



## **The Chicago Bar Foundation: the Charitable Arm with an Amazing Reach FY 2006 Annual Report**

As the charitable arm of the CBA, The Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) is working to ensure that the fundamental American principle of equal access to justice becomes a reality for all residents of the Chicago metropolitan area. Unfortunately, despite the outstanding work of a dedicated but shorthanded group of legal aid and pro bono attorneys in our community, hundreds of thousands of less fortunate Chicago-area residents continue to lack access to legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence. As trustees of our system of justice, we have a special responsibility as lawyers to ensure that the doors to our justice system are open to everyone. The CBF's mission is a reflection of the Chicago Bar Association's strong commitment to this fundamental tenet of the legal profession and our belief that the huge and persistent gap in access to our civil justice system today is a call to action for the legal community.

Over the past year, the CBF again made real progress in its mission to improve access to justice thanks to the generous support of a growing cadre of CBA members along with hundreds of law firms, corporations and other partners committed to the cause. Below are a few highlights of a record-breaking Fiscal Year 2006 that was one of the most successful in the CBF's history:

### ***Engaging the Legal Community***

- The CBF received record contributions from individual lawyers and law firms and was the recipient of a total of nearly \$400,000 in *cy pres* awards, making it possible for the CBF to award a record amount of grants and to launch several groundbreaking new projects.
- The CBF partnered with the CBA to host the inaugural Pro Bono Week in October, 2005, which featured the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual YLS Pro Bono and Community Service Fair.
- The CBF and the CBA hosted another record-breaking Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon and several other successful events that highlighted the legal community's strong commitment to equal access to justice and engaged many more people in the cause.

### ***Building the Capacity of the Pro Bono and Legal Aid System***

- The CBF awarded a new record of more than \$900,000 in grants to over 40 legal aid and public interest law organizations and related initiatives serving the community.

- The CBF partnered with Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and the CBA to expand an innovative new pro bono program in the Court’s Chancery Division.
- The CBF made it possible for several dedicated attorneys and law students to pursue careers in legal aid through the CBF’s Anderson Fellowship, the Moses and the Marovitz Scholarships, and the CBF’s sponsorship of two Equal Justice Works public interest law fellowships.
- The CBF hosted free workshops on communications and board governance for grantee organizations and was a lead partner in a comprehensive two day conference for all legal aid attorneys in Illinois.

### ***Making the Justice System More User-Friendly and Accessible***

- The CBF worked with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago and Illinois Legal Aid Online to launch a groundbreaking help desk for pro se litigants in federal court here.
- The CBF partnered with the CBA Young Lawyers Section (YLS) and Illinois Legal Aid Online to produce a video for unrepresented litigants called “Going to Court on Your Own,” and worked with the YLS to produce and print an updated “Where to Go for Legal Assistance Guide” for the public.
- The CBF joined with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic and other partners to launch a court-based assistance desk for the growing number of people seeking expungement or sealing of criminal records.

### ***Promoting Broader Community Awareness and Support***

- The CBF continued its leadership in collaborative efforts to increase state and federal funding for legal aid and access to justice, which have led to an increase of more than \$3 million in annual state funding over the past two years and helped stabilize federal funding for legal aid.
- The CBF furthered its leadership role in the philanthropic community both locally and nationally through the Donors Forum of Chicago, the National Conference of Bar Foundations, and several other funding partnerships.

### ***Looking Ahead to the Future***

Thanks to our many dedicated supporters, the CBF has made real strides towards improving access to justice. Still, we have a long way to go to achieve our vision of equal access to justice in our community, and the CBF has adopted an ambitious new strategic plan to help get us there. For more information about the CBF and how you can get involved, please visit [www.chicagobarfoundation.org](http://www.chicagobarfoundation.org) or call us at (312) 554-1204.

## Chicago Bar Foundation *Strategic Goals and Directions—2006*

The Chicago Bar Foundation's comprehensive strategic planning process during 2005 and 2006 resulted in a reaffirmation of the mission of the Chicago Bar Foundation. It also led to these principal strategic directions for the next several years:

### The CBF Mission

*The Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF), the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association (CBA), improves access to justice for people in our community who are impacted by poverty, abuse and discrimination.*

*Our mission is grounded in the belief that access to justice is central to our democratic society, that the legal community has a special obligation to be a leader in making the justice system accessible to everyone, and that the concerted efforts of a few can make a real improvement in the lives of many.*

*We accomplish our mission by strategically giving grants and other support to legal aid and public interest law organizations--and providing leadership, expertise and advocacy--to advance four overarching goals: (1) engage the legal community to contribute their time and money and to use their influence to improve access to justice; (2) build the capacity of the pro bono and legal aid delivery system; (3) make the justice system more user-friendly and accessible for the public; and (4) promote broader community awareness and support for access to justice.*

### Strategic Goals and Directions

A. The CBF will continue to implement its flexible and focused grant-making strategy and utilize its grant guidelines and procedures to:

- (1) Maximize general operating support for legal aid organizations that efficiently are doing important work to improve access to justice for significant numbers of people in our community who are impacted by poverty, abuse and discrimination; and
- (2) Address systemic and emerging issues impacting access to justice.

