

2019



Fellows
PROGRAM



To the 2019 Fellows Class:

We are thrilled you've chosen to become a Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation – the premier organization for civic-minded lawyers in the state of Ohio. You are now part of an elite group of attorneys who represent the best of our profession.

During your first year as a Fellow, you will have the opportunity to learn not only about the work of the Foundation, but also to meet others from across the state who share your passion for bettering and improving our justice system.

As a Fellow, you will be provided with opportunities that will allow you to stretch yourself beyond your day-to-day life as an attorney. I strongly encourage you to get involved and be engaged – network with your classmates, join us for a volunteer activity or create one of your own, and be open to endless possibilities now that you are an OSBF Fellow.

Our mission comes alive because of the dedication and support of our Fellows. Without you, there would be no us.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate you on becoming a Fellow.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RW", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Ware
President, OSBF Board of Trustees



Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

Location and times are still to be determined.

June 11, 2019

Fellows Session, Ohio Supreme Court, 2 PM

June 11, 2019

Fellows Induction Ceremony, Ohio Supreme Court, 4 PM

August 28, 2019

Fellows Session

October 16, 2019

Fellows Session

January 15, 2020

Fellows Session

March or April

Week of Service

April or May

End of Year Celebration

AT THE OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION WE WORK TO BUILD A BETTER JUSTICE SYSTEM.

How do we do it?

THROUGH OUR GRANTMAKING EFFORTS.

We're a charitable grantmaking organization – awarding grants to Ohio nonprofits addressing specific, unmet legal needs in their communities. Since 1992, we've awarded more than \$12 million to law-related philanthropic organizations.

To learn more about our grantmaking efforts, visit [OSBF.org/Grants](https://osbf.org/grants).

BY RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN THE PROFESSION.

We believe lawyers, judges, and organizations who work to improve the law and build a better justice system deserve to be recognized for their efforts. Our award winners lead their communities in volunteer service both in and outside of the legal profession. All nominations are due June 1 annually.

To learn more or to nominate someone you think deserves recognition, visit [OSBF.org/Awards](https://osbf.org/awards).

WITH OUR FELLOWS ALONGSIDE OF US.

Our Fellows are members of the Foundation. They are attorneys who go above and beyond, giving their time, talent, and treasure to advance our mission through community service efforts and monetary donations.

To learn more about our Fellows Program, visit [OSBF.org/Fellows](https://osbf.org/fellows).



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Fun Fact: She should be a professional napper. When the opportunity arrives to do so, she can nap for hours! And her fave food? Lima beans!



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Fun Fact: She loves animals and has worked with chimpanzees while an undergrad. She can speak Spanish and read Portuguese.



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Fun Fact: He was in musicals and plays in high school (which most people are usually surprised to hear). He can carry a tune and has been trying to teach himself piano for years. Sadly, it's been an unsuccessful endeavor!



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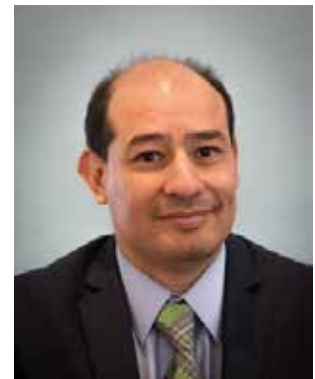
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Fun Fact: Her favorite book is *Atlas Shrugged*. Her second career would be a heart surgeon.



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Fun Fact: She is a dog lover and follows several on Instagram. She loves Broadway shows and goes to New York as often as possible.



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Fun Fact: He enjoys James Bond movies (except for ones with Roger Moore).



Ohio State Bar Foundation programs have touched the lives of millions of Ohio citizens. The Foundation launched its inaugural Fellows Class projects in 1998. These community service initiatives have advanced the mission of the Foundation in both direct and indirect ways. In 2000 the Key Initiative Focus and Past Presidents Advisory Council projects also broadened the Foundation's programming experience.

Since 2012, New Fellows have had the opportunity to advance the Foundation's mission by participating in hands-on philanthropic opportunities with grantees, regional projects and leveraging prior Class projects. Some examples are:

- Certificate of Qualification for Employment help to seal criminal records
- Immigrant/refugee citizen education via Asian Services
- Mid-Ohio Foodbank sorting of goods
- Suits for Success Clothing Drive – foster youth
- LLI Toledo Summer Institute - high school students
- Constitution Week – middle and high school students
- OCLRE Mock Trial Cases Updated – middle and high school students
- CIVICC Training – collateral sanctions for offenders
- Light the Way Day – senior citizens
- B4USend Presentations on Sexting & Cyberbullying - middle and high school students
- FWD@18 Presentations- unique power point presentations that help young people transition to adult laws about living digitally, having fun, encountering police, handling money matters, moving out, managing medical issues having sex, and getting married and having kids

The Foundation encourages you this year to identify your own passions that can become service opportunities. The willingness of class members and previous Fellows can provide the networking resources you need to make a difference.

**2011 Class: O.P.E.N. Court – Orientating young People with Exceptional Needs about Court
In process**

Audience: children with developmental disabilities
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: developmentally disabled youth will have access to visual tools to help them better understand the juvenile justice system – rights and responsibilities, court process and courtroom behavior will be included in this resource.

2010 Class: Constitution Classroom

Audience: middle school youth
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: teachers will have access to updated lesson plans on parts of the constitution: free speech and equal protection, making and enforcing laws and separation of powers, search and seizure and due process. Lawyers can also use these tools to help guide them in the classroom.

2009 Class: B4USend

Audience: middle school youth
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: video contest and professional PSA promoted awareness of ramifications of sexting and cyber bullying.

2008 Class: Reentry Resources: Building Bridges

Audience: prisoner reentry and their communities
Mission: improvements in the justice system
Impact: over 200 attended a summit to help raise awareness of options and opportunities for local reentry success. Subjects included employment, housing, health, and social issues. Attendees also had an opportunity to network with other organizations in their regions and also heard reentry success stories.

2007 Class: Foster Youth Web site - mymissiontransition.com

Audience: foster youth preparing to age out of care
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: created an interactive Web site that provides foster youth a place to learn about their rights, responsibilities and resources related to a range of topics like health care, employment, consumerism and legal issues.

2006 Class: Keys to the Courtroom

Audience: the working poor in Ohio and, more specifically, self-represented litigants, judges, court personnel, legal aid organizations and others
Mission: public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system
Impact: creation of supplemental materials for the Ohio State Legal Services Web site to help self-represented litigants learn basic court procedure AND a brochure that outlines court procedures along with resources for pro se litigants. The brochure will not only help pro se litigants, it will help judges, lawyers, court personnel and others better deal with self-represented litigants as they navigate the courts; project is based on a recommendation made by the Supreme Court of Ohio's Pro Se and Indigent Task Force; in person and web based trainings were conducted with librarians across the state; the brochure was offered to judges and clerks throughout the state.

