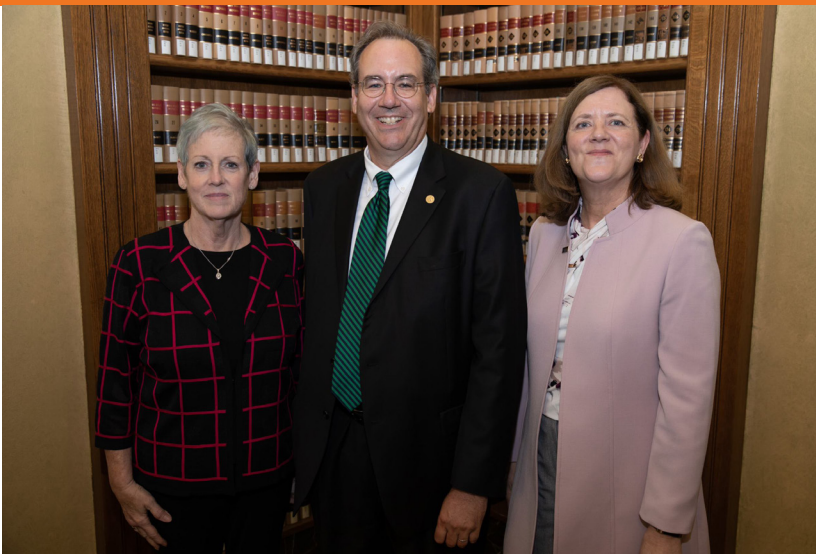




# OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION

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## THE STORY OF THE OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION

The Ohio State Bar Foundation (OSBF) is a 501(c)(3) grantmaking organization. It's the largest Bar Foundation in the United States and gives grants and supports programs that address specific legal needs, honors the accomplishments of the legal community, and has built an army of attorneys across the state who support and fight for the OSBF's mission.

As the charitable arm of the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA), the OSBF works with the Association's member attorneys, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and other Ohioans to advance the state's laws to build a better justice system. The Foundation is the oldest of the Association's affiliates, first organized to conduct legal research and then later utilized to raise funds to build the Ohio Legal Center building.

Now, the OSBF focuses exclusively on grantmaking, a Fellows Program, and an Awards Program. Each year, the OSBF awards more than \$750,000 to Ohio nonprofits, who support our mission and work with the legal system and their communities. We are able to do this, in part, thanks to our Fellows, who are member attorneys of the Foundation. They represent an elite group of Ohio lawyers who give their time, talent, and treasure so that we can give more and do more. And we don't let the good deeds of Ohio attorneys or organizations go unnoticed. Every year, we honor excellence through our well-known Awards Program, celebrating people and organizations who work tirelessly and show endless dedication to the law, to our communities, and to our entire state.

Look ahead to learn the ins and outs of each of OSBF's three major programs.

*Grants*



*Awards*

*Fellows*





## GRANTS

As a charitable grantmaking organization, the OSBF awards grants each spring and fall to Ohio nonprofits addressing specific, unmet legal needs in our communities. Since 1992, the Foundation has awarded more than 12.5 million dollars to dozens of law-related philanthropic organizations and projects across Ohio. Over time, grants have supported the creation of legal materials, new websites, campaigns, clinics, conferences, trainings, presentations, and more.

During our most recent grant cycle, we awarded grants to the following organizations to support their missions and projects:



### **Ohio Center for Law-Related Education**

...to further develop and expand its student programs, teacher professional development opportunities, and outreach efforts. Through OCLRE, students can access high-quality civics content and have an opportunity to practice responsible citizenship through the study of the U.S. Constitution, judicial system, and community impact of social issues. Educators learn valuable teaching strategies, create lesson plans and student activities, and share substantive knowledge through OCLRE professional development opportunities.



### **United Way of Greater Cleveland**

...for their Right to Counsel - Cleveland Community Education and Awareness Campaign, which works to educate the Cleveland community on a recent court rule change entitling tenants to legal representation in city eviction proceedings.



### **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality**

... for Medicaid Developmental Disability Waivers and You. The program will provide legal information to individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and disability-rights advocates on the three types of waivers available, their rights and eligibility, and the application and appeals process.

### **OHIO VOICE Ohio Voice**

... to expand the Ohio Fair Courts Speakers Bureau, which conducts "Courts 101" presentations that engage and train new speakers and organizations in Dayton, Cincinnati, Akron, and Cleveland.