B. The CBF will continue its proactive leadership role to improve access to justice, and specifically will continue to:

- (1) Advocate for measures that improve access to justice on a systemic level, including outreach to federal, state and local policymakers, the courts, and other stakeholders.
- (2) Convene relevant parties to work collaboratively to address:
  - (a) Systemic and emerging issues impacting the overall issue of access to justice; and
  - (b) The common needs and collective challenges facing the pro bono and legal aid delivery system.
- (3) Serve as a clearinghouse and resource on pro bono, legal aid and access to justice issues for lawyers, law firms, the CBA, the media, policymakers, the courts, and the charitable and philanthropic community.
- (4) Take a lead role in coordinating the efforts of legal aid and public interest law organizations.

C. The CBF will engage in a concentrated effort to increase significantly its annual giving and thereby increase its ability to improve access to justice. The CBF commits to the following goals by 2011:

- (1) Our annual grants will be at least \$5 million.
- (2) We will substantially increase the CBF's donor base.

The CBF board, with the advice of the Development Committee, will establish specific and realistic objectives and action plans to meet these two overriding goals. These action plans will establish targets for each segment of giving to the CBF, including:

- Individual contributions
- Law firm contributions
- Corporate contributions
- Special events

The Cy Pres Committee will continue to lead the CBF's efforts to obtain cy pres awards as an additional source of funds.

D. The CBF will continue to build the endowment through a combination of investment growth and new contributions to the endowment.

- (1) The Investment Committee will determine an investment growth strategy for the endowment.

(2) The Development Committee, primarily through its Major Gifts and Planned Giving Subcommittee, will develop strategies for increasing the endowment through major gifts and planned giving.

E. The CBF will expand the role of board members in the fund development efforts of the Foundation, which, as detailed in the CBF's "Board Member Duties and Responsibilities," include:

- (1) An annual personal gift to the CBF at a level that is significant to each individual board member. At minimum, members of the Board are encouraged to be active or sustaining members of the Abraham Lincoln Circle or the CBF Life Fellows. (In determining the amount of one's annual contribution, a Board member should strive to consider including the CBF among his/her top three organizations for charitable giving.)
- (2) Participation in planning and oversight of marketing and development activities; and
- (3) Active and consistent participation in the solicitation of gifts from law firms, corporations, individual lawyers, and others. (Participation can include identification of prospects, arranging introductions and meetings, cultivation of donors and personal solicitation of a gift. Development staff will provide appropriate training and support for board members. Judicial members of the board and other board members with ethical constraints to fundraising are not expected to personally solicit funds on behalf of the Foundation.)

F. The CBF will increase its visibility in the legal community and the collective understanding of its mission and purpose, answering the questions: (a) What does a person or firm get by contributing to the CBF that they cannot get anywhere else? and (b) What is the distinct value of the CBF's impact in the community to our donors and stakeholders?

- (1) We will establish a Marketing Committee separate from the Development Committee to lead the foundation's efforts to increase visibility and establish the CBF brand identity.
- (2) The CBF will engage consultants with expertise in public relations and brand identity to assist us in defining and promoting our identity and visibility.
- (3) The Marketing Committee will develop and recommend to the Board a comprehensive marketing plan and will oversee the implementation of that plan. It is expected that this marketing plan will be completed by Fall, 2006.

G. The CBF should be the "hub" of the CBA's efforts to ensure equal access to justice, and recognizing the critical importance that the CBF's partnership with the CBA plays in our

success, the CBF will invest more time and energy to strengthen our relationship with the CBA.