2005 Class: "With Liberty and Justice for All...Somalis in Ohio"

Audience: the more than 50,000 Somali refugees in Ohio
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: creation of a CD-based computer program that delivers information in Somali to help refugees learn basic legal rights and responsibilities as Ohio residents; distributed to some 350 Ohio Job and Family Services offices, Somali community groups and others across Ohio; Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services also made a Spanish version of this program.

2004 Class: LINC Ohio (Legal Information for Nonprofit Corporations)

Audience: emerging (and established-but-struggling) nonprofit organizations that need help navigating legal and management issues

Mission: public understanding of the law

Impact: creation of a Web site to help people who are starting nonprofits – or who are struggling with an existing nonprofit – know when they have legal issues and frame better questions for their legal and management professionals; became the foundation for ongoing statewide seminars by Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations

2003 Class: “It’s my life”

Audience: 5th graders and others who show early signs of being “at risk youth” and high school aged mentors working with younger kids

Mission: public understanding of the law

Impact: creation of a CD-based, interactive computer program using interviews with kids in the juvenile justice system; designed to help high school students mentor 5th grade level “at risk” kids before they make bad life choices with legal consequences; use of the CD in youth programs and juvenile court across Ohio

2002 Class: “Light the Way: Don’t Leave Your Loved Ones in the Dark”

Audience: adult Ohioans who need to know about legal advance health care directives and the need to discuss preferences with their families

Mission: public understanding of the law

Impact: creation of a public education campaign that reached some 3 million Ohioans; Web page with statistics, stories and discussion-starters, plus other helpful print materials, to help Ohioans with this conversation; appearance on Ohio cable show “Finer with Age;” use of these materials in ongoing education about advance health care directives by Ohio Hospice & Palliative Care Organization; 4 “Light the Way Days” at the Ohio State Fair; Ohio Hospital Association continues to promote “Light the Way.” Gov. Ted Strickland has declared October 14-20 to be Living Wills and Advance Directives Week

Honors: Award for Excellence in Public Service Programming from the National Conference of Bar Foundations

2001 Class: “Did not! Did too!”

Audience: 3rd graders studying for the state proficiency exams (and their teachers)

Mission: public understanding of the law

Impact: creation of a 40-page, fully illustrated storybook with easy-to-use teacher’s guide was distributed to all 3rd grade classes and elementary school libraries in Ohio; a tool that has been used by law firms and individual lawyers when they speak in elementary schools; use in a Columbus Diocese literacy program

Honors: declaration of “Did not! Did too! Day” in Ohio by Gov. Robert Taft; Award for Excellence in Public Service Programming from the National Conference of Bar Foundations

2000 Class: Ohio Legal Information Source (OLIS)

Audience: program providers, educators, speakers
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: creation of an online database filled with resources (publications, speaker's bureaus, etc.) from across Ohio to help anyone creating a program for a school classroom, civics group or others on law-related topics

1999 Class: "More Than Sex, Drugs & Money: Reporting on the Legal System"

Audience: journalism professors and students
Mission: public understanding of the law
Impact: symposium and the creation of a curriculum, with a list of online resources that has been used in Ohio college journalism courses.

1998 Class: Ohio Jury Management Conference

Audience: judges, court staff, jury managers, jurors, attorneys
Mission: improvements in the justice system
Impact: creation of the first annual jury management conference and the professional association for all jury managers in Ohio. The next conference will be held on April 29, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin

OTHER FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**Past Presidents Advisory Council:** grievance and disciplinary procedure for court interpreters

Audience: court interpreters, judges, attorneys, court personnel
Mission: improvements in the justice system
Impact: creation of a grievance and disciplinary procedure at the request of the Supreme Court of Ohio's Court Interpreter Task Force

Past Presidents Advisory Council: "Racial Justice Dialogues" anti-racism legal education initiative

Audience: Ohio lawyers and judges
Mission: improvements in the justice system
Impact: creation of CLE course standards that were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio's Commission on Professionalism, which will qualify complying programs for mandatory professionalism credit; creation of a model, interactive curriculum to raise awareness about institutional racism in Ohio's legal system; available for free on Foundation's Web site and given free to all CLE providers

Key Initiative Focus (KIF) in Lucas County: the "Reentry Matrix" online, shared case management system

Audience: individuals reentering the Lucas County community after serving time in the Toledo Correctional Facility, local courts, government agencies and social service providers
Mission: improvements in the justice system
Impact: creation of an online, shared case management system to facilitate communication among service providers and reentering individuals; additional creation of a warrant-clearing protocol to clear pending legal matters before an inmate is released to the community; ongoing pilot project serving more than 100 individuals and more than a dozen social service providers

Key Initiative Focus (KIF) in Brown County: the virtual “Brown County Court Tour” public education materials

Audience: Brown County residents

Mission: public understanding of the law

Impact: creation of a multimedia package of plain language public education materials to deliver basic information about the Brown County courts; package includes a printed brochure, an hour of one-minute explanations of legal terms, 4 DVD presentations about each local court and the jury trial and a year of newspaper columns; plans are being made to offer a generic template of these materials to courts and bar associations statewide

Key Initiative Focus (KIF): general “County Court Tour” public education materials

Audience: County residents of Ohio

Mission: public understanding of the law

Impact: creation of a multimedia package of plain language public education materials to deliver basic information about the County courts; package includes a printed brochure, an hour of one-minute explanations of legal terms and a year of newspaper columns.

Represent OSBF through Speaking Opportunities

Throughout the school year, OSBF receives requests for presentations from parent groups, nonprofits, service groups, schools, and other entities. Our Fellows fulfill these requests by using prepared and customizable presentations.

The Foundation's mission is to promote the public understanding of the law and improvements to the justice system. Since cyber bullying, sexting, and turning 18 can have significant legal impacts on students, OSBF wants to speak with students to ensure they understand their rights and responsibilities.

There are plenty of opportunities throughout the year that OSBF will contact Fellows about. However, feel free to be proactive and reach out to set up your own. The Foundation can make all arrangements for you to speak, including a staff member to help present.



B4USend is an interactive PowerPoint presentation for use in classrooms. During the presentation, an OSBF Fellow and staff member will discuss the issues surrounding cyber bullying and sexting.

It is a free presentation that can be tailored to small and/or large groups and also includes parent presentations. Close to 8,000 students statewide have already learned about the legal aspects that can impact their futures when living in a digital world.



Freedom. Independence. What's not to like about becoming 18? In the eyes of the law, the age of 18 is considered an adult. An individual can vote, run for office, serve, on a jury, and make many other decisions about the future. Yet, many "new adults" often lack a legal understanding of what they can and cannot do concerning today's hot button issues:

- Living Digitally
- Having Fun
- Encountering Police
- Handling Money Matters
- Moving Out
- Managing Medical Issues
- Considering Sex
- Getting Married & Having Kids

FWD@18 includes a free presentation around each of these topics that can be mixed and matched to fit an organization's specific needs. Each one is appropriate for those who aren't 18 yet and to those who are beyond the age but who may still be uncertain about their legal responsibilities as college students or new employees in the workplace. These presentations also give great insight to parents and guardians helping those making the transition to adulthood.

