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The CBF truly is your foundation for ensuring that the justice system is fair and accessible for everyone, and you can be particularly proud of the impact you made in 2016.

The CBF is the one place where you can come together with your colleagues in Chicago's legal community and make a powerful impact that none of us could on our own. Our work is made possible by the dedicated support of thousands of individuals, more than 200 law firms and corporations, and a number of other committed partners. Thanks to this collective leadership and support, the CBF is the largest voluntarily supported bar foundation in the country and is widely considered to be a national leader on access to justice issues.

These are just a few highlights of that impact, and you can learn more about the important work you are making possible by visiting [chicagobarfoundation.org](http://chicagobarfoundation.org).

### **10th Anniversary Investing in Justice Campaign Sets New Records Across the Board**

Many thousands of people in the Chicago area will receive much-needed legal help thanks to the record-breaking success of this year's 10th anniversary CBF Investing in Justice Campaign. A new record of 154 law firms, corporate legal departments and other law-related

organizations participated in this year's Campaign, which was chaired by Susan Levy, Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Northern Trust.

More than 5,000 individual attorneys and legal professionals contributed more than \$1.5 million, both of which also are new records for the Campaign.

100% of the individual contributions to the Campaign again went directly to CBF grants to 33 pro bono and legal aid organizations. The Campaign funds helped to leverage substantially more funding from government and other sources, making it possible for the CBF to again award a total of more than \$3 million in grants in 2016.

Beyond 2016's record-breaking success, the long-term trends are really impactful not only for the significant growth of the Campaign and the grants it makes possible, but for the parallel increases in direct legal community giving to the CBF's partner pro bono and legal aid organizations since the Campaign's inception.

Learn more at [chicagobarfoundation.org/campaign](http://chicagobarfoundation.org/campaign).

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## Justice Entrepreneurs Project a Model for Innovation in Access to Justice

The JEP, the CBF's incubator for newer lawyers to start innovative, socially conscious law practices that provide affordable services to low and moderate-income Chicagoans, had another impactful year. Over the past year, the JEP developed a pricing toolkit that already is being used throughout the country and is being recognized with a national access to justice award recognition from the American Bar Association. The CBF and JEP were consulted by programs from literally all over the world as a model for innovation-focused legal incubators serving the consumer and small business market. The program now is being replicated in whole or in part in a growing number of jurisdictions around the country.

More than 50 lawyers now are either currently in the JEP or have completed the program and remain part of the growing JEP network. These lawyers are providing affordable services to scores of low and moderate income people who otherwise would have little access to quality legal help and setting the stage for other lawyers serving the "regular people" market to help many thousands more to get legal help that previously was out of their reach.

Learn more at  
[chicagobarfoundation.org/jep](http://chicagobarfoundation.org/jep).

## Pro Bono Programs in Federal Court Updated and Improved

The CBF continued its leadership with the District Court and a distinguished Pro Bono Advisory Committee to update and improve the Court's trial bar program and the other pro bono programs serving the court. Over the past year, the Committee used the results of the first-ever survey of the trial bar in the Northern District (which the Committee helped develop and launch) to set the stage for a

comprehensive review and update of the local court rules, policies and procedures for the Court's pro bono programs. New and much improved regulations on cost reimbursements were adopted by the Court in early 2016. Broader revisions to the local rules to improve the trial bar and related court-based programs also were adopted later in the year and are being readied for formal launch in early 2017. The CBF is also working closely with the court and the Committee to improve the training and support available for pro bono attorneys.

## New Strategic Plan to Build on Impact

The CBF completed a strategic planning process in 2016 that reaffirmed and updated our overall strategic frameworks and developed a dynamic plan for the next 3-5 years to take the CBF into its next era of growth and impact.

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