- (1) We will work closely with all sectors of the CBA to carry out our mission, including the CBA Board and staff, the Legal Aid Committee, the Young Lawyers Section, the CBA legislative counsel, the Illinois Coalition for Equal Justice and other relevant CBA committees. We will particularly focus on effectively partnering with the CBA on access to justice initiatives where the CBA is better suited to take a lead role (e.g., legislative advocacy, Supreme Court matters, issues affecting moderate income residents).
- (2) We will work to more effectively promote our relationship as the charitable arm of the CBA in our marketing efforts, while maintaining primary emphasis on the CBF's mission to improve access to justice.
- (3) We will explore joint meetings and receptions of the boards of the CBF and CBA to foster mutual understanding and support.

H. The CBF will strengthen its governance structure and improve board participation.

- (1) The CBF is committed to the Illinois Nonprofit Principles and Best Practices and will adhere to those principles and strive to adopt all pertinent best practices.
- (2) The Nominating and Governance Committee will develop an annual process by which the Board will both individually and collectively evaluate itself and its progress in implementing these strategic goals and directions. The Committee, with the Executive Director, also will conduct an orientation for new board members on an annual basis.
- (3) The CBF will strive to ensure that board membership becomes more diverse and broadly representative of the legal community. The Nominating and Governance Committee will institute a process for board nominations that will more broadly solicit suggestions from board members, CBA members, and others in the legal community.
- (4) The CBF Board, with advice and assistance of the Finance and Audit Committee, will continue to actively monitor the CBF's financial affairs and will set appropriate policies to ensure the CBF's resources are managed effectively.
- (5) The CBF will work to better utilize the Young Professionals Board (YPB) and to more effectively engage the Board and the YPB in working together.
- (6) The Board will evaluate the creation of advisory committees for corporate counsel, judges and/or managing partners. The Board also will evaluate the future role of the CBF Fellows Board.

- (7) The CBF will amend its bylaws to provide for one year terms of office for the Foundation Board President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary. This amendment will go into effect with the election of officers in FY 2008. The term of the Treasurer will remain two years.

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With the assistance and oversight of the CBF Strategic Planning Committee and the full CBF Board, the staff will develop and execute operating plans consistent with the mission and strategic goals and directions of the Foundation.

**Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF)**  
***Our Vision, Values and Guiding Principles***  
*(approved May, 2006)*

**The Chicago Bar Foundation's Vision**

The CBF's vision is that the fundamental American principle of equal access to justice becomes a reality for all residents of the Chicago metropolitan area.

**The Chicago Bar Foundation's Core Values and Guiding Principles**

- (1) Equal access to justice is central to our democratic society, integral to the effective functioning of our justice system and a critical part of the safety net for vulnerable members of our community.
- (2) As trustees of our system of justice, lawyers have a special responsibility to ensure equal access to justice. The CBF's mission is a reflection of the Chicago Bar Association's strong commitment to this fundamental tenet of the legal profession and our belief that the huge and persistent gap in access to our civil justice system is a call to action for the legal community.
- (3) By coming together as a community, we have the power to significantly improve access to justice for less fortunate residents of the Chicago area and ultimately to fulfill our nation's promise of justice for all.
- (4) Achieving the CBF's vision of equal access to justice in our community requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach that fully engages the legal profession, recognizing that this issue affects more than just low-income residents and taking into account the relevant statewide and national contexts.

- (5) All of our stakeholders are equally important to fulfilling our mission: our donors; our grantees; the CBA; our board, staff and volunteers; our many other partners; and all of the Chicago-area residents who ultimately benefit from our collective efforts.
- (6) By offering an effective means for the legal community to come together to improve access to justice, the CBF provides lawyers the opportunity to give back in a way that is uniquely important and rewarding for them as lawyers and thus strengthens the profession.
- (7) The CBF's distinct capacity to harness the considerable expertise, resources and influence of our various stakeholders uniquely positions the CBF to provide a strong collective voice in the community that strengthens all of the individual pro bono and legal aid organizations serving the Chicago area.
- (8) The CBF is committed to striving for excellence and transparency in all of our work, managing our resources effectively, and adhering to the highest ethical standards in our governance and management.



## **THE CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION** **FY 2006 GRANTS**

Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of dedicated individuals, law firms and corporations from throughout the Chicago area, The Chicago Bar Foundation awarded over **\$940,000** in grants to more than 40 legal aid and public interest law organizations and related initiatives in Fiscal Year 2006. These grants provide critical general operating support for these organizations and support a number of special projects, fellowships, awards and initiatives that improve access to justice for people in our community who are working to overcome poverty, abuse and discrimination. A complete list of the CBF's FY 2006 Grants follows below.

