



NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR FOUNDATION

Strengthening Justice Since 1977



2008 Annual Report

OUR VISION

Justice understood by and available to all people in New Hampshire.



Remarks from the Chair

Through grant applications and reporting requirements, the Bar Foundation monitors the complicated and often heart-wrenching work of lawyers and advocates representing victims of domestic violence, abused children, refugees struggling to survive, and seniors unable to defend themselves. Through a process that screens for program effectiveness and stability, we fund

numerous nonprofit agencies every year. It is no exaggeration to say that such programs are a *sine qua non* for the progress and well-being of our state.

For 32 years, the Bar Foundation has been the only foundation in the state devoted to "ensuring access to the justice system, especially for those of limited means." It is our mission and our obligation to you and the citizens of New Hampshire to provide careful stewardship of all the funds donated for this purpose.

On behalf of the board and staff, thank you for helping to create a future where justice is understood by and available to all people in New Hampshire. We greatly appreciate your support.

— Hon. Philip S. Hollman, Chair

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OUR MISSION

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation promotes philanthropy dedicated to ensuring that all people in New Hampshire, especially those with limited means, are able to understand and obtain meaningful access to the justice system.

Justice Grants

Grants made possible by the Justice Funds and donors to the Annual Fund.

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire - \$2,500

Supporting research and advocacy to benefit children and families [Stanley M. & Thalia M. Brown Fund & Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund]

Girls, Inc. of New Hampshire - \$1,260

Scholarship for Leadership Program for at-risk youth in Rochester [Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund]

Institute on Disability/UNH - NH Leadership Series - \$3,500

Self-advocacy training for individuals with disabilities and their families [Advancement of Justice Fund, Stanley M. & Thalia M. Brown Fund, Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund]

New England College Press - \$6,000

To give prisoners a voice - *Exiled Voices: Portals of Discovery* [Charles W. Dean Trust Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation]

New Hampshire Bar Association - \$325

To support an annual award to a judicial member of the NH Bar [Judge William A. Grimes Award for Judicial Professionalism]

New Hampshire Catholic Charities - \$3,000

To assist immigrants and refugees become United States citizens [Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund, Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund, A.J. McDonough Family Fund]

New Hampshire Legal Assistance - \$5,000

To address the needs of at-risk youth in New Hampshire [Advancement of Justice Fund, Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund]

New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program - \$2,025

For seminar to clarify Rule 6.1 regarding attorneys' ethical obligations [Voluntary Prevention Fund]

New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program - \$811

To train volunteer attorneys to assist clients with consumer issues [William A. Baker Fund]

NH Supreme Court Society - King Lecture Series - \$2,500

To support education of the public, legislature, attorneys and students [Advancement of Justice Fund and Richard P. Dunfey Memorial Fund]

Pierce Law Center - Public Interest Coalition - \$3,500

Fellowship for an unpaid law student to intern at a NH nonprofit law agency [Advancement of Justice & Richard P. Dunfey Memorial Fund, Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund, Vickie Bunnell Memorial Fund, A.J. McDonough Family Fund]

Rochester Youth Safe Haven - \$1,500

Support of after-school educational program for at-risk Rochester youth [Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund]

State of NH Commission on the Status of Women - \$2,175

To update and translate: *Legal Handbook for Women in New Hampshire* [Advancement of Justice Fund, Stanley M. & Thalia M. Brown Fund, Voluntary Prevention Fund]

Voices Against Violence Crisis Center - \$2,000

Support legal advocate position to assist domestic violence victims [Advancement of Justice Fund, Vickie Bunnell Memorial Fund]

2008 Justice Grants: \$36,136

\$20,000 was distributed to New Hampshire Legal Assistance from the Consumer Protection Law Reform Fund.

FY 2008 IOLTA Grants

New Hampshire attorneys and banks make IOLTA Grants possible.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire - \$20,000

To support legal services on behalf of abused and neglected children

Disabilities Rights Center - \$14,454

To support legal services and advocacy for disabled residents

Franklin Pierce Law Center Civil Practice Clinic - \$56,000

To support bankruptcy and foreclosure defense for indigent clients

International Institute of New Hampshire - \$25,000

To support legal services for refugees assigned to New Hampshire

Legal Advice and Referral Center - \$60,000

To support legal services and public education for low-income residents

Milford High School - \$1,000

Award to assist the State Champions attend and compete in the national competition of "We the People-The Citizen and the Constitution" in Washington, DC



