



Director's Message

David G. Snyder

Dear Friends,

As we go through another period of declining interest rates, I have been reflecting on the significance of the relationship between New Hampshire attorneys, the banking community, and the NH Bar Foundation. This partnership has improved the quality of life in New Hampshire by providing a safety net of civil legal services and a greater understanding of the legal system among students and the public.

The IOLTA Leadership Banks, seventeen of the forty banks participating in the IOLTA Program, offer rates of 2% or higher, exceed the bank's NOW account rates, and waive standard fees. Fortunately, 87% of the accounts opened by attorneys and law firms are opened at Leadership Banks. I say fortunately because the revenue generated at Leadership Banks accounts for 96% of IOLTA revenue annually.

In our current fiscal year, \$1.73 million in IOLTA Grants were disbursed, positioning the Bar Foundation as the largest private supporter of civil legal services and law-related education in the state. The Bar Foundation's mission to "promote 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" remains relevant and indispensable.

Thank you for your continued participation and support,

David G. Snyder
Executive Director

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Community Impact Through Justice Grants



(L-R): Karley Lapierre, Sylvia Gale, Jessica Roche, Laura Chaney, Megan Yapple, Christopher Paul, Francis Agyare, Cheryl Driscoll, John Tobin, David Snyder, Ginny Martin, Russell Hilliard, Maria White, Frank Sgambati, Beth Dixon, and Jen Ideglia pose for the 2008 Justice Grant Awards.

The 2008 Justice Grants were recently approved by the NH Bar Foundation's Board of Directors and awarded at the Fellows & Donors Reception on January 24 at the Bedford Village Inn. "The people who deliver services through nonprofit organizations fill me with confidence and reaffirm the importance of the Justice Grants Program," said Executive Director David Snyder.

The following grants were made possible by the generosity of New Hampshire Bar Foundation Justice Society members and Annual Appeal donors.

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire - \$2,500 in support of the 2008 Kids Count Data Book and NH CAN Priorities Agenda, two publications that report benchmarks and outline pathways to improving lives for New Hampshire's children and families.

Girls, Inc. of New Hampshire - \$1,260 to support a 9-week scholarship for a disadvantaged Rochester youth during the summer of 2007. The girl who received this scholarship was homeless at the time. Girls, Inc. not only provided her with a safe place to go and lunch every day, but also taught her essential life skills. Girls, Inc. was the one thing she could count on last summer. Your donations to the NH Bar Foundation helped make this scholarship possible. This young girl and her mother now have housing and she continues to attend Girls, Inc.

Institute on Disability/UNH - \$3,500 to support advocacy and leadership training for individuals with disabilities and their families. Graduates of this program help drive advances in how New Hampshire meets the legal, health, and educational needs of individuals with a mental health disability.

New Hampshire Catholic Charities - \$3,000 to implement mobile naturalization workshops to help immigrants and refugees file for U.S. citizenship and train volunteer attorneys in immigration law.

New Hampshire Legal Assistance - \$5,000 to supplement an Equal Justice fellowship to support the Youth Law Project that

helps ensure at-risk youth obtain the legally mandated educational, mental health, and other services needed to prevent delinquent behavior and involvement with the juvenile justice system.

New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program - \$2,025 to support a Webcast seminar on Rule 6.1. The new Rule encourages all New Hampshire Bar members to donate 30 hours of *pro bono* legal services to disadvantaged or low-income individuals annually.

New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program - \$811 to help train volunteer attorneys about consumer issues confronting low-income people in New Hampshire.

NH Supreme Court King Memorial Lecture Series - \$2,500 to educate the public through a series of guest speakers with expertise on the role of the law and courts.

Pierce Law Center - Public Interest Coalition - \$3,500 to support a law school student fellowship to provide a nonprofit law agency, serving low-income and disadvantaged people in New Hampshire, with a full-time summer intern.

Rochester Youth Safe Haven - \$1,500 to support an after-school educational program for disadvantaged youth in Rochester that provides a computer lab and assistance to help students succeed in school and avoid juvenile delinquency.

State of NH Commission on the Status of Women - \$2,175 to help publish an update of the *Legal Handbook for Women in New Hampshire*, a free publication available in English and Spanish.

Voices Against Violence - \$2,000 to support a legal advocate to assist domestic violence victims with the court process.