At the Ohio State Bar Foundation, **OUR MISSION** is to promote the pursuit of justice and the public understanding of the rule of law as the philanthropic arm of the Ohio State Bar Association.

Our **CORE VALUES** are philanthropy to promote justice, excellence in the legal profession, and stewardship

As lawyers, we believe that society is best served by a fair, impartial, and accessible system of justice.

As lawyers, we believe that such a justice system results from the combined efforts of private citizens, educators, judges, and lawyers.

As lawyers, we recognize a particular obligation to lead such efforts in the following ways:

Promoting the highest level of professionalism and ethics within the legal profession and the justice system.

Funding education, research, publications and programs that improve communications and relationships among lawyers, citizens and the courts of Ohio.

Assisting the profession, the courts and the community to envision and affect changes that improve the justice system in Ohio.

We are committed to effectively managing our investments and expanding our resources to provide support for innovative programs and services that are consistent with our mission and core values.



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ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. NAME AND PURPOSE. The name of this organization is “Ohio State Bar Foundation” (the “Foundation”). The Foundation is a nonprofit corporation under Ohio law, organized for educational, literary, scientific and charitable purposes. The Foundation shall be known and considered as “the Professional Honorary of Ohio Lawyers.” As the charitable arm of the Ohio State Bar Association (the “Association”), the Foundation advances the philanthropic interests of Ohio’s lawyers by recognizing excellence, improving the justice system and enhancing public understanding of the rule of law.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERS. Except as provided hereunder the members of this organization shall be its Fellows. The membership year of the Foundation shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees (“Foundation Year”).

- A. FELLOWS’ SELECTION.** Fellows’ membership in the Foundation is a professional honor. Fellows shall be selected by the Board of Trustees from those members of the Association whose professional, public, and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community and the maintenance and support of the major objectives of the Foundation. Fellows shall aid in carrying forward the work of the Foundation and in maintaining the objectives of the Foundation. In addition to Fellows selected by the Board of Trustees, officers and members of the Board of Governors of the Association shall be eligible to be nominated as Fellows.
- (1) **LIFE FELLOWS.** Fellows who have completed the required contributions in effect at the time of their acceptance as a Fellow in accordance with this Article shall be Life Fellows.
- (2) **DISTINGUISHED LIFE FELLOWS.** Distinguished Life Fellows shall be Life Fellows who have continued their support of the Foundation through contributions of not less than a cumulative amount of \$5,000.
- (3) **OTHER FELLOWS CATEGORIES.** From time to time, the Board of Trustees may provide for additional recognition levels for Distinguished Life Fellows based on total contributions to the Foundation.
- B. INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE.** The President shall extend an invitation to each person eligible for Fellows membership under this Article. Each person accepting the invitation shall become a Fellow upon receipt by the Foundation of his or her signed acceptance form and his or her initial required contribution, if applicable. Each person accepting such invitation shall be furnished with a copy of these Regulations. The next required contribution shall be paid in the succeeding Foundation Year and remaining required contributions shall be paid in succeeding Foundation Years until fully paid.
- C. REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS OF FELLOWS.** Except as otherwise provided in this Article, each Fellow shall contribute annually to the Foundation such amount and according to such payment schedule as may be determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time. Life Fellows and Honorary Fellows shall not be obligated to make required contributions.

Required contributions may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time at the rate of contribution in effect for the Foundation Year in which the prepayment is made. All contributions shall be available for use at the discretion of the Foundation. In no event shall the Foundation be required to refund any contribution or part thereof. Fellows' contribution statements shall be sent to Fellows annually. If a Fellow resigns, such Fellow is not obligated to make further contributions to the Foundation.

- D. LATE PAYMENT OF REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS.** The late payment of a required contribution shall be handled as provided under policies adopted by the Board of Trustees. Such policy or policies shall include procedures regarding a late payment, non-payment, payment deferral, payment cancellation, membership suspension and membership termination.
- E. HONORARY FELLOWS.** Incumbent Justices of the Supreme Court of Ohio, persons who are recipients of statewide Foundation awards, and such others who have been designated by the Board of Trustees shall be eligible to be nominated as Honorary Fellows of the Foundation without further qualification.

An Honorary Fellow receives recognition but is not obligated to make a required contribution and is not eligible to vote at any meeting of Fellows of the Foundation. If an Honorary Fellow makes a voluntary contribution he or she shall be treated as a Fellow for that Foundation Year so long as the contribution is at least equal to the amount set forth by the Board of Trustees and its policies. Such an Honorary Fellow will be considered a voting member for that Foundation Year. If an Honorary Fellow complies with Article II Section 1 A

- (1) he or she will thereafter be considered a Life Fellow.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF FELLOWS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING OF FELLOWS. As provided in Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code ("Chapter 1702") the Foundation shall hold an Annual Meeting of Fellows. The President shall set the specific date, time and place of such meeting. At such Annual Meeting:

- A. The Fellows shall elect such number of Trustees as may be designated by the Nominating Committee, each to serve a three-year term beginning on the first day of the Foundation Year next following his or her election (nominations for persons to be elected to such terms shall be made as provided by Article IV of these Regulations);
- B. The Fellows shall receive a report of the activities of the Foundation;
- C. The Fellows may grant such awards as are determined by the Board of Trustees; and
- D. The Fellows may transact such other business that may properly be brought before the meeting.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF FELLOWS. Special meetings of the Fellows may be held at any time upon call of the President or any five members of the Board of Trustees. The date, time, place and purpose(s) of any such meeting shall be stated in the notice thereof.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF FELLOWS. Notices of meetings of Fellows shall be provided as required and as provided by Chapter 1702.

SECTION 4. VOTING. For purposes of acting on any matter properly submitted to the Fellows for their vote, consent, waiver, release or other action, each Fellow in good standing shall have one vote. Attendance, participation, and voting at any meeting of the Fellows shall be limited to those Fellows present in person.