### **National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio**

... for Answering the Calls of Veterans in Crisis. With this grant, NAMI Ohio will hold a one-day conference for judges, law enforcement officers, mental health professionals, and veteran outreach coordinators to encourage collaborative efforts for deescalating veterans facing unique problems, such as traumatic brain injury, PTSD, substance abuse, depression, and other mental, physical, and emotional challenges.



### **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio**

... for Know Your Rights Legal Fellow. The grant supports the development of "Know Your Rights" legal materials that will help educate the Ohio Muslim community on legal issues specific to them and other general legal topics.



### **Ohio State Legal Services Association**

... for the Ohio Poverty Law Center's Advocacy Skills Training. Legal aid attorneys will have the opportunity to participate in a two-day advocacy training where they'll engage in group presentations, discussions, and small group exercises to help them better understand the legislative process and increase their level of engagement in statewide policy.



In 2018, OSBF also awarded its first-ever strategic grant, which aims to improve the civics knowledge of Ohio adults, to Issue Media Group (IMG). With the grant money, IMG has created Civics Essential: Ohio, a series and initiative that includes feature stories and corresponding surveys published in *Soapbox Cincinnati*, *Fresh Water Cleveland*, and *The Hub Springfield* and live and virtual events. The grant has continued since its inception and will conclude after the three-year term. To learn more about this grant and see IMG's content, visit [OSBF.org/StrategicGrants](http://OSBF.org/StrategicGrants).

## AWARDS

The OSBF believes that 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, setting an example of what it means to give back and better their communities.

Each year, we bring people together from across Ohio to honor true excellence in the profession and give out the following awards:



**The Ritter Award**, which is the highest honor awarded by the Foundation and is given to an attorney for a lifetime of service. Last year's award was given to Richard F. Swope of Swope & Swope, Attorneys at Law. Mr. Swope has spent six decades representing clients and advocating for inmate rights to help provide better access to Ohio's legal system.



**The Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service**, which is given to an Ohio attorney whose career has been exemplified by his or her dedication to public and community service, as well as integrity, honor, courtesy, and professionalism. Last year's award was given to Donald H. Messenger of Thompson Hine, LLP. Mr. Messenger has undertaken significant volunteer leadership roles with multiple charitable organizations in Northeast Ohio, including the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Legal Aid, Gateway Economic Development Corporation, and the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center.



**Outstanding Program or Organization Award**, which highlights a program or organization that promotes improvement in the Ohio justice system. Last year's recipient, the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center, is a statewide nonprofit organization that ensures that state and federal crime victims are treated fairly during the criminal justice process.



**Statewide Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under**, which is awarded to an attorney under the age of 40 who gives time and talent to serve his or her community. Last year's award was given to Meigs County Prosecuting Attorney James K. Stanley. Mr. Stanley has passionately combatted the opioid epidemic and addiction crisis in Meigs County and has taken proactive measures to prevent addiction and assist recovery before individuals enter the legal system.

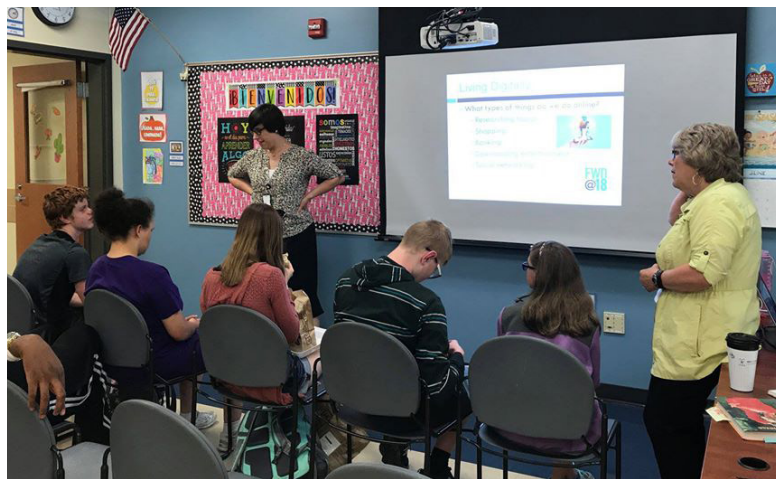


## FELLOWS

OSBF Fellows is a professional honorary of Ohio lawyers who have demonstrated their dedication to the highest ideals of the legal profession. They represent the state of Ohio and justice system – from rural towns to big cities, large law firms to sole proprietors, judges to prosecutors. When Fellows join the OSBF, they pledge their time, talent, and treasure to advance the Foundation’s mission of educating the public on the rule of law. This is done through community service efforts, educational presentations, and monetary donations.