### **Organizational Support Grants**

The Chicago Bar Foundation is committed to providing general operating support grants for effective, well-managed organizations in the Chicago area that the CBF determines are doing important work to improve access to justice for significant numbers of less fortunate people in our community. Grants in this category are intended to recognize and support the important work of the organization in the field of access to justice and to serve as an endorsement for an organization's fundraising efforts. Priority among the CBF's organizational support grants is given to organizations that provide legal services to a substantial number of persons impacted by poverty, abuse and discrimination in an area(s) of law where there is significant unmet need in Cook County. Factors that influence the amount of priority organizational support awarded include: a) the number of clients served by the organization; b) the impact of the services provided on the organization's clients; c) a focus on an area of law or population/community where there is a relatively greater need; d) the extent to which the broader legal aid/public interest law community recognizes the organization for its expertise in a specific area of law and/or in serving a specific client population/community; e) how well the organization is managed and governed; and f) the availability of matching funds to leverage CBF funds.

In FY 2006, the CBF made the following Organizational Support Grants (\* denotes a two-year grant; the amount listed reflects the first year of the two-year grant):

**Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)      \$40,000**

*CARPLS is a legal aid hotline that provides advice, information and referral services over the telephone and through court-based assistance desks to low-income residents of Cook County, Illinois. Staff and volunteer attorneys provide legal assistance on civil law matters ranging from adoption to public benefits to over 23,000 low-income callers annually.*

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)      \$35,000\***

*CVLS volunteers and staff attorneys represent low-income Chicagoans in a wide variety of civil matters. Some of the many types of cases CVLS handles include divorce, adult and minor guardianships, adoption, tort defense, collection defense,*

*bankruptcy, and landlord-tenant matters. Last year, approximately 1,800 volunteers and staff represented more than 15,000 clients.*

**Chicago Legal Clinic (CLC) \$35,000\***

*CLC provides low cost legal services to over 12,000 lower income Chicagoans in four neighborhood offices. The Clinic offers representation in various areas of law, including: family law, aid to victims of domestic violence, guardianships of minors and adults, social security disability claims, decedent's estates, real estate closings, landlord/tenant disputes, immigration and environmental law.*

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAFMC) \$25,000**

*LAFMC is the largest organization in Chicago and suburban Cook County providing free civil legal services to individuals and families unable to afford legal counsel. LAF provides comprehensive legal services on a wide range of civil legal topics through its six intake offices (five of which are neighborhood-based) and over a dozen special projects (ranging from family law, seniors, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence to health and home preservation).*

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic (CGLA) \$15,000\***

*CGLA provides free legal services in the areas of housing, family and criminal law to low-income people in the City of Chicago, with preference given to the Cabrini Green community. CGLA also provides services to individuals applying for expungements and executive clemency.*

**Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) \$15,000**

*CCR works with individuals, communities, courts and other institutions to manage and resolve conflicts. Every year CCR provides free mediation services in over 2,000 cases, trains hundreds of new mediators, and works with dozens of businesses, government agencies and organizations to create custom-designed dispute resolution systems and training programs.*

**Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP) \$15,000**

*CEDLP is dedicated to assisting Chicago's low-income communities in generating businesses, jobs, housing and other necessities. CEDLP staff and volunteer attorneys provide pro bono legal services to community-based organizations working in the areas of housing and economic development, and to individuals pursuing small business development to achieve economic self-sufficiency.*

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services (LAB) \$15,000**

*Founded in 1886, the Legal Aid Bureau is the second oldest legal aid program in the nation and continues to provide legal assistance to families who cannot afford a private attorney. Thousands of clients each year receive critical family law services at the Legal Aid Bureau, ranging from*

*brief service and advice to full litigation.*

**National Immigrant Justice Center (f/ka/ MIHRC) \$15,000\***

*The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) serves thousands of low and moderate-income immigrants in the Midwest, without regard to legal status. Through a network of staff and volunteer attorneys, NIJC provides comprehensive immigration legal services, including immigrant visas, deportation defense and political asylum representation.*

**Pro Bono Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL) \$15,000**

*CDEL provides free legal services to the elderly and persons with disabilities located throughout the Chicago area through a vast network of volunteer attorneys, paralegals, law students, and social work students.*

**Life Span \$12,500**

*Life Span provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The core of Life Span's legal services includes legal advice, information, and representation in all family law matters, such as divorce, custody, child support, visitation, removal, and orders of protection. Life Span also provides immigration legal services to victims of domestic violence.*