SECTION 5. QUORUM FOR MEETING OF FELLOWS. At any meeting of Fellows, those Fellows present in person shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The business and affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of the following Fellows:

- A. The President, President-Elect, and Immediate Past President of the Foundation, none of whom, while holding any such office, shall be subject to the term limits imposed upon other Trustees by these Regulations;
- B. The President and President-Elect of the Association, each for a two-year term commencing on the first day of the Foundation Year following his or her election as President-Elect, neither of whom, while holding either such office, shall be subject to the term limits imposed upon other Trustees by these Regulations;
- C. Up to fifteen additional Trustees elected by the Fellows from nominees presented in accordance with this Article; and
- D. The Executive Director of the Association, who shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. TERMS, LIMITATIONS, AND VACANCIES.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, each Trustee shall serve a three-year term commencing on the first day of the Foundation Year next following his or her election. No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms, but service in a consecutive partial term to fill a vacancy shall not be considered for purposes of such limitation.
- B. A Fellow who has served as a Trustee for the maximum period permitted by paragraph A of this Section 2 shall not be eligible for election as a Trustee for two Foundation Years after such maximum period has expired.
- C. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees, including any vacancy created when a Trustee assumes the office of President-Elect, or due to the resignation, death or removal of a Trustee, shall be filled by vote of the Board of Trustees from a slate of candidates (which may consist of a single name) presented to the Board by the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 3. COMMITTEES

- A. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Chairs of Standing Committees and Treasurer. Between meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee shall exercise the power and authority of the Board of Trustees in the management of the Foundation. The Executive Committee is subject to the authority and direction of the Board of Trustees.
- B. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The President of the Association, the President, two Fellows appointed by the President of the Association and one Fellow appointed by the President shall constitute the Nominating Committee. The President shall designate the chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for election as Trustees and for election to the offices of President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees. In the event that failure of one or more of the members of the Nominating Committee to vote results in a tie vote of the Nominating Committee, the President may appoint a Fellow to serve on the Nominating Committee in place of the Nominating Committee member who failed to vote.
- C. **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS TRUSTEES.** The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees consisting of one candidate for each opening that will exist on the Board of Trustees as of the first day of the succeeding Foundation Year, as a result of the normal expiration of a board term. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall present the slate to the Secretary no later than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting of Fellows, which slate shall be noticed to the Fellows no less than twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting of Fellows. The Nominating Committee shall make a report of the slate at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made by writing, signed by any twenty-five Fellows in good standing and delivered to the Secretary no later than ten days prior to the Annual Meeting of Fellows.
- D. **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT-ELECT.** Each Foundation Year, the Nominating Committee shall nominate to serve as President-Elect a Fellow who is a Trustee at the time of nomination and will have served at least three full years on the Board of Trustees at the time such person's term as President-Elect would begin. The term of President-Elect shall begin on the first day of the succeeding Foundation Year. The Nominating Committee shall make its report of such nomination to the Secretary no later than thirty days prior to the date scheduled for the final regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in the then-current Foundation Year. Nominations from the floor at that meeting shall be accepted. Election of the President-Elect shall be conducted by the Board of Trustees as provided in Article V, Section 2 of these Regulations.
- E. **OTHER COMMITTEES.** The Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee, may designate such other committees as are necessary or desirable, and may define the duties and powers of such committees. At any meeting of such committee, its members may participate in person or by authorized communications equipment as provided in Article XI of these Regulations.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A. REGULAR MEETINGS.** Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at least quarterly. The date, time, and place of each meeting shall be stated in the notice, which shall be provided to each Trustee at least ten, but not more than thirty, days before the meeting.
- B. SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held at any time, upon the call of the President, or any five Trustees. At least two days' written notice shall be given of any special meeting, and such notice shall state the date, time, place, and purpose(s) of the special meeting.
- C. QUORUM FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** At any meeting of the Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee, a majority of either body, present and participating in person or by authorized communications equipment as provided in Article XI of these Regulations, shall constitute a quorum. **NOTICE.** Notices of meetings shall be provided as required or permitted by Chapter 1702.
- D. MANNER OF ACTING BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee, participating in person or by authorized communications equipment as provided in Article XI of these Regulations, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of that particular body.
- E. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING.** Any action which may be taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, or of any committee there, may be taken without such meeting by a writing or writings signed by all the members of the Board or of such committee. The writing or writings evidencing such unanimous action taken without a meeting shall be filed with the Secretary and inserted by the Secretary in the permanent records of the Foundation.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATION. The officers of the Foundation shall be a President, a President-Elect, an Immediate Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Trustees deems proper. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President shall be Fellows. No other officer shall be required to be a Fellow or a member of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. ELECTION. At the final regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in each Foundation Year, the Trustees shall immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee regarding its nomination for President-Elect as provided in Article IV, Section 3 D of these Regulations, elect one of their number as President-Elect. If there is no incumbent President-Elect at that time, the Trustees shall also elect one of their number as President. At such meeting, the Trustees shall also elect a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as they deem proper. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such meeting is not held or if any such officer is not elected thereat, such officer may be elected at any regular meeting of the Trustees or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE.

- A. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall hold office for a term of one year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier resignation, removal from office or death. Such term shall commence on the first day of the second succeeding Foundation Year following his or her election as President-Elect (or if there is no incumbent President-Elect, such term shall commence on the first day of the Foundation Year following election as President) and shall expire on the last day of such Foundation Year.
- B. **PRESIDENT-ELECT.** The President-Elect shall hold office for a term of one year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier resignation, removal from office or death. Such term shall commence on the first day of the Foundation Year following his or her election and shall expire on the last day of such Foundation Year, or upon succession to the office of President. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President upon expiration of the term or until his or her earlier resignation, removal from office or death of his or her predecessor President.
- C. **OTHER OFFICERS.** Each other officer shall hold office for a term of one year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier resignation, removal from office or death. Such term shall commence on the first day of the Foundation Year following his or her election and shall expire on the last day of such Foundation Year.
- D. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term of office of any officer (even if actually shorter than one year) shall commence, or be deemed to have commenced as of the first day of the Foundation Year immediately following the date scheduled for the final regular meeting of the Board of Trustees referred to in Section 2 of this Article V.

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

- A. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall be the chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the chief executive officer, with such powers and duties as generally pertain to those offices. The President shall serve as an *ex-officio* member, with the right to vote, of every committee of the Foundation.
- B. **PRESIDENT-ELECT.** The President-Elect shall act as Vice President and shall have such authority and perform such duties as are customarily incident to such office, and such other duties as may from time to time be required of him or her by the Board of Trustees. In the absence or incapacity of the President, the President-Elect shall have the authority and shall perform the functions of the President.
- C. **OTHER OFFICERS.** The other officers shall have such authority and perform such duties as are customarily incident to their respective offices, and such other and further duties as may from time to time be required of any such officer by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL. All officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and any officer may be removed with or without cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Trustees present and voting at a regular meeting, or a special meeting called for that purpose, whenever the Trustees determine that the best interests of the Foundation would be served thereby.

**ARTICLE VI
COMPENSATION**

The Foundation may pay reasonable compensation to its employees and agents for services rendered in effecting its purposes, provided that such compensation is approved by the Board of Trustees or by the Executive Committee. No Fellow, Trustee, or officer of the Foundation shall receive, or become lawfully entitled to receive, from the Foundation any part of its net income, provided that nothing herein shall prevent any Trustee, officer, or employee from being reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in conjunction with the business of the Foundation.

