



**TheChicago  
Bar  
Foundation**

Ensuring  
access  
to justice  
for all

**2014**

## **INVESTING IN JUSTICE CAMPAIGN**

**Justice People Deserve  
Not Just What They Can Afford**

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIR



**Patrick Fitzgerald**

Chair | 2014 Investing in  
Justice Campaign

Partner | Skadden, Arps, Slate,  
Meagher & Flom LLP

Dear Colleague:

Many of us are involved in “big” cases. Large sums of money or critical issues may be at stake for our clients. We tend to think of these “big” cases as being the most important. When we step back though, it is hard to imagine a bigger or more important case than when someone’s safety, economic stability or independence is at stake. Yet thousands of low-income and disadvantaged people in our community every day have to face these cases on their own because they can’t afford the necessary legal help.

That’s where you come in. As lawyers, it is our common cause as trustees of the justice system to do our part to ensure access to justice. The Investing in Justice Campaign is our opportunity to come together as a legal community to make an impact on this issue that none of us could on our own. This is why I am both honored and proud to serve as Chair of this year’s Campaign.

Over the past seven years, we’ve made tremendous strides to help our community’s *pro bono* and legal aid organizations serve tens of thousands more clients more effectively. But there are still far too many people who can’t get the legal help they need. About 700,000 people who qualify for legal aid in Cook County are expected to have a legal issue this year. Due to limited resources, less than half of those people will get help from a *pro bono* or legal aid lawyer. We can do something about that by contributing to the Campaign, and I hope you will join me in being as generous as possible in your support this year.

Together, we can make sure that all of the big and important cases receive the attention and support they deserve, not just the cases where clients can afford to pay us. Because justice should be for everyone, and our community can be a fairer and better place for all of us as a result.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive, professional style.

**100%  
to grants**



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

## **100% TO GRANTS**

100% of individual contributions immediately go to work in the community through CBF grants to dozens of outstanding *pro bono* and legal aid organizations.

## **110% IMPACT**

In addition to the direct impact of your contribution, your investment through the Campaign:

- Leverages significantly more money from government and other foundations
- Benefits from the CBF's rigorous grants process, which strategically allocates the Campaign funds to maximize impact and ensures accountability
- Saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in other social services by enabling people to resolve legal problems before they spin out of control

# INVEST IN JUSTICE TODAY

## IF NOT US, WHO?



Every March, our legal community comes together around a cause distinctly important to us as a profession — access to justice. Thousands of Chicago-area lawyers and legal professionals contribute to the annual Investing in Justice Campaign to help build the capacity of our overburdened *pro bono* and legal aid system.

In the past seven years, our legal community collectively has contributed \$8.5 million through the Campaign, 100% of which has gone directly to support *pro bono* and legal aid organizations and their dedicated lawyers through CBF grants. Thanks to your generosity and the ongoing success of the Campaign, these organizations are able to provide critical legal assistance to tens of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged people in our community each year. Through your contributions, the justice system works better for everyone.

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL:



- Strengthen Chicago's *pro bono* and legal aid organizations
- Enable dedicated lawyers to pursue and remain in careers in legal aid
- Maximize opportunities for *pro bono* lawyers to effectively supplement the work of their legal aid counterparts
- Make the courts more user-friendly and accessible for people in need

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

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# CBF SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

## These organizations benefit directly from the Campaign:

- Access Living – *Legal Services Department*
- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)
- CARPLS (Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services)
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago – *Legal Assistance*
- Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR)
- Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL)
- Center for Economic Progress – *Tax Clinic*
- Centro Romero – *Latin American Immigration Legal Services*
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless – *Law Project*
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and The Law Project
- Chicago Legal Clinic (CLC)
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)
- Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC)
- Equip for Equality
- The Family Defense Center
- First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA)
- Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)
- Indo-American Center – *Citizenship and Immigration Services*
- James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- LAF (f/k/a Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago)
- Latinos Progresando – *Immigration Legal Services*
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
- Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)
- Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)
- Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)
- Life Span – *Center for Legal Services & Advocacy*
- Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD)
- National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)
- The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU – *Children's Initiative*
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
- Uptown People's Law Center
- Working Hands Legal Clinic
- World Relief Chicago – *Immigrant Legal Services*

# 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 takes a system-wide approach to improving access to justice and focuses on objectives that are best achieved by the legal community working together. The CBF's work is made possible by the generous contributions of thousands of dedicated individuals, more than 200 law firms and corporations, and many other committed partners.

The CBF is the charitable arm of The Chicago Bar Association. The Investing in Justice Campaign is just one of the many innovative and impactful CBF programs. To learn more, visit [www.chicagobarfoundation.org](http://www.chicagobarfoundation.org).



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## Yes, I will invest in Justice.

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 \$500       \$100

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