Though the OSBF has welcomed Fellows for several years, its first official class was inducted in 1998. This kicked off the Foundation’s now long-standing and successful program and the start of the Fellows Class Projects. Since its inception, significant projects have included the creation of the Ohio Jury Management Association, the Light the Way Campaign, and the children’s book *Did Not! Did Too!*

Today, OSBF has more than 1,000 Fellows who have joined its ranks. These attorneys are always ready to help the Foundation, whether through volunteering their time, sharing the OSBF story, or completing their pledge.



## LEADERSHIP



### **■ President, Mark Kitrick**

Mark Kitrick is founding partner at The Law Firm of Kitrick, Lewis & Harris. Throughout his 39-year career, Kitrick has earned the trust and confidence of more than 10,000 clients facing serious personal injury and wrongful death issues, and he also represents clients in complex litigation and consumer class actions.

Kitrick has been rated one of the best lawyers in America for more than 14 years, AV rated with Martindale Hubble for more than 25 years, one of the top 50 attorneys in Columbus for more than 12 years, and one of the top 100 lawyers in Ohio for the last few years.

Mark is past president of the Ohio Association for Justice, past president of the Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association, and served two terms with the Columbus Bar Association. Mark was elected to OSBF's Board of Trustees in 2015.



### **■ Executive Director, Lori Keating**

Lori Keating is the Executive Director of the OSBF. She manages the day-to-day operations of the organization by leading in strategic planning, development, and management of policies to advance the Foundation's mission.

Prior to her role with the Ohio State Bar Foundation, Keating served as Secretary of the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Professionalism. There, she led the Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program, matching more than 6,000 new lawyers to mentors throughout the state. As a faculty member of the Ohio Judicial College, she taught courses to judges and magistrates.

Keating also served as a magistrate and staff attorney for the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, and as a staff attorney for the Twelfth District Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio. She has served, by Presidential appointment, on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Professionalism and has chaired the National Legal Mentoring Consortium. Keating is a long-time member of the Ohio State Bar Association, serving in its Women in the Profession Section. She has also served on the board of the Women Lawyers of Franklin County.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The OSBF's Board of Trustees volunteer their time to provide leadership for all aspects of the Foundation, including the awarding of grants, finance, membership, and fundraising.



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## STAFF

The OSBF staff works tirelessly to move the Foundation's mission forward. Each day, they work with grantees, Fellows, media, attorneys, and the public to share the organization's story and help promote the understanding of the rule of law and better access to the legal system.



### **Director of Development and PR**

Cynthia Kincaid  
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Cynthia Kincaid is the Director of Development and PR for the OSBF. In this role, she oversees grants, Fellows, marketing, communications and PR, development, and fundraising for the Foundation. She has held executive positions with the Ohio State Bar Association, Huntington Bank, and the University of Washington in Seattle. Cynthia has worked effectively in corporate, healthcare, financial services, legal, insurance and nonprofit areas. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University.



### **Marketing and Communications Manager**

Jordann Dillard  
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Jordann Dillard serves as the Marketing and Communications Manager for the OSBF. In her role, she maintains a unifying voice for the Foundation by overseeing all communications and developing content for newsletters, the OSBF website and social media channels, press releases, magazines, and annual reports. Jordann also leads the planning of the OSBF's All Rise Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, a yearly event that celebrates the impressive and important work of Ohio attorneys and the Foundation. She has previously served in other marketing and communications roles where she's helped organizations build their brand, host impactful events, share their story, and grow their footprint.



### **Grants Manager**

Tiffany Patterson  
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As Grants Manager, Tiffany Patterson is responsible for all functions of grant awards made by and to the OSBF, which contribute to the Foundation's mission. In her role, she oversees the grant process, database administration, financial tracking, report analytics, and ensures compliance. She also effectively builds relationships with applicants and grant partners through continuous communications, process transparency, and event attendance. Prior to her work with the OSBF, Tiffany's experience in the veterinary industry spans more than 10 years, with various support, administrative, and supervisory roles at the Gahanna Animal Hospital and MedVet.