**ARTICLE VII
PROPERTY AND INVESTMENT**

SECTION 1. PROPERTY. All property, whether real, personal, tangible or intangible, received by the Foundation, by contribution, bequest, devise, gift, grant, or otherwise, shall comply with any Gift Acceptance Policy of the Foundation in effect at the time of receipt and, if accepted in compliance with such Policy, shall be held by the Foundation, or disposed of by it, on terms and conditions consistent with any imposed by the donor and not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

SECTION 2. INVESTMENTS. Unless otherwise specified, restricted or limited by terms of a particular gift, bequest, devise, grant, or another instrument, the funds of the Foundation may be invested from time to time in such manner as the Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee, shall deem advantageous, whether the investments are of a character which would be required by law for similar funds if held by a fiduciary.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT**

These Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed, and new Regulations may be adopted, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Trustees present and voting at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, followed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Fellows present and voting at any meeting of the Fellows, provided that a description of the proposed alteration, amendment, repeal, or new Regulations (which may be set forth, all or in part, in summary form) is contained in the notices of both such meetings.

**ARTICLE IX
RECORD OF FELLOWS AND TRUSTEES**

The Secretary shall maintain a record containing the names of all Fellows and Trustees, together with the last known address of each Fellow and Trustee. There shall also be stated therein the dates upon which each Fellow or Trustee held either such position, together with the reason(s) for removal or termination, if any. It shall be the duty of every Fellow and Trustee, upon becoming such, to furnish forthwith to the Secretary, for inclusion in such record, his or her then mailing address and other address, if any, for receipt of transmissions by authorized communications equipment, and likewise to report promptly to the Secretary for inclusion in such record any change in any such address.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. The Foundation shall indemnify its Trustees and officers to the full extent permitted by Chapter 1702, including advancement of expenses. The Foundation may, to such extent and in such manner as is determined by the Board of Trustees within its sole discretion, but in no event to an extent greater than is permitted by Chapter 1702, indemnify any employee, agent or other volunteer (as defined in Chapter 1702) of the Foundation permitted to be indemnified by Chapter 1702, or any person who is or was serving at the request of the Foundation as a trustee, director, officer, employee, member, manager, agent or volunteer of another corporation (domestic or foreign, nonprofit, or for profit), limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

SECTION 2. INSURANCE. To the extent permitted by Chapter 1702, the Foundation may acquire and maintain insurance or furnish similar protection including, but not limited to, trust funds, letters of credit or self-insurance for or on behalf of any person who is or was a Trustee, officer, employee, agent or volunteer (as defined in Chapter 1702) of the Foundation, or is or was serving at the request of the Foundation as a trustee, director, officer, employee, member, manager, agent or volunteer of another corporation (domestic or foreign, nonprofit, or for profit), limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

SECTION 3. LIMITATION. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the Foundation shall not indemnify members of the Board of Trustees, officers or other persons or entities, pay their expenses in advance or pay insurance premiums on their behalf if such indemnification payment, advance expense payment or payment of insurance premium: (i) would constitute a violation of any provision of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code"), applicable to a private foundation, if the Foundation is so classified under the Code; or (ii) would constitute an "excess benefit transaction" under Section 4958 of the Code, if the Foundation is not classified as a private foundation under the Code.

ARTICLE XI USE OF AUTHORIZED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. Authorized communications equipment may be used for the purpose of giving notice of: (i) meetings or any other notice required by Chapter 1702; (ii) attending and participating (including voting) in meetings of the Trustees and any Committee (but not attending, participating in, or voting at, any meeting of Fellows); and (iii) giving a copy of any document or transmitting any writing required or permitted under Chapter 1702. "Authorized communications equipment" shall have the meaning set forth in Chapter 1702.

SECTION 2. COMMUNICATIONS SENT BY AUTHORIZED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. Any communication sent to a Fellow or Trustee by authorized communications equipment shall be deemed properly delivered if sent to the address furnished by the Fellow or Trustee for transmissions by authorized communications equipment.

OSBF Grantmaking – Fueling Change in Your Community

The Ohio State Bar Foundation is a charitable grantmaking organization that awards grants to Ohio nonprofits addressing specific, unmet legal needs in their communities. Since 1992, OSBF has awarded more than \$12 million to law-related philanthropic organizations.

There are two grant application periods each year – one in the spring and one in the fall. The deadline for the Spring Grant Cycle is February 15 at 5 PM, and the deadline for the Fall Grant Cycle is August 15 at 5 PM. Grant applications can be submitted online and are reviewed and approved by OSBF's Board of Trustees.

Do you know of a law-related organization who could benefit from applying for a grant? Send them to the OSBF grants page at [OSBF.org/Grants](https://www.osbf.org/Grants).

One Grantee Story

Ohio State Legal Services Association | Southeastern Ohio Youth Law Project

The Southeastern Ohio Youth Law Project (YLP) was implemented by Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS) in partnership with Sojourners Care Network (Sojourners) to address the need for civil legal aid for youth and young adults. The YLP was designed to remove legal barriers vulnerable youth face when transitioning into adulthood by providing education on legal rights and responsibilities, representation in legal proceedings and community outreach.

The Impact of YLP...

"Jake" is a 16-year-old boy who has ADHD and a learning disability. He's in the custody of children services. Over the last 2 years, Jake has had numerous foster care placements and has attended four different schools. Last fall, Jake was placed with a family who planned on adopting him. However, when he was disciplined at school for defending a friend who was attacked in a parking lot off school grounds and outside school hours, the foster family decided they were no longer willing to adopt him. Subsequently, Jake was sent to yet another foster home two counties away.

When Jake's new foster parent attempted to enroll him in a new school, Jake and the family were informed (for the first time) that he had been expelled from his previous school. The new school refused to enroll him. More important to Jake, he would miss tryouts for wrestling and wouldn't be able to compete in any winter sports. Neither Jake nor his foster parents were notified of the expulsion by the former school or children services, and the expulsion hearing was held without anyone there to represent him.

Thankfully, Jake's foster parents learned about the YLP and connected Jake to a SEOLS attorney who was able to challenge the expulsion. Jake was enrolled in school shortly thereafter and was able to participate in wrestling tryouts.

On the next page, you'll see a snapshot of OSBF's 2018 grantees, how much they were granted, and a snapshot of the amazing work that they are doing for their communities.