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago \$10,000**

*The AIDS Legal Council of Chicago exists to preserve, promote and protect the legal rights of men, women and children in the metropolitan Chicago area living with HIV/AIDS. The Council provides legal services to persons affected by HIV/AIDS, educates the public about HIV-related legal issues and advocates for policies that ensure fair treatment for all people with HIV/AIDS.*

**Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM) \$10,000**

*CLAIM provides legal and educational services to help imprisoned mothers preserve their families. Through public advocacy, CLAIM also promotes policies and programs that benefit families of imprisoned mothers.*

**Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH) \$10,000**

*LCBH provides free legal services to low-income tenants with a goal of impacting the affordable housing crisis to the greatest extent possible. Today, LCBH serves nearly 3,000 tenants from all over Chicago each year on various legal issues relating to their housing.*

**Centro Romero \$7,500**

*Centro Romero is a community-based organization on Chicago's North Side*

*that serves Spanish-speaking immigrants and refugees. Services offered include legal representation, education and advocacy services in the areas of citizenship and naturalization.*

**Evanston Community Defender** \$7,500

*The Evanston Community Defender is a public/private partnership providing law and social work advocacy to low-income youth in the community. The organization's legal practice involves juvenile and adult court matters as well as administrative advocacy in special education and school discipline matters.*

**First Defense Legal Aid** \$7,500

*Since 1995, First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA) has filled a critical gap in the criminal justice system by providing free, 24-hour legal representation to individuals in Chicago Police Department custody. Over 70 private attorneys volunteer their time, usually one night a month, to protect the rights of people in police custody. Through its Streetlaw program, FDLA staff and volunteers present trainings to community members about their rights when arrested or detained by the police.*

**Uptown People's Law Center** \$7,500

*Uptown People's Law Center (UPLC), located in the heart of this north side neighborhood's business district, was founded in 1978 as a "community organization that just happens to practice law." For over 25 years, UPLC has combined grassroots advocacy with legal representation of poor and working people in Uptown and the surrounding communities. UPLC focuses its work in the areas of social security and public benefits; housing and tenant rights; domestic violence; and prisoner rights.*

**Chicago Coalition for the Homeless** \$5,000

*The Coalition organizes and advocates to prevent and end homelessness based on the organization's expressed belief that housing is a human right in a just society. The Law Project provides civil legal services in select cases that advance the legal rights and remedies of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Law Project's Educational Rights Initiative works to ensure that public school systems do not wrongly bar homeless children from enrolling in and attending public schools.*

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** \$5,000

*The Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is a non-profit law and advocacy organization with a mission to promote and protect the civil rights of poor, minority, and disadvantaged people in order to facilitate their participation in the social, economic, and political systems*

*of our community and nation. The organization engages in both litigation and community advocacy in three areas: 1) the Employment Opportunity Project; 2) the Fair Housing Project; and 3) the Project to Combat Bias Violence.*

<b>Equip for Equality</b>	\$5,000
<i>Equip for Equality strives to advance the human and civil rights of people with disabilities in Illinois. It is the only comprehensive statewide advocacy organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services, education, and public policy initiatives.</i>	
<b>Farmworker Advocacy Project</b>	\$5,000
<i>The Farmworker Advocacy Project provides outreach, education and legal assistance to migrant agricultural and horticultural workers laboring in Cook County, IL and other nearby counties.</i>	
<b>Health &amp; Disability Advocates (HDA)</b>	\$5,000
<i>HDA provides advice and legal representation to low-income Chicagoans on matters ranging from the loss of disability benefits to the coverage of emergency medical care. Through its policy, advocacy and legal work, HDA advocates for policies that promote economic security without eroding state and federal safety net programs such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Medicaid and Medicare.</i>	
<b>Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)</b>	\$5,000
<i>LCA provides pro bono legal services to individuals and organizations in the arts. LCA advises artists and arts organizations in the full array of legal areas they encounter such as copyright and trademark issues; contracts of all kinds for their products and services; landlord/tenant and other personal issues such as collection of money due to them; and dispute resolution.</i>	
<b>Midwest Center on Law &amp; the Deaf (MCLD)</b>	\$5,000*
<i>MCLD helps deaf and hard of hearing people find attorneys willing to provide accessible legal services, advocates for the rights of deaf persons in the justice system and provides to the public general information on the rights of deaf and hard-of-hearing people. MCLD assists attorneys in providing sign language interpreters, real-time captioning, and any other modes of communication necessary for them to communicate with deaf and hard-of-hearing clients.</i>	
<b>The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU</b>	\$5,000