Total 2008 Justice Grants: \$35,771

Our sincere appreciation to the Justice Grants Committee:

Bonnie Boulanger, Nina C. Gardner, Celia Leonard, Martha Van Oot, and Kathleen Robinson, for their careful review of grant applications this year.

New Fund Available for Justice Grants

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation was recently named beneficiary of the Charles W. Dean Trust Fund by the NH Charitable Foundation. The fund provides "prisoners at the NH State Prison, or persons accused of crimes, a means of telling their story relating to the crime of which they are imprisoned or charged, through newspapers, periodicals, radio, television, or other methods of communication." The first grant in the amount of \$6,000 has been approved to support the printing of *Exiled Voices, Portals of Discovery - Prose, Poetry, and Drama by Fourteen Imprisoned Writers* to be published by New England College Press this spring. This academic book is intended to complement and add to the national dialogue regarding the current state of prisons and imprisonment in the United States.

Justice Funds Ensure Future Grants

Advancement of Justice Fund and Richard P. Dunfey Fund

To support access to justice for low-income people, public education about the law, and other projects that improve the administration of justice.

William A. Baker Fund

To support *pro bono* legal assistance for disadvantaged people in New Hampshire.

Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund

To support legal services for low-income and other disadvantaged people in New Hampshire.

Stanley M. and Thalia M. Brown Fund

To support public education about the law with an emphasis on educating the NH legislature about the justice system in New Hampshire.

Vickie Bunnell Memorial Fund

To support access to justice for low-income people, public education about the law, and other projects which improve the administration of justice in the North Country with a special focus on the prevention of violence in the family and community.

Consumer Protection Law Reform Fund

For legislative activities and other representation of consumers to reform and improve the protection of consumers under RSA 358-A, and under any other actual or proposed law related directly or indirectly to consumer lending or insurance activities.

Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund

To benefit disadvantaged children and youth in the Rochester, NH, area.

NH Charitable Foundation Charles W. Dean Trust Fund

To provide prisoners at NH State Prison, or persons accused of crimes, a means of telling their story relating to the crime for which they are imprisoned or charged.

Hon. William A. Grimes Fund

To support judicial education.

Justice William A. Grimes Award for Judicial Professionalism

To support an annual award to a judicial member of the NH Bar who best reflects the highest standards of integrity, legal knowledge and ability, judicial temperament, diligence and compassion.

Robert E. Kirby Award Fund

To support an annual award to an attorney, age 35 or younger, who demonstrates civility, integrity, and excellence in the practice of law.

J. Albert and Mildred E. Lynch Fund

To support educational efforts on the importance of property rights in a free society.

A. J. McDonough Family Fund

To support efforts to address the legal needs of New Hampshire's senior citizens, with an emphasis on projects that provide information, education, and advice about healthcare and nursing home alternatives, legal rights, and asset protection.

Voluntary Prevention Fund

To support efforts to promote ethics and professionalism and to prevent misconduct by members of the NH Bar.

Justice Funds Total: \$834,575

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New Hampshire Bar Foundation Annual Dinner
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2008 Fellows & Donors Reception Honorary Fellow - Hon. John R. Maher

Your Philanthropy at Work



James J. Tenn, Jr.

As chair of the Bar Foundation Development Committee, I have the privilege of working with many dedicated Bar members to achieve the Foundation's goal - to make justice understood by and available to all people in New Hampshire. Bonnie Boulanger, Russ Hilliard, Judge Hollman, Mary Susan Leahy, Rich McNamara, Lisa Wellman-Ally, and Larry Vogelman are among those members whose hard work ensures that the Bar Foundation has the necessary financial resources to carry out its mission.

As you may know, the fundraising goal for the Bar Foundation's Annual Appeal is \$75,000 for this fiscal year, ending May 31, 2008. At this mid-year point, the Bar Foundation has raised 60% of its goal. Significant funds already have been received as follows:

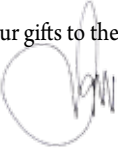
- Contributions from 29 attorneys who have never donated before
- Current board members have donated \$6,500
- The Honorable John Maher has matched \$4,100 in donations to the Honorable William F. Batchelder Fund
- Past board members have donated in excess of \$3,000
- Donors from last year, have this year given in excess of \$20,000

Promoting philanthropy (including fundraising for the endowment and stewardship of the IOLTA Program) is a critical step to ensure that justice is available and accessible in New Hampshire, especially to those with limited means.

