
Rental Income	\$ 61,586
Other*	\$ 43,629
Total	\$ 48,909,562

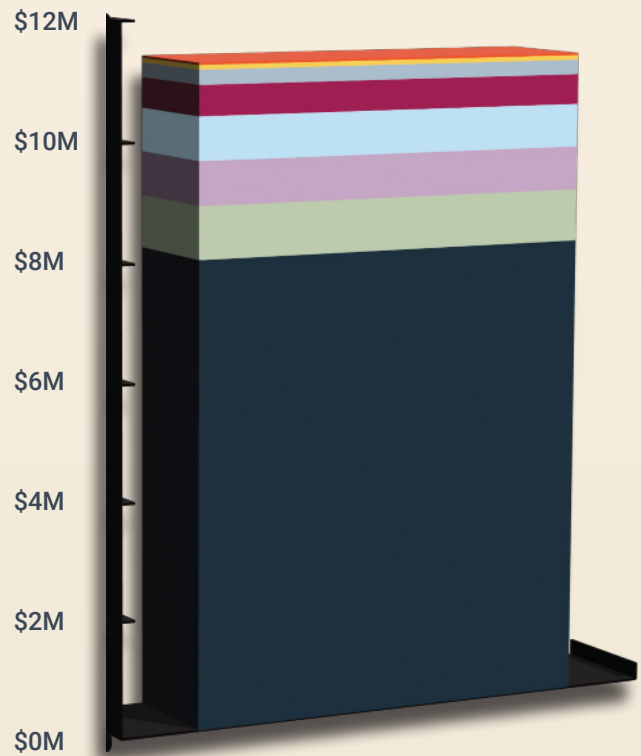
*Loss on sale of assets, miscellaneous income, etc.

How Funds are Spent



Charitable Activities	\$ 11,954,003
Administration	\$ 1,245,501
Fundraising	\$ 267,673

Grant Expenditures



Total IOTA Distributions*	\$ 8,073,886
Children's Legal Services	\$ 994,483
Improvements in the Administration of Justice	\$ 780,000
Loan Repayment Assistance Program Forgiveness**	\$ 776,970
Engle Grants	\$ 593,576
Law School Civil Legal Clinics	\$ 250,000
Equal Justice Works Fellowships	\$ 80,056
Other grants***	\$ 39,500
Total	\$11,200,971

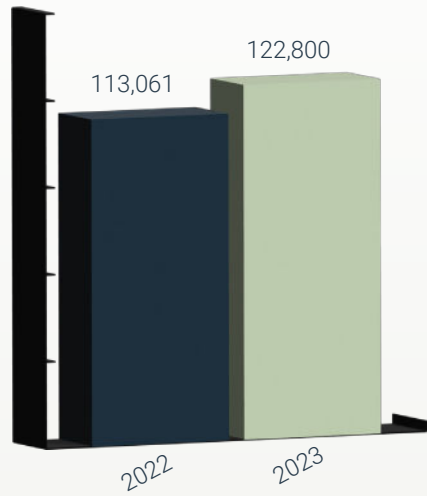
*FY 21-22 collections were distributed in FY 22-23; This total includes the December 2022 IOTA distribution and partial LRAP

**This includes \$387,500 of IOTA distributions

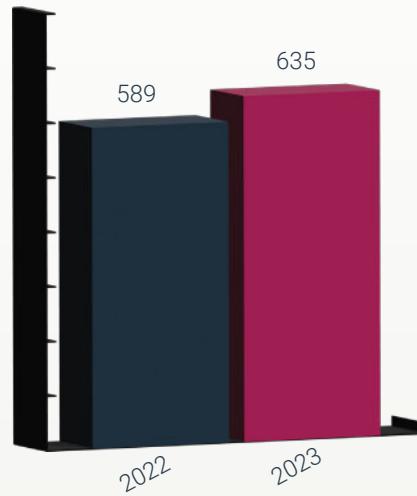
***Limited matching grants, Bookman Memorial Fund grant

Comparative Results

Clients served



Lawyers employed



From calendar year 2022 to 2023, IOTA distribution grantees increased the number of clients they served by 9%, and the number of lawyers they employed by 8%.

The first IOTA distribution of \$7.6 million to 34 grantees was made in December of 2022, for use during calendar year 2023. Charts reflect preliminary data from grantees' final reports.

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Foundation president and wife of Judge Van Nortwick, reviewed the scores received from a previous, independent review by committee members. FFLA received 12 applications.

The committee selected the following projects:

- Winner (tie): Florida Health Justice Project for establishing access to incontinence supplies for adult Medicaid recipients;
- Winner (tie): Florida Health Justice Project and Southern Legal Counsel for reinstating the rights of Florida Medicaid recipients to access medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare;
- Second runner-up: Legal Services of Greater Miami, Southern Legal Counsel and the ACLU of Florida for protecting the property rights of homeless people living in Miami.

The board ratified the committee's selections and directed staff to create two co-winner awards and distribute the first and second place prize money in pro-rated amounts amongst the co-winners. Special thanks to Maria Henderson, Brian Currie, Sarita Courtney-Baigorri, Maria Gonzalez, Ashley Sybesma and Justice Peggy Quince for their time and effort serving.

Civil Legal Aid Summer Fellows Program Update

FFLA allocated \$100,000 to reinstate the Civil Legal Aid Summer Fellows Program, which had been idled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting aftermath.

It was initially decided that FFLA would offer nine Summer Fellowships, but the decision was made to forego in-person orientation expenses and increase the fellowships to 10. Thereafter, FFLA received the good news that The Florida Bar Family Law Section donated \$37,500 to FFLA to create four more fellowships specifically focused on family law issues.

The board approved the 2024 Summer Fellows Student Placements and Funding worksheet and provided staff discretion to fill vacancies as needed with qualified students remaining in the applicant pool. See pages 6 and 7 for more.

Next meeting

The board's next meeting will be in conjunction with The Florida Bar's Annual Convention in Orlando, Fla., in June. The specific date and time will be shared as soon as they are established by the convention's event coordinator.