*The Roger Baldwin Foundation is the litigation arm of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. The organization's legal work includes impact litigation to benefit minorities, women, seniors, homosexuals, disabled people, institutionalized persons and children in state custody. The CBF's funding supports the Children's Initiative, which serves as a legal advocate for the thousands of abused, neglected and troubled children being held in state and county custody in Illinois.*

**Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law** \$5,000

*The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Shriver Center) is a multi-issue legal advocacy organization dedicated to lifting people out of poverty. The Shriver Center helps shape state law and federal policies into affordable mechanisms to eliminate poverty. The Center's work ranges from broad legal assistance to policy advocacy to public education to training of advocates to technology.*

**World Relief-Chicago** \$5,000

*Located in Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood, World Relief-Chicago provides legal services to low-income immigrant families on a variety of immigration issues, including family reunification and work authorization.*

**Access Living** \$2,500

*Access Living uses the legal system to further its mission of independent living. The organization provides free legal representation to people who have been discriminated against based on disability in housing, public accommodations, government programs, health care, and other services and programs.*

**Center for Economic Progress** \$2,500

*The Center for Economic Progress increases economic opportunities for low-income families, children and individuals by improving access to public, private and non-profit programs and services. Through direct services, public education and advocacy, the Center challenges barriers facing its constituency, thus encouraging self-sufficiency and promoting economic prosperity. The CBF grant supports the Center's Midwest Tax Clinic, which provides free representation for low-income taxpayers involved in income tax controversies with the IRS.*

**CAIR - Chicago** \$2,500

*The Council on American-Islamic Relations – Chicago Chapter (CAIR-Chicago) provides free legal services, mediation, referrals and sensitivity training to employers in civil rights cases involving local Muslims.*

**Domestic Violence Legal Clinic** \$2,500

*Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (f/k/a Pro Bono Advocates) provides free*

*legal services and referrals to low-income Cook County residents who have been subjected to domestic violence to help them achieve safety from abusive relationships.*

**Families' and Children's AIDS Network (FCAN) \$2,500**

*Through social work and legal services, FCAN's Family Options Project provides permanency planning options to families affected by HIV/AIDS. HIV-affected birth parents and caregivers may obtain a range of services that facilitate 1) stabilizing and preserving the family; 2) securing a legal permanency plan for the future care of the children; and 3) implementation of the plan at the parent's death, including the transition of the children into the new caregiver's home, finalization of legal plans such as standby guardianships and standby adoptions and accessing public benefits to support the children.*

**Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR) \$2,500**

*ICIRR is a membership organization composed of more than 110 agencies. ICIRR educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities to assert their rights and understand their responsibilities; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors and analyzes immigrant-related policy issues, and informs the general public about immigration issues. ICIRR also provides technical assistance and training to immigration lawyers and service providers on immigration law and practice.*

**John Howard Association \$2,500**

*The John Howard Association is an organization with an over 100-year history of working toward fair and effective correctional programs that are responsive to the needs of both offenders and the general community. The organization receives, reviews and responds to requests for assistance, intervention and information from over 1,000 individuals (or from their family and friends) each year covering legal and medical issues, conditions, physical facilities problems (heating/cooling, rodents, etc.), grievances, allegations of brutality, release date calculations and planning and more.*

**Latinos Progresando \$2,500**

*Latinos Progresando, located in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, provides legal immigration assistance to low-income Chicago-area immigrants, primarily Spanish-speaking. The services provided include applications for lawful permanent residency, self-petitions for immigrant victims of domestic violence and petitions to immigrant family members.*

**TOTAL: \$367,500**

## Project/Emerging Issue Grants

Through its *Project/Emerging Issue Grants*, the CBF provides significant financial support for projects and initiatives that (1) address systemic barriers to access to justice, by improving the overall system of justice or enhancing the overall legal aid delivery structure; and/or (2) tackle pressing emerging issues in the realm of access to justice (e.g., addressing gaps in the legal aid delivery system, fostering innovative approaches to increasing access to justice). In FY 2006, the CBF made the following Project/Emerging issue grants (\* denotes a two-year grant; the amount listed reflects the first year of the two-year grant):

