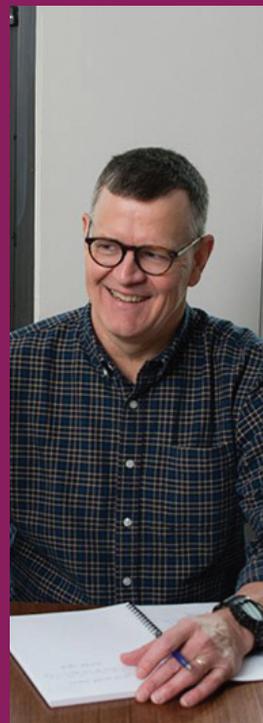


Investing in Justice Campaign **2020**



Justice People Deserve, Not Just What They Can Afford.

**TheChicago
Bar
Foundation**

Ensuring
access
to justice
for all



Sean M. Berkowitz

Chair,
2020 Investing in
Justice Campaign

Partner,
Latham & Watkins LLP

A Message from the Campaign Chair

Dear Colleague:

Misty feared for her life, but the idea of leaving her abuser was daunting. With the help of legal aid, she now is safe and moving forward with her life. Vanessa secured full-time employment, as well as a two-bedroom apartment for herself and her young son, after getting legal aid so that a long ago encounter with the law no longer held her back. Anthony wanted to start his own non-profit with the goal of bringing modern dance to the most underserved students in the Chicago Public Schools. He is doing that and more today thanks to the pro bono help he received.

These are just a few of the thousands and thousands of people who reached out and received pro bono or legal aid help last year. Their stories are ones of struggle, abuse and injustice. But because help was there when they needed it, their stories became ones of hope, healing and second chances.

Fewer than half of the 600,000 low-income Cook County people who need legal help this year will be able to get it due to a shortage of resources. That number is big and faceless, but each person behind that number has a real story and need of their own.

The Investing in Justice Campaign is how you can give a just ending to more of those stories. By participating in the Campaign, you help some of our community's most vulnerable people as they face legal problems that threaten their children, families, homes, livelihoods and safety.

Thanks to our legal community's leadership and generosity, the Investing in Justice Campaign has become the largest campaign of its kind in the country. Together, over the past 13 years, we have raised more than \$17.5 million through the Investing in Justice Campaign to help many thousands in our community get the legal help they need. In the process, we have leveraged millions more in foundation and government support for these efforts.

But there are still thousands more people in need like Misty, Vanessa and Anthony. Together we can help more of those stories end with the justice they deserve.

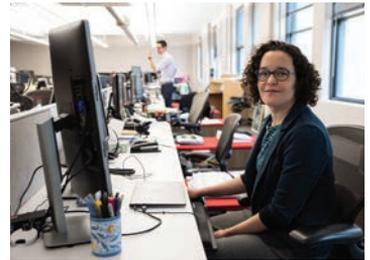
Sincerely,

Sean M. Berkowitz

You can make access to justice a reality for the people who need it most.

Every March, our legal community comes together around our common cause as a legal profession—working to ensure that everyone has access to necessary legal help, not just people who can afford it.

Many of the most vulnerable people in the Chicago area count on pro bono and legal aid services when faced with often life-changing legal issues. Yet, due to a shortage of resources, that help remains out of reach for more than half of our low-income and disadvantaged neighbors. Through the Campaign, we can make a collective impact that none of us could on our own, and together, we can help build a stronger, fairer, and more just community for all of us.



Your Campaign at Work

5,200+

attorneys and legal professionals

If Not Us, Who?

Over the past thirteen years, our legal community has raised more than \$17.5 million together through the Campaign.

Give **\$1.5M+**
each year

100% to Pro Bono and Legal Aid Organizations

100% of your contribution directly supports the work of 30+ pro bono and legal aid organizations and related initiatives, enabling them to provide critical legal assistance to tens of thousands of people in need.

Leveraging **\$700,000+**
in additional funding

150% Impact

Besides the direct impact, your investment through the Campaign:

- Leverages significantly more money from government and other foundations
- Saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in other social services by enabling people to resolve legal problems before they spin out of control
- Benefits from the CBF's rigorous grants process, ensuring accountability and strategically directing funds to where they will make the most impact

150+
participating firms
and companies



Grants to **31**
pro bono and legal
aid organizations

6
innovative
projects

Through the Campaign, you:

- Strengthen Chicago's pro bono and legal aid organizations
- Enable dedicated lawyers to pursue and remain in legal aid careers
- Help pro bono lawyers contribute more efficiently and effectively
- Make the courts more user-friendly and accessible for people in need

To create a continuum of legal help for people in need.

- Web-based info and resources
- Legal aid hotlines
- Advice desks
- Extended and limited representation
- Impact litigation and advocacy

Tens of thousands of people in need get legal help each year thanks to you.

“I felt that the advocate and attorney were holding my hand, they were always with me. The help I got was huge.”

– Client of an organization supported by the Investing in Justice Campaign. The client and her children received help escaping an abusive spouse.

All contributions qualify for the Illinois Supreme Court's Pro Bono Reporting Rule and are tax-deductible.

CBF Supported Organizations

These organizations benefit directly from the Campaign:

Access Living—*Legal Services Program*

Ascend Justice

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)

CARPLS

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago—*Legal Assistance*

Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR)

Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL)

Centro Romero—*Latin American Immigration Legal Services*

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless—*Law Project*

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Chicago Legal Clinic

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)

Equip for Equality

First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA)

Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

Latinos Progresando—*Immigration Legal Services*

Lawndale Christian Legal Center

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)

Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)

Legal Aid Chicago

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)

Legal Council for Health Justice

Life Span—*Center for Legal Services & Advocacy*

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU—*Children's Initiative*

Shriver Center on Poverty Law

Uptown People's Law Center

World Relief Chicago—*Immigrant Legal Services*

* *The Campaign also supports a number of innovative special projects that make the justice system more user-friendly and accessible for people in need.*

About The Chicago Bar Foundation

The Chicago Bar Foundation brings the legal community together to improve access to justice for people in need and make the legal system more fair and efficient for everyone.



Through grants, advocacy, pro bono, and partnerships, the CBF accomplishes this by:

Increasing access to free and affordable legal assistance for people in need

Making the courts and legal system more user-friendly, fair and accessible for people without lawyers

As the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, the CBF is the largest voluntarily supported bar foundation in the country. The generous contributions of thousands of dedicated individuals, more than 200 law firms and corporations, and many other committed partners make the CBF's work possible. The Investing in Justice Campaign is just one of many innovative and impactful CBF programs. To learn more, visit chicagobarfoundation.org.

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