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“One of the reasons I became an attorney in the first place was so that I could help people. That is what I do for my clients every day, and what I love about being a lawyer. Unfortunately, no matter how badly they need help, most people who can’t afford a lawyer are also unable to get access to a legal aid attorney. That is why I became a member of the CBF Life Fellows. I like knowing that my support for the CBF’s work in our community is making a difference for people who otherwise have nowhere to go for help with their legal problems. And, I like knowing that with my donation to the Life Fellows program I’ve played a small part in helping them.”

ALYX PATTISON  
*CBF Life Fellows Member*

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The CBF Life Fellows is a prestigious group of lawyers, judges and others who share a deep commitment to equal access to justice.

For more information about joining the CBF Life Fellows, contact Bob Glaves at (312) 554-1205 or [bglaves@chicagobar.org](mailto:bglaves@chicagobar.org). To join the Life Fellows online or for more information about the CBF and our efforts in the community, visit [chicagobarfoundation.org](http://chicagobarfoundation.org).

## Become a Member

Members of the Life Fellows make their commitment to the long-term sustainability of the CBF's mission by contributing at one of three levels below or by making a multi-year pledge (up to 5 years) for such a contribution:

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| <b>Platinum:</b> | \$1,000 annually<br><i>\$5,000 pledge over 5 years</i> |
| <b>Gold:</b>     | \$500 annually<br><i>\$2,500 pledge over 5 years</i>   |
| <b>Silver:</b>   | \$300 annually<br><i>\$1,500 pledge over 5 years</i>   |

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## Making a Difference

The support of our Life Fellows members has provided the capital for the CBF's leadership in a number of systemic improvements in access to justice over the past five years, a few of which are highlighted here. These examples illustrate the difference a new Life Fellows pledge could bring over the next five years at a time where a record number of people are in need of legal aid.

### Justice Entrepreneurs Project

The JEP is an incubator for newer lawyers to start their own socially conscious law firms. The goal is to expand legal services to low and moderate income people by developing innovative new models through which lawyers in solo or small practices can sustainably provide affordable services to these clients. The program was formally launched in November, 2013

“As litigators working and living in Chicago, we have learned that the justice system that has been such an important and beneficial part of our lives still struggles to provide access to justice to all of our neighbors. That is why we chose to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary by joining the Life Fellows. The CBF's broad-based, strategic approach gets resources to people who need them most in ways that benefit the greatest number of people, and giving back to the legal system that has given us so much seemed an appropriate way to honor this important occasion in our lives.”

GREG AND CASSIE BOYLE  
CBF Life Fellows Members

with local and national acclaim. Three classes of dedicated and entrepreneurial lawyers currently are building innovative law practices, and several other classes have successfully completed the program and are providing much-needed services to a large segment of our community who often do not have meaningful access to affordable legal help.

### **Circuit Court Central Resource Center**

The Circuit Court of Cook County Resource Center for People without Lawyers opened in the Spring, 2014. The Center is a major milestone in the longer-term effort to make the court system more user-friendly and accessible for people without lawyers, a key goal of both the CBF and the Circuit Court.

Three advice desks staffed by CARPLS and the Chicago Legal Clinic provide critical help for thousands of people

coming into the courts on their own. Advice desk lawyers can triage the client's situation, give brief legal advice and assistance, and make a referral to pro bono and legal aid lawyers when necessary and available.

Many thousands more are helped by volunteers from JusticeCorps, an innovative program through which AmeriCorps volunteers serve as guides to make courts across Illinois more welcoming and less intimidating for people without lawyers by providing navigational and procedural assistance. The CBF first launched JusticeCorps in Illinois in 2009 and continues to direct the program in Cook County, and this past year helped expand the program statewide in partnership with the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice and the Illinois Bar Foundation.

### **CBF Legal Aid Academy**

The CBF Legal Aid Academy provides free, high-quality training and professional development opportunities to legal aid lawyers and staff. Recent highlights include an interactive two-day program on designing and delivering effective trainings, an intensive two-day deposition training, and several highly regarded skills and strategy trainings.

The Legal Aid Academy strives to meet the core training and professional development needs of the approximately 300 legal aid attorneys in the Chicago area through pro bono contributions from the Chicago legal community, CLE providers and others. The CBF also partners with the CBA to provide free CLE Advantage memberships to all attorneys employed at CBF-funded organizations, providing unlimited access to CBA programming.