I, along with the other members of the Development Committee, support the Bar Foundation and believe fulfillment of its mission truly enhances the quality of life for our families, our neighbors, and for all residents of this beautiful state.

Thank you for your gifts to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.

James J. Tenn, Jr.



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Bob Kirby Would Be Proud

All eleven Robert E. Kirby Award recipients have joined together to donate to the Bar Foundation's Annual Appeal. Each of these lawyers were selected by a panel of judges over the past decade as exceptional individuals and very skillful attorneys. A tip of the hat to John Kacavas, Mark Howard, Diane Quinlan, James Tenn, Jr., Joseph Laplante, John Pendleton, Jennifer Parent, Kelly Ayotte, Mary Tenn, Mary Ann Dempsey, and Joceline Champagne.

Congratulations Judge Laplante!



NH Bar Foundation board member and past president of the Bar Association, Rich McNamara, along with current NHBA president Eleanor Dahar, chat with Joe Laplante at the Fellows & Donors Reception.

The Bar Foundation extends well-deserved congratulations to Joseph Laplante who was recently sworn in as US District Court Judge for New Hampshire.

Joe was selected for the 2001 Robert E. Kirby Award. Reflecting on the award last year, he said, "As one of the earlier Kirby Award recipients, I'm one of the few fortunate enough to have known Bobby, and his approach—combining truly remarkable collegiality with an uncompromising commitment to excellent advocacy—is one I've always tried to emulate. The award, with its unique way of personalizing these attributes in a memorial to Bobby, just brought it home for me, and really brought me home to New Hampshire just months later. Trying to live up to Bobby's high standard is a career-long obligation, but a happy one."

The United States Senate's unanimous confirmation of his nomination for US District Court Judge certainly indicates that Joe is indeed living up to Bobby Kirby's high standards. Our warm congratulations, Joe!

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"Judge Maher's contributions to the legal system were serious and lasting. His commitment to fairness and access to justice issues were genuine and very deeply felt. In all the time I worked with Judge Maher, he was always as interested in what was beyond our horizon's rim as he was with what was directly in front of him—and that's a very unusual combination," began Chief Justice John T. Broderick, Jr., in recognizing John Maher as the NH Bar Foundation's 2008 Honorary Fellow. "Because of the person he is and the judge that he was, he saw people in his courtroom, not cases. He saw lives not docket numbers. And it was all very genuine." Justice Broderick went on to cite several of Judge Maher's personal and career accomplishments. In closing, he said, "My congratulations to him and to the Bar Foundation for selecting him."

More than one hundred people attended the Bar Foundation's Fellows & Donors Reception. Charlie DeGrandpre thanked Judge Maher for his leadership role in launching the Bar Foundation's endowment-building campaign by establishing the Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund and demonstrating how important it is for lawyers to give back to the communities from which they've gained so much.

Judge Maher recalled, "When I first came to New Hampshire, I met David Nixon...Kimon Zachos...and Jack Middleton—those guys really did change my life...They didn't sit me down and tell me what to do, but what those men did was help a young man like me begin to understand there was more to law than just being in the office... Another mentor, Joe Sawtelle, taught me how to give not only financially but how to give of my person. And my wife was very helpful in that regard also... A man, in addition to John Broderick, who was very helpful to me inside the judiciary was Bill Batchelder. I love that guy. He's been a wonderful mentor to so many people in such a low-key way."



Cecie Hartigan, new executive director of the Lawyers Assistance Program, and Judge Philip S. Hollman, vice chair of the Bar Foundation, were among the many guests at the reception.



Justice Broderick receives a round of applause as he rises to introduce Judge Maher. Seated (L-R) Rob Howard, Charlie DeGrandpre, Skye and John Maher; standing in background is Darlene Schmidt-Brandt from Centrix Bank.

In closing, Judge Maher said, "For years, John Tobin ran the Lawyers Assistance Program and a bunch of us ran the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Program. I think we did some pretty good work, but we were all volunteers... We talk about alcohol and drugs, but one of the real big killers is depression and anxiety and the inability to act... Thanks to John Broderick, and to all of you—because part of your dues help pay for it, you can go home tonight knowing we now have Cecie Hartigan, the new executive director, to take those calls. Whatever other things I may have been involved in, I will always think about that program and how lucky we are. Thank you, John, and thank all of you for supporting that program."