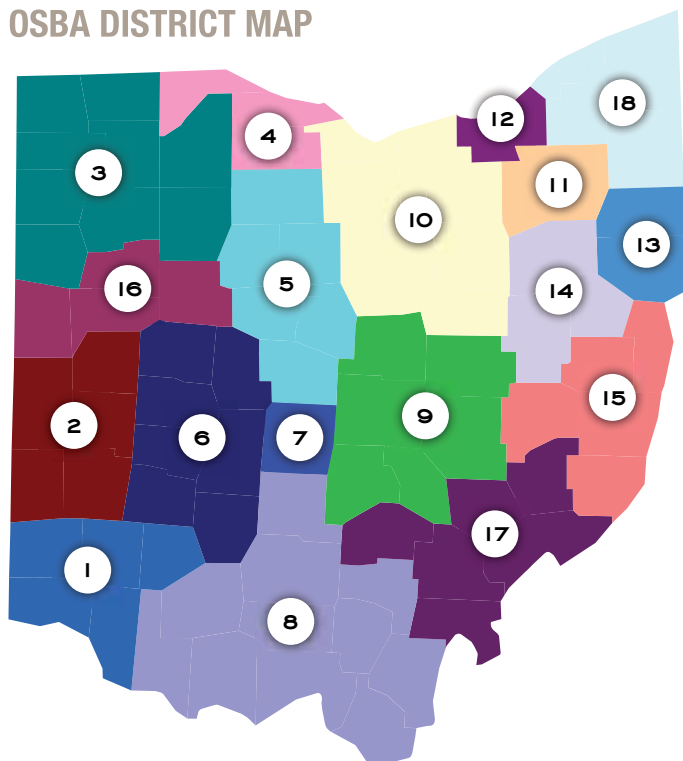


OHIO STATE BAR
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2018 GRANTS

In 2018, OSBF granted more than \$700,000 to organizations across the state that are fighting for a better justice system. These organizations work tirelessly to make sure that everyone has access to and understands our legal system. Here's a snapshot of this year's grantees.

OSBA DISTRICT MAP



 **\$777,055**

Learn more about OSBF's grantmaking at OSBF.org.

STRATEGIC GRANT

Issue Media Group
Civics Essential Ohio
\$99,996 - All Districts

SPRING 2018

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio

Expansion of Immigration Advocacy Project
of Columbus and Central Ohio
\$5,348 - Districts 1, 8

Dominican Sisters of Peace: The Dominican Learning Center

Legal Education
\$2,200 - District 7

Health Policy Institute of Ohio

Addiction Evidence Project
\$15,000 - All Districts

Homes on the Hill

Landlord Engagement Action Network
\$10,000 - Districts 1, 2, 8, 12

Ohio Center for Law-Related Education

OCLRE
\$100,000 - All Districts

Ohio Family Care Association

Resourcing Vulnerable Families
\$39,410 - All Districts

Ohio State Bar Association

Electronic Interactive Trial Advocacy Training
\$60,000 - All Districts

Ohio State Bar Association

Non-Metro Practice Clerkship Pilot Program
\$40,000 - Districts 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 16

Ohio State Legal Services Association

Ohio Poverty Law Center's CQEs
\$40,000 - All Districts

Operation Legal Help Ohio

Judiciary Training-Establishment of
Veterans' Treatment Courts throughout Ohio
\$8,500 - All Districts

Scranton Road Ministries C.D.C.

Scranton Road Legal Clinic's CLE Project
\$5,000 - District 12

FALL 2018

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality

Justice for English Learners Project
\$40,798 - All Districts

Catholic Charities Corporation

Ohio Detainee Justice Initiative (ODJI)
\$60,000 - Districts 5, 13, 18

Family and Youth Law Center at Capital University

Family Law Virtual Legal Clinic
\$20,000 - Districts 8, 9

Law & Leadership Institute

Diversity in Leadership Fellowship
\$95,803 - All Districts

Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation

Ohio Legal Help
\$75,000 - All Districts

Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio

Using Technology to Grow Corporate Pro Bono and Access
to Legal Services for Nonprofit Organizations
\$35,000 - Districts 1, 2

University of Cincinnati Foundation

The Legal Access Project at Cincinnati Law
\$25,000 - District 1

Issue Media Group
Civics Essential Ohio
All Districts

\$99,996 to Issue Media Group (IMG) in the form of a strategic grant. With funding, IMG has created Civics Essential, a series developed to enhance adult civics education that includes feature stories published in *Soapbox Cincinnati* and *Fresh Water Cleveland*, surveys to test knowledge and public events.

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio
Expansion of Immigration Advocacy Project
of Columbus and Central Ohio
Districts 1, 8

\$5,348 to Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio to support expansion of "Know Your Rights" presentations by Immigration Legal Services to clients during English as a Second Language (ESL) and cultural orientation classes. Topics will include information about interacting with law enforcement and civic and citizenship information.

Dominican Sisters of Peace: The Dominican Learning Center
Legal Education
District 7

\$2,200 to Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, to support bilingual legal education for Hispanic/Latino immigrants about their legal rights in a variety of situations and promote the pursuit of citizenship among undocumented immigrants.

Health Policy Institute of Ohio
Addiction Evidence Project
All Districts

\$15,000 to Health Policy Institute of Ohio for phase three of their Addiction Evidence Project, specifically the creation of a resource page, policy inventory and policy scorecard regarding criminal justice reform, law enforcement and children services. In its entirety, this project will work to address addiction through policy and practice.

Homes on the Hill
Landlord Engagement Action Network
Districts 1, 2, 8, 12

\$10,000 to Homes on the Hill to support the expansion of their Landlord Engagement Action Network (LEAN) program to incorporate affordable housing organizations across the state.

Ohio Center for Law-Related Education
OCLRE
All Districts

\$100,000 to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) to support their student-led programs, including Ohio Mock Trial, Ohio Moot Court, We the People and professional development programs for participating teachers.

Ohio Family Care Association
Resourcing Vulnerable Families
All Districts

\$39,410 to Ohio Family Care Association for their Resourcing Vulnerable Families Project, which aims to provide information, education, resources and service referrals to Ohio families caring for children of child welfare systems.

Ohio State Bar Association
Electronic Interactive Trial Advocacy Training
All Districts

\$60,000 to the Ohio State Bar Association for their Electronic Interactive Trial Advocacy Training (EITAT) program, which uses skill-based training techniques to assist new lawyers in developing fundamental practice skills and necessary trial skills to become competent trial advocates.

Ohio State Bar Association
Non-Metro Practice Clerkship Pilot Program
Districts 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 16

\$40,000 to the Ohio State Bar Association for their Non-Metro Practice Clerkship Pilot program, which aims to attract new lawyers to non-metro practice by connecting them with experienced practitioners. This program will provide training and mentoring for lawyers transitioning from an academic environment to a legal practice in small and non-metro communities.

Ohio State Legal Services Association
Ohio Poverty Law Center's CQEs
All Districts

\$40,000 to the Ohio Poverty Law Center (OPLC), an affiliate of Ohio State Legal Services Association, to raise awareness about Ohio's Certificate of Qualifications for Employment (CQE). OPLC will develop a toolkit to use in statewide presentations and while working with local re-entry coalitions, law schools, business leaders and employer associations.

