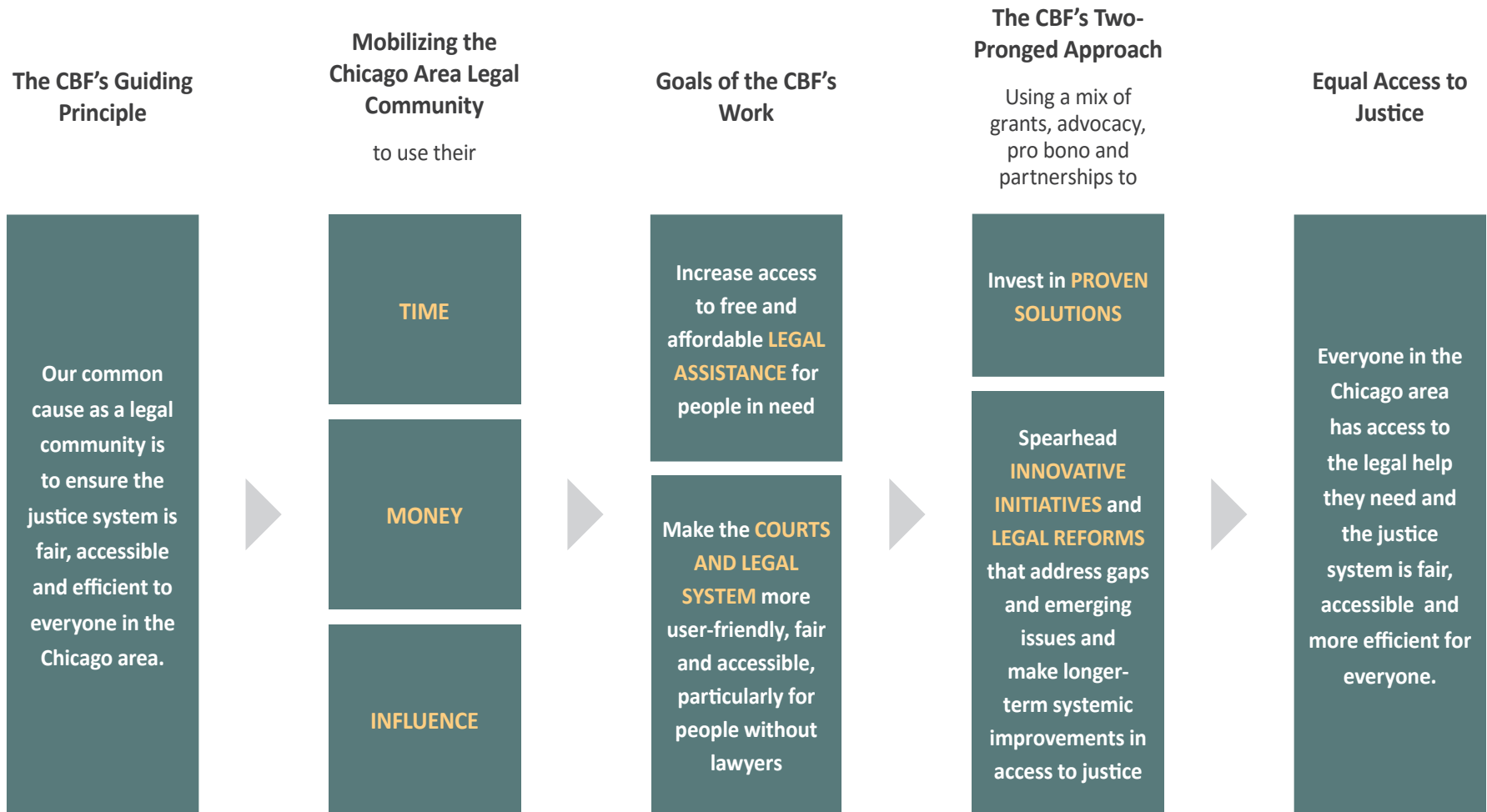


WHAT WE ARE STRIVING FOR AND HOW



Mobilizing the Legal Community

STRATEGIES <i>If we at the CBF...</i>	SHORT TERM (1-3 yrs) <i>Then...</i>	INTERMEDIATE (3-5 yrs) <i>Which Will Lead to...</i>	LONG-TERM IMPACT
<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award grants that develop and support pro bono programs/resources, and promote pro bono (ex: Annual Luncheon and other events) <p>Advocacy/Fostering Philanthropy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor and run the annual Investing in Justice Campaign • Hold annual events • Educate and facilitate outreach through Justice Pledge, Leadership Circles, and other efforts to promote giving of time/money/influence • Promote court, bar, firm and company rules/policies to facilitate support for the cause <p>Pro Bono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance and develop resources for various stakeholders (ex: checklist) • Promote pro bono service and connect volunteers to appropriate opportunities (ex: CBF Pro Bono Support Program/Guide) • Sponsor annual Pro Bono Week • Give awards/recognition <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene, coordinate and connect various individual stakeholders (e.g., Leadership Circles, CBA Legal Aid Committee, Pro Se Advisory Committee, etc.) • Maintain strong partnerships with CBA/ABA/APBCo (for pro bono), and ABA/ISBA/NLADA (for advocacy efforts) 	<p>Individual members of the legal community will increasingly understand and act on their professional responsibility to contribute their time, money, and influence to advance this cause, and will have the resources and support that they need to do so.</p> <p>Law firms, corporate legal departments, business partners of the legal community and other organizations will increasingly prioritize and integrate this cause in their overall work and will have the support and resources that they need to do so.</p> <p>Leaders in the bar, the courts and the justice system increasingly become personally engaged and speak out on these issues.</p> <p>Key players in the legal community, pro bono and legal aid organizations, the courts and other justice system partners will increasingly know what others are doing on this cause and work to coordinate efforts.</p>	<p>Individual lawyers and other members of the legal community advance this cause by meaningfully giving their time and money and using their influence.</p> <p>More law firms, corporate legal departments, business partners of the legal community and other organizations will increasingly prioritize and integrate this cause in their overall work.</p> <p>More leaders in the bar, the courts and the justice system believe that access to justice is core to their professional identity/responsibility and lead by example in this cause, including engaging their colleagues in these efforts.</p> <p>Key players in the legal community, pro bono and legal aid organizations, the courts and other justice system partners regularly work in concert in these efforts and see themselves as part of a larger, networked cause.</p>	<p>Chicago's legal community fully embraces its leadership responsibility/role to improve access to justice for people in need and make the legal system more fair, accessible and efficient for everyone.</p>