<b>Illinois Legal Aid Online (formerly Illinois Technology Center for Law &amp; the Public Interest)</b> <i>(for continuing support of groundbreaking web-based technology project to improve access to justice for lower-income and vulnerable Illinois residents)</i>	\$50,000
<b>Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago</b> <i>(to support the launch of a new Self-Help Desk in Federal District Court; year one of a two-year grant)</i>	\$50,000*
<b>Chicago Volunteer Legal Services</b> <i>(to support the Pro Se Minor Guardianship Assistance Desk)</i>	\$40,000
<b>Chicago Volunteer Legal Services</b> <i>(to support the CVLS/CBA Chancery Division Access to Justice Project; year one of a two-year grant)</i>	\$40,000*
<b>Chicago Legal Clinic</b> <i>(to support the Chancery Division Advice Desk)</i>	\$15,000
<b>Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic</b> <i>(to support an Expungement Pro Se Assistance Desk, which provides advice and guidance to pro se clients filing expungement or sealing of criminal records at the Daley Center)</i>	\$15,000
<b>Equip for Equality</b> <i>(to support the Special Education Advocacy Project, which will assist low-income children and their families facing critical special education issues by providing advice and referral services, training materials and legal representation)</i>	\$15,000
<b>John Howard Association</b>	\$15,000



*(to support the development of the Prisoner Information, Referral Linkages Project (“PIRL”), a collaborative effort of Chicago-area legal aid and public interest law organizations, law school clinics, law firms and The Chicago Bar Foundation to better coordinate responses to prisoner correspondence)*

**Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)** \$12,500  
*(to support the Self-Help Desk for litigants in the Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County)*

**Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)** \$12,500  
*(to support the Collection Self-Help Desk in the First Municipal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County)*

**Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** \$10,000  
*(to support an EEOC Mediation Program, through which CLCCRUL staff recruit, train and advise pro bono attorneys to represent unrepresented workers at EEOC mediations)*

**DePaul College of Law Legal Resource Project for Immigration Services** \$10,000  
*(year four of a project to provide legal and technical assistance to community-based immigrant service organizations)*

**Health and Disability Advocates Medical-Legal Collaborative** \$10,000  
*(to support the provision of legal services through a Medical-Legal Collaborative located on-site at hospitals in low-income neighborhoods)*

**Hispanics in Philanthropy** \$10,000  
*(to support HIP’s Funders’ Collaborative for Strong Latino Communities for the Chicago-area, which supports capacity building and technical assistance among small-to-medium-sized Latino-led legal nonprofits in the Chicago area. The CBF’s grant supports those organizations providing legal assistance to underserved populations.)*

**Illinois Legal Aid Online** \$10,000  
*(to support the development of online resources for the Self-Help Desk in Federal District Court)*

**Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois** \$10,000  
*(to support the Illinois Legal Aid Advocates Conference)*

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago** \$10,000  
*(to support a new Medical Debt Relief Project, which will provide information and legal assistance to people in Chicago’s West side and South side neighborhoods who are saddled with high medical debts)*

<b>Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago</b> <i>(to support the Juvenile Court Guardianship Initiative, which provides legal assistance to persons seeking to end adoptions and guardianships)</i>	\$10,000
<b>Illinois Citizens for Better Care</b> <i>(to support the publication of Smart Care, A Guide to Nursing Home Life for Illinois Families)</i>	\$8,000
<b>Public Interest Law Initiative</b> <i>(to support PILP's Pro Bono Initiative, which is working to increase pro bono among law firm and corporate lawyers)</i>	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$355,500</b>

### Fellowship and Scholarship Grants

The CBF provides significant funding for a number of fellowships and scholarships that help make it financially feasible for law students and young lawyers to pursue careers in legal aid and public interest law. This year's grants for this purpose include (\*\* denotes a grant reflected in FY 05 financials):

<b>Equal Justice Works</b> <i>(to support two Equal Justice Works two-year Fellowships: year one of two for a fellow, Lorraine Lopez, to work at Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago on housing voucher issues for Latinos; and year two of two for a fellow, Zenaida Alonzo, to work at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless on legal issues involving homeless young people)</i>	\$56,000
<b>Public Interest Law Initiative</b> <i>(to support four summer internships for law students to work at area legal aid organizations)</i>	\$22,000
<b>Moses Fellowship</b> <i>(to University of Chicago Law School for third year of three-year public interest law student scholarship totaling \$45,000 to James Brand)</i>	\$20,000**
<b>Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Scholarship</b> <i>(for the second year of three-year public interest law scholarship to Dennericka Brooks and for the first year of a three-year public interest law scholarship to Sarah Baum; each scholarship will total \$30,000)</i>	\$15,000**
<b>Kimball R. and Karen G. Anderson Public Interest Law Fellowship</b>	\$15,000

*(to provide loan repayment assistance to Elizabeth Berrones, a staff attorney at DuPage County Legal Aid Service, Sherizaan Minwalla, a staff attorney at the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center and Michael Bergmann, a staff attorney at Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. Each Fellow receives \$5,000 per year for five years, for a total of \$25,000.)*