**Fellows Relationship and Events Coordinator**

Lisa Ray

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Lisa Ray serves as the Fellows Relationship and Event Coordinator where her primary responsibility is to build and maintain relationships with new and existing OSBF Fellows. Lisa fosters consistent interaction with each annual class of Fellows, cultivating and maximizing their involvement through local service, group engagements, meetings, and networking opportunities. Before joining the Foundation, Lisa worked at the Ohio Center of Law-Related Education, an affiliate of the Ohio State Bar Association. A greater part of her career was spent in the communications and training arenas at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

**Outreach Program Coordinator**

Bev Graves

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For more than eleven years, Bev Graves has been the Outreach Program Coordinator for the OSBF. Building upon her experience as a former teacher, Bev has developed OSBF programs, such as Constitution Classroom, FWD@18, B4USend, and On the Margin. Every year, she presents alongside Fellows on these educational programs to students, community groups, and other organizations throughout the state. When not on the road, Bev works with each new Fellows Class to help shape and define its class experience and is also responsible for generating other additional educational materials in line with the Foundation's mission. Having taught in the Worthington School District for thirty-six years, and authored textbook materials, Bev appreciates working with OSBF Fellows in its educational outreach.

**Administrative Assistant**

Pam Brown

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Pam Brown supports the OSBF Staff in her role as Administrative Assistant II. In addition to lending support in various forms to the entire staff, Pam is responsible for compiling and distributing materials to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, organizing meetings, processing and recording donor gifts, and coordinating and maintaining records in the OSBF database. Previously, Pam worked in support roles for advertising agencies and nonprofit organizations.

## RECENT PRESS RELEASES

Click below to take a look at OSBF's most recent press releases.

August 04, 2020 - Ohio State Bar Foundation announces new \$500,000 Racial Justice Initiative

June 24, 2020 - Ohio State Bar Foundation welcomes new class of Fellows

May 20, 2020 - Ohio State Bar Foundation awards more than \$300,000 to Ohio nonprofits

April 08, 2020 - Christopher Teodosio honored for community service by Ohio State Bar Foundation

April 08, 2020 - Bryan Conaway honored for community service by Ohio State Bar Foundation

## VIEW ALL RECENT NEWS





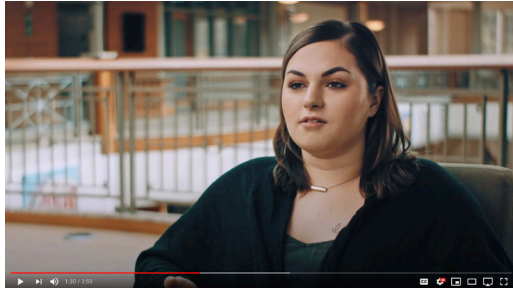
## MEDIA MENTIONS

See the media outlets already sharing OSBF's story. *Click on each section to learn more.*



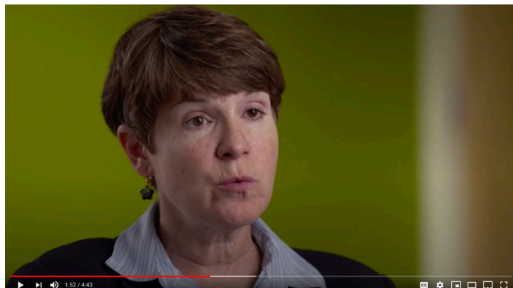
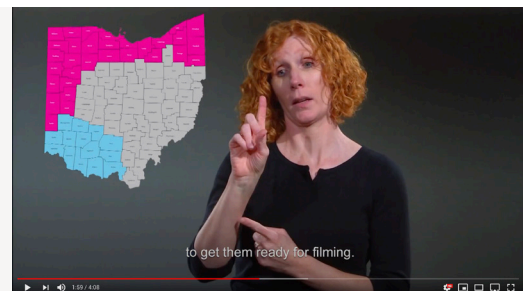
## VIDEOS

There's no better way to share the OSBF story than through our grantee videos. Take a look at some of the projects we've funded and the impact they have had on lives around the state.



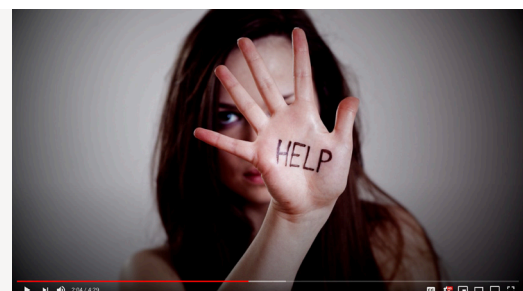
The Summer Law and Trial Institute is a 12-day immersive program for high school students. Students learn about the criminal justice system and law and justice issues relevant to Southeast Ohio, visit the Supreme Court, meet with lawyers and judges, and conduct a mock trial.