Increasing Access to Free and Affordable Legal Help

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<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make grants to support pro bono and legal aid to low-income people and support affordable legal help to moderate-income people, and encourage best practices, innovation and coordination • Give grants to support pro bono and court-based projects and respond to emerging issues using new or innovative approaches • Make grants to support systemic advocacy and litigation • Award fellowships, scholarships and training grants <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for core funding for legal aid at all levels of government • Encourage and support loan forgiveness and repayment assistance for lawyers in public service • Promote other measures to support pro bono and legal aid (e.g., fee waiver bills) • Advocate on issues related to emerging issues/gaps in the justice system (e.g., foreclosure, vets) <p>Pro Bono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support pro bono programs to address gaps and emerging issues and try new approaches • Create resources for key stakeholders to maximize pro bono • Encourage coordination, collaboration and best practices among key pro bono stakeholders • Offer training through the Legal Aid Academy <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivate partnerships for special initiatives, such as JEP and the Legal Aid Academy • Participate in and take leadership roles in funding collaboratives and ongoing funding partnerships 	<p>Consistent with CBF grant guidelines, pro bono and legal aid organizations will increasingly: demonstrate impact and sustainability; coordinate and collaborate with other stakeholders; and show growth in a broad range of areas (such as donor diversity, technology and fiscal health).</p> <p>Options for quality, accessible services for low- and moderate-income people seeking affordable legal help – e.g., JEP - will increase.</p> <p>Lawyers working in legal aid and JEP practices will be able to pursue, remain in and thrive in their careers.</p> <p>Government stakeholders will have regular and timely access to information about access to justice issues and understand the importance of these issues.</p>	<p>A more comprehensive pro bono and legal aid system that has many accessible points of entry; is effectively coordinated and networked; enables more clients to gain a basic understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities; and has well-trained, effective lawyers that are able to remain in legal aid careers.</p> <p>Diverse array of options for people seeking affordable legal help that is broadly accessible and connected to the pro bono and legal aid system and other referral networks</p> <p>A core of dedicated lawyers providing both free and affordable legal help complemented by robust pro bono service and other support for legal aid</p> <p>More government stakeholders act as champions on access to justice issues, and have the necessary expertise, authority and resources to act on these issues.</p>	<p>Low- and moderate-income people and people from disadvantaged communities have sufficient access to the appropriate level of free and affordable legal help.</p>

Making the Courts and Legal System More User-Friendly, Fair and Accessible

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<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make grants for court-based pro bono and advice desk programs • Award grants for core informational resources with a focus on innovative use of technology to develop and make the resources available (ex: ILAO) • Support systemic advocacy and litigation • Make civics and public education grants for youth through YPB <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop/promote court rules, policies and programs to promote access to justice, particularly for people without lawyers • Advocate for government funding for courts generally and specifically for access to justice initiatives • Advocate for systemic change on issues significantly impacting fairness and access (e.g., immigration reform) • Develop and promote resources to help people find and access free and affordable legal help <p>Pro Bono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support court-based pro bono programs • Promote development and presentation of community education programs <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and maintain partnerships at all levels, including Administrative Office of IL Courts; ATJ Commission; Federal Court Pro Bono Advisory Committee; and Circuit Court of Cook County Pro Se Advisory Committee; and the ABA and other national partners • Continue to work with key stakeholders to develop coordinated resources for people without lawyers, including programs such as IL JusticeCorps, and consistent and high-quality information for people without lawyers. 	<p>People will have access to user-friendly information and resources about the court process, their legal rights and responsibilities, and how to find and connect with appropriate legal help.</p> <p>A continuum of legal information and assistance for people without lawyers begins to develop for those with matters before the courts in the Chicago area.</p> <p>Judges and Courts will have increased awareness and buy-in for making the justice system more user-friendly and accessible for unrepresented people.</p> <p>Lawmakers increasingly are conscious of fairness, access and user-friendly design approaches.</p>	<p>The courts, the legal community, pro bono and legal aid organizations and other justice system partners each do their part to make the justice system user-friendly and accessible.</p> <p>Courts in the Chicago area are more open and accessible to everyone because the following exist: a continuum of assistance; a centralized starting point in each courthouse to assist people without lawyers; and courts have high-level staff who are specifically responsible for making their court system more user-friendly and accessible for people without lawyers.</p> <p>There is effective integration of available resources to assist people without lawyers within the courts.</p> <p>Laws, policies and procedures for court system and key legal areas impacting low-income and disadvantaged people are user-friendly and reflect fairness and access for all people.</p>	<p>The federal, state and local court systems in the Chicago area are user-friendly and accessible to all people, particularly for people who are coming to court on their own.</p> <p>Governments at the federal, state and local levels adopt, fund and implement policies that support and advance equal access to justice for all.</p>