**TOTAL: \$128,000**

**Pro Bono and Public Service Award Grants**

**Thomas H. Morsch Award** \$10,000  
*(to Alan Mills of Uptown People’s Law Center)*

**The Richard J. Phelan Public Service Award** \$5,000  
*(\$2,500 to Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and \$2,500 to Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center in honor of D. Jean Ortega-Piron)*

**The Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence** \$3,500  
*(to Law Clinics of Loyola University Chicago School of Law in honor of Henry Rose)*

**The Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award** \$3,500  
*(to John Howard Association in honor of Steven Block)*

**The Exelon Outstanding Corporate Counsel Award** \$3,000  
*(\$1,500 to Community Economic Development Law Project and \$1,500 to Center for Disability and Elder Law in honor of Dan Cotter)*

**The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award** \$2,000  
*(\$2,000 to Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center in honor of David Berten)*

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services** \$1,000  
*(in honor of Michael Bergmann, 2006 Anderson Fellowship Recipient)*

**Uptown People’s Law Center** \$1,000  
*(in honor of Alan Mills, 2006 Thomas H. Morsch Award Recipient)*

**TOTAL: \$29,000**

**Other Special Grants**

In addition to its Project/Emerging Issue Grants, the CBF occasionally makes other special grants during the year for various purposes. Other special CBF

grants in FY 2006 include:

<b>Center for Disability &amp; Elder Law</b> <i>(to support the hiring of a Chief Legal Officer)</i>	\$10,000
<b>Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services</b> <i>(special Robertson fund grant)</i>	\$10,000
<b>Chicago Bar Association Wolf Fund</b> <i>(special James Hamilton Lewis Fund grant)</i>	\$2,500
<b>Chicago Metropolis 2020</b> <i>(for support of CLEAR Initiative, a comprehensive effort to review and improve the Illinois Criminal Code)</i>	\$1,500
<b>Donors Forum of Chicago</b> <i>(for support of community philanthropic initiatives)</i>	\$1,500
<b>National Summit on Mental Health Courts</b> <i>(to support the National Summit on Mental Health Courts held in Chicago)</i>	\$1,500
<b>Chicago Police Memorial Foundation</b> <i>(to support the Chicago Police Memorial and Park)</i>	\$1,000
<b>Jane Addams Juvenile Court Foundation</b> <i>(for support of initiatives with Cook County Juvenile Court)</i>	\$1,000
<b>Just the Beginning Foundation</b> <i>(in honor of the recipient of the CBA's Earl B. Dickerson Award)</i>	\$1,000
<b>Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing</b> <i>(in honor of Jeffrey Colman's extraordinary service to the CBF)</i>	\$1,000
<b>Prairie State Legal Services</b> <i>(in honor of Joe Dailing; to support PSLS' loan repayment program for its attorneys)</i>	\$1,000

**TOTAL: \$32,000**

### **CBF Young Professionals Board Grants**

<b>Fat Tuesday Challenge Grants</b> <i>(Grants made on behalf of winners of various challenge events held in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fat Tuesday Challenge co-hosted by</i>	\$10,800
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*the CBF Young Professionals Board and the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators)*

<b>The Pro Bono Project of New Orleans</b>	\$5,400
<i>(special grant to provide assistance to Hurricane Katrina victims)</i>	
<b>Center for Disability &amp; Elder Law</b>	\$1,250
<b>IL Coalition for Immigrant &amp; Refugee Rights</b>	\$ 750
<b>Chicago Volunteer Legal Services</b>	\$ 750
<b>Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic</b>	\$ 700
<b>IL Legal Aid Online</b>	\$ 600
<b>Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago</b>	\$ 500
<b>Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center</b>	\$ 500
<b>Evanston Community Defender</b>	\$ 250
<b>Chicago Legal Clinic</b>	\$ 100

**Illinois Legal Aid Online** \$10,000  
*(to support the development of a statewide pro se video)*

**CBA Law Explorers Program** \$3,700  
*(special Grant from CBF Gray Fund)*

**CBA Young Lawyers Section** \$2,500  
*(for the development and printing of YLS' "Where to Go for Legal Assistance" brochure)*

**Constitutional Rights Foundation** \$2,500  
*(to support Chicago Lawyers in the Classroom Program at the Goudy School and other schools in the Chicago area)*

**CBA Young Lawyers Section** \$1,000  
*(for the Goudy School)*

**TOTAL: \$30,500**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$942,500**