The Ohio State Bar Foundation granted funds in 2016 to Disability Rights Ohio (DRO), a nonprofit with a mission to advocate for the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities in Ohio. DRO partnered with the Deaf Services Center to produce 18 videos that translate legal matters into American Sign Language for the deaf community.



The University of Akron School of Law has developed a series of legal clinics designed to help ex-offenders apply for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE). Once obtained, a CQE enables recipients to become eligible for certain jobs from which they were barred due to prior convictions.

Through grants from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and Advocating Opportunity created programs to help survivors of human trafficking clear their criminal records and understand their rights.



Catholic Charities Corporation has a long history of helping immigrants. When working with minors, this often means assisting them at the Cleveland Immigration Court. These young people often came alone - scared, confused, and lost without the ability to read or understand the language. Thanks to a grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, Catholic Charities was able to develop an immigration information program geared to the needs of these minors.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1 What is the history of the OSBF?

The OSBF was initially formed as a research-based organization. For many years, the Foundation completed legal research to help better the justice system and improve the public's understanding of the law. Then, the OSBF was utilized to raise funds to build the Ohio Legal Center building.

The Foundation continues to be the charitable arm of the Ohio State Bar Association and focuses all its efforts on its grantmaking, its Fellows Program, and its Awards Program.

### 2 How much money does the OSBF give away each year?

Each year, the OSBF gives away more than \$750,000 through its grantmaking efforts.

### 3 How much money has the OSBF given away since its inception?

Since OSBF began its grantmaking in 1992, it's given away more than 12.5 million dollars.

### 4 Where can I find more information on the nonprofits the OSBF has given to?

You can find more information on the nonprofits OSBF has given to on our website at [OSBF.org/GrantHistory](https://OSBF.org/GrantHistory). There, you'll find a list of all of our past grantees and the amounts they were awarded each spring and fall grant cycle.

### 5 When did the OSBF start its Fellows Program?

The OSBF has had Fellows since its inception, but it didn't begin its Fellows Program until 1998. That year, the OSBF welcomed its first-ever Class of Fellows. The Foundation has welcome a new group of member attorneys every year since.

### 6 How many Fellows does the OSBF have?

The OSBF has more than 1,000 Fellows.

### 7 Where can I find more information on who is a member of the Fellows Program?

You can find a list of all the OSBF Fellows on our website at [OSBF.org/Fellows](https://OSBF.org/Fellows).

### 8 What awards does the OSBF give out each year?

Each year, the OSBF gives out four major awards, including The Ritter Award, the Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service, the Outstanding Program or Organization Award, and the Statewide Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under.

You can find out more information about the OSBF's Awards Program at [OSBF.org/Awards](https://OSBF.org/Awards).

### 9 How do I donate to the OSBF?

You can donate to the OSBF online at [OSBF.org/Donate](https://OSBF.org/Donate). You can also donate by mailing a check to:

Ohio State Bar Foundation  
PO Box 16562  
Columbus, OH 43216-6562

### 10 Where is the OSBF located and how can I contact them?

The OSBF is located on the second floor of the OSBA's headquarters at 1700 Lake Shore Drive in Columbus. You can contact the OSBF by email at [OSBF@OSBF.net](mailto:OSBF@OSBF.net) or by phone at 614-487-4477.





## LOGOS AND GRAPHICS



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The OSBF's 2019 Fellows Class was inducted in June of 2019 at the Ohio Supreme Court. Here, the class posed with Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor.



Each year, the OSBF honors attorneys, judges, and organizations going above and beyond serving their communities, bettering the legal system, and fighting for an improved justice system. Here, our 2019 awardees pose with their respective awards at the All Rise Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.



The OSBF regularly works with Ohio nonprofits to see how our Foundation and our Fellows can make an impact through volunteer efforts. Here, OSBF volunteered with Mom's House in Toledo to educate their moms on their legal needs, responsibilities, and rights.

## LOGOS AND GRAPHICS



OSBF's Bev Graves regularly works with Ohio schools to set up presentations on Foundation program with Fellows. Here, Fellow Maureen Stoneman poses with a group of teens she presented to in Akron.



To keep OSBF Fellows connected, the Foundation hosts Recess and Reconnect events throughout the state each year. Here, OSBF hosted an event at the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield. Fellows toured the prison and were able to network afterward.

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