Podcast Listen in on the Fellows & Donors Reception speeches and awards via podcast on the New Hampshire Bar Foundation's website: www.nhbarfoundation.org; click on Press Room, then Events.



Russ Hilliard enjoys Judge Maher's surprise at receiving the unique iron sculpture from the League of NH Craftsmen of a skier zooming down the slope with his hair flying in the wind. The gift was selected by David Snyder.

New Justice Society Member



Mary E. Tenn

The law firm of Tenn And Tenn, PA, has responded to John Maher's request to New Hampshire lawyers "to continue to partner in raising funds" for the Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund. Tenn And Tenn has pledged \$1,000 a year for three years to help build this endowed fund at the New Hampshire Bar Foundation. By pledging \$1,000 annually for three years, three partners at Tenn And Tenn will be admitted to the Justice Society—special recognition reserved for donors who have made gifts of \$1,000 or more to the endowment.

The Batchelder Fund was established at the New Hampshire Bar Foundation by John and Skye Maher in 1998 to "support legal services for low-income and other disadvantaged people in New Hampshire" with an initial gift of \$50,000. The Fund has grown to \$170,000 thanks to other donors and matching contributions by John and Skye Maher.

For information on establishing or contributing to the Justice Funds, please call David Snyder at (603)715-3255.

Clothesline Project

April 15, 2008 - 10am - 4pm
State House Lawn, Concord, NH

"Years of silence have taken its toll on my life. From not knowing who to trust or even how to say, "I am a victim of rape and domestic violence." I have been raped seven times in my life, starting at the age of thirteen.

The first time I made a t-shirt, it was powerful. I was able to write all the anger I felt from my years of abuse. I found a voice inside of me that was silenced years ago. I was able to express my feelings through paint and cloth. There were no eyes staring back at me with an evil gaze, ready to harm me... The more t-shirts I made, the more empowered I became by the simple and freeing act of words on a t-shirt. My feelings were validated by visual acknowledgement, a step in the healing process for my secrets of shame. Seeing my reality in words helped me realize the darkness and despair I have overcome.

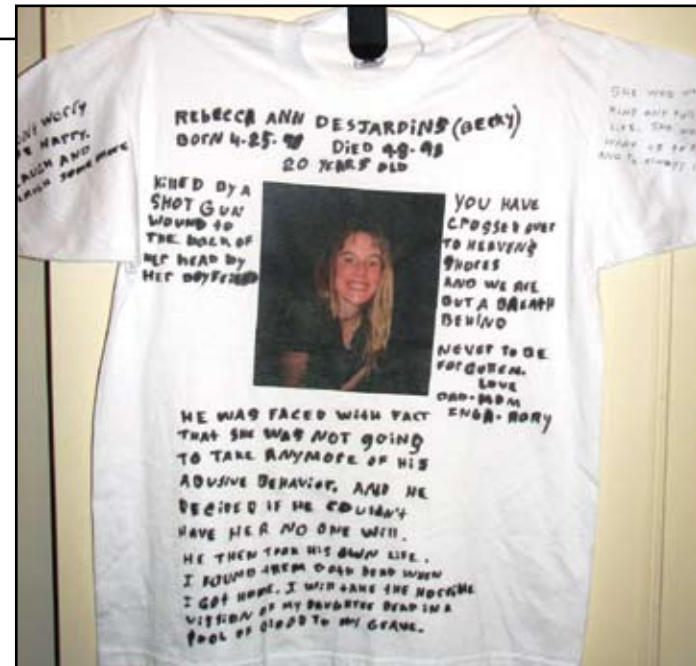
Many people are still in denial of the horrific things people do to each other in the name of love. Domestic violence and sexual assault happen every day and it feeds on silence. I am grateful for the power of freedom through art."

- Vicki, a Survivor (excerpted from original, italics added)

The Clothesline Project reflects the experience of victims of domestic and sexual abuse and the impact it has had on their lives. The purpose of the Project is to increase awareness of domestic and sexual violence, to celebrate the strength each victim had to survive, and to provide a very important avenue for survivors to break the silence. It takes a great deal of courage to admit to being abused and to confront an abuser. The Clothesline Project makes it possible to do both in a safe, caring environment.

Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support of Greater Nashua provided the above information on the Clothesline Project, the t-shirt image, and Vicki's statement.

New Hampshire Bar Foundation grants support several legal services programs that assist victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.



The family of Rebecca Ann Desjardins express their grief and try to heal through the Clothesline Project.

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