**“I have much to be grateful for in my life, including the privilege of being a lawyer and judge here in Chicago’s legal community. But when I think about people in need of legal help facing sometimes unimaginable challenges, I am reminded of the role I have to play in helping them. That’s why I am proud to support the CBF as a Life Fellows member. Together, we can work to get more people the legal help they need, and I can continue being grateful that I have the chance to make a difference.”**

JESSICA ARONG O'BRIEN

*CBF Life Fellows Member | Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County*

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# Life Fellows Members (as of September 8, 2015)

This list recognizes currently active or sustaining Life Fellows members. Sustaining members make annual contributions at or above the gift level from their original, completed pledge. The historical list of CBF Life Fellows members since inception is on display at the CBA building.

## Platinum

Bruce Jay Baker  
Greg & Cassie Boyle  
Carrie J. Di Santo  
Michael A. LoVallo  
Ajay & Tanvi Mago  
Hon. Mary Anne Mason (in honor of  
Justice Mary Ann McMorro)w  
Hon. Patrick McGann  
Dina R. Merrell  
Matthew A. Passen  
Todd & Alexandra Solomon

## Gold

Rajat Bangar  
Ashly Iacullo Boesche  
Gauri Chopra  
David & Lori Gee  
Scott W. Henry  
Paula Hudson Holderman  
Elizabeth & Daniel Lewis  
Hon. Benjamin Mackoff  
Monica & A. K. Mago  
Denise & Gerrad Mamaril  
(in memory of Virginia Santiago)  
Laura Beth Miller  
Bradley Schmarak & Gina Propp-Schmarak  
Devlin J. Schoop (in honor of  
Hon. Blanche M. Manning)  
James R. Streicker  
Derrick M. Thompson, Jr.

## Silver

Carolyn Amadon  
Mark & Kerri Bradford  
Angela M. Buttitta  
James P. Carey  
Hon. Cheryl D. Cesario  
Ruben Chapa  
Brian & Kristin Chmiel  
Brion W. Doherty  
Ryenne Easley & Jeff Perconte  
G.A. Finch  
Ellen Girard Georgiadis  
Jean M. Golden

Catherine Goldhaber  
Kim & Matt Halvorsen  
Christopher & Christine Harney  
Justin & Kim Heather  
Danielle Elyce Hirsch & Adam Newcomer  
Paul & Jamie Hull  
Doressia L. Hutton  
Jean K. Janes  
Kenya Jenkins-Wright  
Jonathan S. Jennings  
Marc Kadish  
Gopi & Girish Kashyap  
Eamon Kelly & Lakshmi Lakshmanan  
James C. Kelly  
Charles A. Krugel  
C. Kinnier Lastimosa  
Karl G. Leinberger  
Alexander D. Marks (in memory of  
Martha Goldberg Marks)  
Amy Masters Woods  
Kenneth Mathieu  
Meredith & Andrew Mazzuca  
Jill Eckert McCall  
Adam Marchuk & Raven Moore  
Jessica Arong O'Brien  
Tom & Christy Panoff  
Dr. Dinesh & Meena Patel  
Divyang & Jyoti Patel  
Alyx S. Pattison  
Anita Mago & Greg Pugliese  
Christopher & Stacy McClure  
Christine Quinn (in memory of  
William and Mary Ward)  
Michael Rohan  
Kaarina Salovaara  
Lori Sampson  
Charles Sklarsky  
Ann M. Spillane  
Sarah Streicker  
Kelly Tautges  
Robert Teichert, Jr. (in memory of  
Robert Teichert, Sr.)  
Janet Byrne Thabit  
John T. Theis  
Brad R. Thompson  
Z. Williams  
Gretchen M. Wolf

## Sustaining Members

H. Bruce Bernstein  
Jack R. Bierig  
Frank L. Bixby  
John R. Box  
Patricia G. Broadbridge  
Mary Ellen Cagney  
Vincent J. Connelly  
Philip J. Crihfield  
Richard Culver  
David W. Ellis  
Paul E. Freehling  
Hon. Vincent Gaughan  
Andrew R. Gelman  
Jack M. Greenberg  
Edward Grossman  
John Held, Jr.  
Robert A. Helman  
David C. Hilliard  
Paul Homer  
Jack Joseph  
Gary C. Karch  
Thomas Kennedy  
Hon. Dorothy Kirie Kinnaird Ret.  
William Linklater  
Donald G. Lubin  
Ronald L. Marmer  
James Marovitz  
Scott & Judy McCue  
Newton N. Minow  
Hon. Martin Moltz  
C. Barry Montgomery  
Terrence Murphy  
Gordon B. Nash  
Michael S. Pabian  
Steven Pflaum  
James W. Rankin  
Mary Hutchings Reed  
Donald C. Schiller  
James S. Stanhaus  
Jonathan Strauss  
Rene Torrado  
Howard J. Trienens  
Herbert S. Wander  
William C. Weinsheimer  
Wayne W. Whalen

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