Operation Legal Help Ohio
Judiciary Training-Establishment of Veterans' Treatment Courts throughout Ohio
All Districts

\$8,500 to Operation Legal Help Ohio for their initiative to expand Veterans' Treatment Courts (VTCs) in every county and large municipality in the state, providing judiciary training on the benefits, implementation and management of VTCs.

Scranton Road Ministries C.D.C.
Scranton Road Legal Clinic's CLE Project
District 12

\$5,000 to Scranton Road Ministries C.D.C. to support Scranton Legal Clinic's CLE Project, which will provide courses for prospective volunteer attorneys to learn best practices for pro bono assistance to underserved populations. Topics will address legal concerns, including Elder Law, Custody/Visitation and Creditor/Debtor Law.

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality
Justice for English Learners Project
All Districts

\$40,798 to Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) to support their Justice for English-Language Learners Project that will create a statewide system of multi-language legal resources accessible to low-income communities. With these resources, immigrants in Ohio will be provided with information in their native language to access counsel and justice.

Catholic Charities Corporation
Ohio Detainee Justice Initiative (ODJI)
Districts 5,13,18

\$60,000 to Catholic Charities Corporation to support the Ohio Detainee Justice Initiative for immigrant detainees. This initiative focuses on court process education, available defenses, right to hire counsel and connecting with legal service providers.

Family and Youth Law Center at Capital University
Family Law Virtual Legal Clinic
Districts 8,9

\$20,000 to Family Youth and Law (FYLAW) Center at Capital University Law School to establish a Virtual Legal Clinic, which will provide impoverished pro se litigants with live communication, legal resources and help with completion of forms and court filings. With this clinic, FYLAW will educate individuals on family law and civil matters, increase pro se litigant competency, expedite judicial economy and prepare future attorneys to provide services to needy clients.

Law & Leadership Institute
Diversity in Leadership Fellowship
All Districts

\$95,803 to the Law & Leadership Institute (LLI) to support its Diversity in Leadership Fellowship program. For first-year law students, this program aims to explore diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and expand understanding of the issues impacting the recruitment and retention of attorneys with diverse backgrounds. In addition to working with public officials, nonprofit boards, law firms and government offices on the issues of diversity and inclusion, students will be instructors for LLI high schoolers to develop their understanding of the law and encourage them to pursue a career in law.

Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation
Ohio Legal Help
All Districts

\$75,000 to the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation to support development of Ohio Legal Help, a website for all Ohioans to have access to information on the justice system and meaningful assistance for their civil legal needs.

Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio
Using Technology to Grow Corporate Pro Bono and Access to Legal Services for Nonprofit Organizations
Districts 1, 2

\$35,000 to Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio to increase technological and educational capabilities allowing access to legal services for more Ohio nonprofits and providing opportunities for corporate attorneys to impact their communities through pro bono service.

University of Cincinnati Foundation
The Legal Access Project at Cincinnati Law
District 1

\$25,000 to the University of Cincinnati Foundation to support the Legal Access Project at Cincinnati Law. Funding will support the startup of a nonprofit law firm aimed at providing affordable legal representation to low- to middle-income people and providing new law school graduates with the knowledge, experience and skills needed to practice law effectively.

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Partner with us and help our grantees deliver solutions for unmet legal needs in communities across the state.

A gift to the Ohio State Bar Foundation will...

...fuel statewide OSBF grants to law-related organizations working hard to advance the law and build a better justice system throughout Ohio.

...foster the recognition and celebration of service to the community and the profession by exceptional lawyers and law-related organizations.

...fund innovative programs, research and publications that help the citizens and communities of Ohio develop a stronger understanding of the law.

Where does your Fellows pledge go?

100% of your Fellows pledge directly funds OSBF grants to statewide causes that align with our mission. In 2018, Fellows' pledge gifts helped fund more than \$700,000 in grants to innovative, law-related initiatives and organizations throughout the state.

How can you give?

Donate Online - You can give on the OSBF website at [OSBF.org/Donate](https://osbf.org/Donate).

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Please include the individual's name and address for honorary gifts or the family's name and address for memorial donations.

What types of gift options are there?

We know donating is a personal decision, which is why gift giving must make sense for you. We realize that gifts come in all shapes and sizes. For your convenience, we accept the following types of gifts:

- Bequests
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- Certain retirement assets
- Closely held stock (non-publicly traded securities)
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If you are donating a security, please contact our office at 614-487-4444 to request the stock transfer donation form used for electronic delivery through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) system.

IRA Charitable Rollover Information

On December 18, 2015, Congress passed the PATH Act 318 - 109 making the IRA Charitable Rollover a permanent incentive for charitable giving in the federal tax code. Previously, the provision was up for re-authorization every two years as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The IRA charitable rollover legislation allows you to transfer lifetime gifts up to \$100,000 from your individual retirement account (IRA) without undesirable tax effects.

You may contribute funds from your IRA if:

- You are age 70 ½ or older at the time of the gift.
- You transfer funds directly from your IRA. This opportunity applies to IRAs and not other types of retirement plans.
- You transfer funds outright to OSBF or other qualified charities. The legislation does not permit transfers to charitable trusts, donor advised funds or charitable gift annuities.

Shop for a Cause



A simple way to support the Ohio State Bar Foundation every time you shop at no cost to you.

Shop for the same Amazon products you normally purchase but use the AmazonSmile website. 0.5% of your total purchase will be donated to the Ohio State Bar Foundation from the Amazon Foundation – at no cost to you. This works very much like a matching gift – you buy something, Amazon Foundation donates to the Ohio State Bar Foundation. It sounds simple, because it is simple. Thank you for shopping for a cause.

Funds

We believe in donor-centric fundraising – you have the choice of where you wish to designate your donation. We know the more you understand about our grantmaking, the easier it will be for you to connect with our work.

Unrestricted Fund - Our most popular fund, here's where you can do the most good – our general grantmaking fund – by collecting resources into one general fund, together, we can make transformational grant awards to allow organizations to do the kind of law-related philanthropy we can all be proud of. What's amazing about this fund? 100% of donations made to this fund will be awarded to OSBF grantees.

Named Funds - Read more about our named funds – designed to address specific initiatives or programs with a narrower focus than the Unrestricted Fund.

Access to Justice Fund (The Justice Fund) - Established by the OSBF Board of Trustees in September 2015 to address issues highlighted by the Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on Access to Justice and the final report from the OSBA's Access to Justice Summit.

The goal of the Justice Fund is to provide support and grant funding for projects and activities that further the charitable and educational purposes of the Foundation, including, but not limited to: research, educational programming, convening constituents, pilot programming and consultants for projects and programs that will enhance the pursuit of justice.