NH Bar Association Law-Related Education Program - \$50,000

To support public education about the law and the courts

NH Bar Foundation Law School Loan Forgiveness Program - \$90,000

Loan forgiveness program for attorneys working at four nonprofit agencies

New Hampshire Legal Assistance - \$1,140,000

To support legal services and public education for low-income residents

NH Bar Association Reduced Fee Referral Program - \$36,000

To help low-income residents connect with attorneys working at reduced-fee

New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program - \$210,000

To support a program that trains and provides pro bono attorneys statewide

NH Pro Bono Referral Program DOVE Project - \$23,546

To support pro bono legal services for victims of domestic violence

The Support Center at Burch House - \$5,000

For an emergency legal fund to use when pro bono attorneys are not available

IOLTA Grants \$1,731,000

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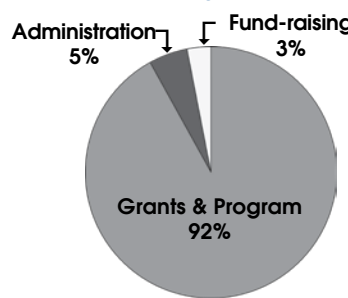
New Hampshire Bar Foundation

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ending May 31, 2008

	Temporarily Restricted			2008 Totals
	Unrestricted	IOLTA Fund	Other Funds	
Support and Revenue:				
Interest on Lawyers Trust accounts	\$ -	\$ 1,713,324	\$ -	\$ 1,713,324
Contributions and miscellaneous income	59,249	-	82,383	141,632
Grant Income	60,000	-	-	60,000
Interest/dividend income	29,170	41,931	10,329	81,430
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	-	-	(4,620)	(4,620)
Events and other income	29,125	-	-	29,125
Net assets released due to satisfaction of program restrictions	2,034,303	(1,971,522)	(62,781)	-
Total Support and Revenue	2,211,847	(216,267)	25,311	2,020,891
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Grants and awards	1,848,736	-	-	1,848,736
Allocated support services	189,377	-	-	189,377
Supportive services:				
Administrative	112,454	-	-	112,454
Fundraising expense	55,907	-	-	55,907
Depreciation	2,176	-	-	2,176
Total Expenses	2,208,650	-	-	2,208,650
Change in net assets	3,197	(216,267)	25,311	(187,759)
Net Assets, beginning of year	680,110	784,274	982,987	2,447,371
Net Assets, ending of year	\$ 683,307	\$ 568,007	\$ 1,008,298	\$ 2,259,612

New Hampshire Bar Foundation's audited financial statements may be seen online at: www.nhbarfoundation.org/Financial_Information.php.

Grants & Program Expense



Statement of Financial Position Year Ending May 31, 2008

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,384
Cash - restricted	157,007
Accounts receivable	600
Prepaid expenses	2,749
Total Current Assets	295,740
Investments - restricted	1,222,754
Beneficial interest in NH Charitable Foundation agency account	797,462
Fixed assets, net	2,178
Total Assets	\$ 2,318,134
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 49,927
Due to NH Bar Association	6,096
Grants payable	2,500
Total Current Liabilities	58,522
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	683,307
Temporarily restricted:	
IOLTA	568,007
Other	1,008,298
Total Temporarily Restricted	1,576,305
Total Net Assets	2,259,612
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 2,318,134

2008 Honors & Awards

Hon. John R. Maher Honorary Fellow

In recognition of long-term, active participation in advancing the mission of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.

Hon. Francis J. Frasier Frank Rowe Kenison Award

For making substantial contributions to the betterment of New Hampshire citizens through the administration of justice, the legal profession, or the advancement of legal thought.

Attorney Charles J. Keefe Robert E. Kirby Award

In recognition of a lawyer, age 35 and younger, who exhibits 'great skill, civility, and good humor' in the practice of law.



Our sincere appreciation to John Andrews for serving six years on the NH Bar Foundation Board of Directors, and to Claudia Damon for serving ten years on the IOLTA Grants Committee.

2008 Annual Dinner

Keynote Speaker, Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Jess H. Dickinson, came to tell us why "a Southern judge takes pride in New Hampshire." Justice Dickinson's engaging speech imparted a sense of urgency, and mutual responsibility for achieving greater access to justice for all residents, with congratulations on the work that is being in New Hampshire. (Listen to speech on NH Bar Foundation web site.)



Hon. Francis Frasier of Hampton District Court was deeply honored to receive the Frank Rowe Kenison Award; and the eleven former Kirby Award recipients gave Charles Keefe, of Bush, Wilson, Durkin & Keefe, PC, a standing ovation as he received the 2008 Kirby Award.

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