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Legacy Fund - Established in 2010 by the Foundation Board of Trustees to honor the late Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer through two statewide initiatives:

The Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Fellowship Program. Awarded annually to a law student enrolled in one of Ohio's nine law schools this rotating fellowship award supports statewide legal education initiatives and programs for exceptional law students to instill in them the concepts of ethics, integrity and civility that Chief Justice Moyer personified.

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Professorship for the Administration of Justice and Rule of Law. This endowed professorship at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law honors and purports Chief Justice Moyer's legacy of integrity and professionalism, deepening the impact of these qualities on the lives of countless students and on the law itself.

Denny L. Ramey Education Fund - The Denny L. Ramey Education Fund was established in 2012 by the Foundation Board of Trustees to recognize 26 years of service to OSBF by Mr. Ramey as its Treasurer and his unwavering support of the Foundation.

The goal of this fund is to support educational projects in the Appalachian region of Ohio the further the educational purposes of the Foundation and public understanding of the law in the state of Ohio.

Friends and Neighbors Endowment (FANE) Fund - The FANE Fund was established in 2005 by the family of Linda Thompson Kohli in recognition of her 10 years as Executive Director of the Ohio State Bar Foundation. Proceeds from this restricted fund support Foundation programs.

Law & Leadership Fund - Established in 2009 by the Foundation Board of Trustees to support the Law & Leadership Institute (LLI).

This restricted fund supports LLI's commitment to strengthening the academic and leadership skills of Ohio high school students from under-served schools to improve college graduation rates and ultimately, establish a "pipeline" of students with the ability and the desire to diversify the legal profession.

LLI leverages the expertise, resources and collaborative efforts of Ohio attorneys, law schools, and law firms, bar associations, public school districts and private corporations to the benefit of more than 300 high school students in Ohio each year.

Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program Fund - The Ohio Lawyer's Assistance Program Fund was approved in 2013 by the Ohio State Bar Foundation Trustees.

The Lawyer's Assistance Program (OLAP) is dedicated to helping Ohio lawyers, judges, and law students obtain treatment for substance abuse, chemical dependency, other addictions and mental health issues.

The fund provides financial assistance to OLAP clients who lack the resources to pay for necessary treatment.

William K. Weisenberg Fund for Civics Education - The William K. Weisenberg Fund for Civics Education was established in 2013 by the Foundation Board of Trustees to recognize 35 years of service at OSBA by Mr. Weisenberg.

This Fund will provide financial assistance to promote civics education initiative that prepare school age children and young adults to better understand our constitutional democracy and provide them with the knowledge and tools they need to be better, more informed citizens.



Friday, October 4

The **EXCHANGE** at **BRIDGE PARK**, **DUBLIN, OHIO**

Join us for an evening of **celebration** and **networking**.
Be inspired, alongside **friends and colleagues**, as we **honor** those
who go **above and beyond** to **improve**
the **understanding of and access to our justice system**.



Help Us Recognize Excellence

We believe lawyers, judges, and organizations who work to improve the law and build a better justice system deserve to be recognized for their efforts. OSBF award winners lead their communities in volunteer service both in and outside of the legal profession.

Do you know a person or an organization working to better our justice system? It's time to honor them. Nominations for OSBF awards are accepted year-round, but they close each year on **June 1** for awardees to be chosen that specific year. We accept nominations for the following awards:

The **Ritter Award** is the highest honor awarded by the Foundation. This award is given for a lifetime of service and recognizes accomplishments in achieving and promoting the highest level of professionalism, integrity, and ethics in the practice of law. Ritter Award winners consistently assist other attorneys, the courts, and the public improve the justice system in Ohio.

The **Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service** is given to an attorney who exemplifies integrity, honor, courtesy, and professionalism and whose career showcases dedication to the goals and values of the Foundation and service to the public and community. Service must be outside the recipient's practice of law and done without compensation.

The **Outstanding Program or Organization Award** is given to a program or organization that promotes the distribution of information about, increases access to, and/or generates improvements in the Ohio justice system.

The **Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under** is presented to attorneys, 40 and younger, who contribute a substantial amount of their time and talents to their communities through volunteering and other service opportunities. Service must be outside the recipient's practice of law and done without compensation. NOTE: This award is presented to honorees in each of the OSBA's 18 districts in the spring and fall each year. The *statewide* award recipient is chosen from the pool of district honorees.

Visit OSBF.org/Awards to download or complete a nomination form. If you have questions, contact Jordann Dillard at JDillard@OSBF.net or 614-487-4450.

Awards Nomination Form

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE June 1 annually

Recognition Category (*See page two for criteria. Please select one.*)

_____ Ritter Award

_____ Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service

_____ Outstanding Program or Organization Award

_____ District Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under
(*Note: A Statewide Award Recipient will be chosen from the District Honorees.*)

Nominee Name _____

Associated with (Firm, Court or Organization) _____

Business Address _____

Home Address _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Birth Date* _____ District #* _____

(**Information only needed if nominating for District Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under.*)

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination _____

Mailing Address _____

Business Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please submit nominations and supporting information to Jordann Dillard before the June 1 deadline.

Ohio State Bar Foundation

1700 Lake Shore Drive, P.O. Box 16562, Columbus, OH 43216

Email: jdillard@osbf.net

Please attach a letter that includes detailed information supporting the nomination of the individual, organization or program. A brief biographical or historical sketch of nominee should accompany the letter. Resumes, newspaper articles, videos, annual reports, etc. may be included in the nomination packet; however, they may not be used in substitution for a detailed nomination letter. Letters of recommendation are accepted but must be submitted with the original nomination. Each nomination should include the following information with specific examples:

- Description of the research project(s), service, program, history and/or community service of the nominee;
- Description of the impact on the profession, justice system and/or community.

Ten Years of Awards History

	Ritter Award	Ramey Award	Outstanding Program or Organization Award	Statewide Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under
2018	Marvin Karp	Melinda Seeds	Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio	Brandon Cox
2017	Evelyn Lundberg Stratton	Stephen F. Tilson	Sisters in Law	Michael W. Kelley
2016	Sandra J. Anderson	Ronald L. Kahn	Summit County Juvenile Court Crossroads Program	Drew Odum
2015	Fred J. Ball	Steven W. Jemison	Ohio Innocence Project	Sara K. Skow
2014	Patrick Perotti	Carter E. Strang	Advocating Opportunity and Louis Stokes Scholars Program	Angela A. Wu
2013	Reginald S. Jackson, Jr.	Edward G. Marks	START Program	Nicole I. Khoury
2012	Ronald W. Dougherty	Merle F. Wilberding	Court Community Service	Jason Given
2011	Stephen E. Chappellear	Harold D. Spears	Fugitive Safe Surrender Program of Cleveland	Shawna L. L'Italien
2010	Richard K. Warren	David Weiner	Advocates for Basic Legal Equality & Legal Aid of Western Ohio	Danyelle S. T. Wright
2009	Robert M. Clyde	Charles F. Kurfess	Interfaith Legal Services Clinic at Andrews House	Chad A. Readler

