

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Funding the Promise of Justice for All



SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Interest on
Lawyer Trust Accounts Board





2019 Annual Report

Awarding grants that support the provision of free legal assistance to low-income Pennsylvanians in civil matters where a basic human need, such as access to shelter, nutrition, or healthcare, is at stake.

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Board.

This year, the IOLTA Board proudly celebrates 30 years of funding civil legal aid in Pennsylvania. Since the inception of the program in 1989, approximately \$319 million has been awarded in grants to nonprofit legal aid organizations, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, county bar associations, and law school clinical programs to support the delivery of free civil legal aid to low-income individuals and families across the Commonwealth. Funding from the IOLTA Board makes it possible for these vital programs to accept more clients and change more lives for the better.

Increased revenue in 2019 made it possible to invest in the delivery of civil legal aid at a higher level and even add a new legal aid organization, Pro Bono Partnerships, Inc. (“PBP”), to our list of esteemed grantees. PBP operates in partnership with the Wayne County Bar Association and North Penn Legal Services to provide free legal representation in domestic violence and child custody matters. The IOLTA Board is pleased to help grow the limited number of resources available to rural Pennsylvanians facing a civil legal problem.

The IOLTA Board remains committed to funding accessible, high quality legal aid programs that help to close the gap in access to civil justice for thousands of low-income Pennsylvanians. Our shared resolve and commitment to funding these important programs is further strengthened by the evidence that civil legal aid forms a vital link in the supports that are necessary to help low-income individuals and families become economically self-sufficient, while at the same time stabilizing and revitalizing disadvantaged communities. We appreciate our dedicated partners across the Commonwealth’s legal and banking communities, especially our Platinum Leader Banks, who champion our efforts and support our network of grantees.

Most importantly, we are grateful to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, as well as the Appellate and Common Pleas Jurists and Magisterial District Judges in every corner of our Commonwealth, for their steadfast support of our common aspiration of equal justice for all under the law.

Sincerely,



Gretchen L. Kelly
Gretchen L. Kelly, Esq.
CHAIR



Stephanie S. Libhart
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What is Civil Legal Aid?

Civil legal aid is a combination of services and resources provided free of charge in order to help Pennsylvanians navigate the justice system.

While there is a constitutional right to an attorney for those facing criminal charges, the same right does not exist in civil cases, even for people facing life-altering situations like losing their home, job, or access to healthcare. To ensure that access to justice is a reality for low-income people who are unable to pay for a private attorney, civil legal aid steps into the breach to provide access to the legal information and help people need.

A number of delivery models for civil legal aid exist. The most traditional form is direct representation by a legal aid lawyer in a court proceeding or before an administrative agency. However, the demand for legal aid is so great and the resources are so limited that not all clients are able to receive the full representation they need. In some instances, clients are counseled on their rights and given advice on how to protect those rights on their own. In an attempt to assist as many people as possible with complicated legal proceedings, civil legal aid providers also host free workshops and community legal clinics, offer self-help services like telephone help lines and online chat tools, and publish

information and downloadable court forms on their websites.

Civil legal aid helps people like veterans improperly denied benefits, families facing a wrongful eviction or foreclosure, women trapped in abusive relationships, and seniors who have fallen victim to financial exploitation. All too often, these individuals must appear in court alone because they cannot afford to pay a lawyer. Civil legal aid levels the playing field by ensuring that all people have equal justice under the law, not just those who can afford it.

How IOLTA Helps

What does IOLTA stand for?

IOLTA stands for Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts. Without taxing the public and at no cost to lawyers or their clients, the interest earned on lawyers' pooled trust accounts is used to provide civil legal aid to the poor. Every state, along with the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands, operates an IOLTA program. In Pennsylvania, the program is administered by the **Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Board**, a nonprofit organization operating under the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

When was the IOLTA Program Created?

The first IOLTA program was established in Florida in 1981 as a way of generating funds for civil legal aid to the poor. In Pennsylvania, an IOLTA program was initially created in 1988 by the General Assembly's enactment of the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Act. In 1996, the Supreme Court established a comprehensive IOLTA program under its jurisdiction.

How does the IOLTA Program Work?

Attorneys routinely receive client funds to be held in trust for future use. If the amount is large or the funds are to be held for a long period of time, attorneys customarily place these funds in an interest-bearing account for the benefit of the client. But when the funds are small or expected to be held for a short time, they cannot practically be invested to benefit the client. These funds are deposited in IOLTA accounts and banks transfer the interest earned to the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board. Like its national counterparts, the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board funds the delivery of civil legal services to the poor and disadvantaged.

How is the Money Used?

Upon approval of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the IOLTA Board makes grants annually to nonprofit legal aid organizations and law school clinical programs, which provide free legal aid to low-income individuals and families facing a civil legal crisis where basic human needs, such as access to shelter, food, medicine, and safety, are at risk.

Oversight and Key Activities

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

Program Administration

The IOLTA Board administers several court-directed and legislatively-directed funding streams to accomplish our mission of supporting the provision of civil legal services to low-income and disadvantaged Pennsylvanians. One source of funding is generated by the interest produced on attorneys' trust accounts. In fiscal year 2018-19, the IOLTA Board processed account activity reports and interest remittances for an average of 14,441 IOLTA accounts per month. The IOLTA Board also received 139 *pro bono* contributions this year, which are voluntary donations made by attorneys for the purpose of funding civil legal aid. In addition, 1,622 *pro hac vice* admission applications and fees, which fund IOLTA's Loan Repayment Assistance Program to help legal aid attorneys manage their student debt, were processed for out-of-state attorneys seeking to appear in Pennsylvania courts.

Grant Oversight

In order to maximize the impact of our funding, our grantees must participate in a competitive grant application process. Grant recipients must execute agreements formalizing their commitment to adhere to program requirements and establishing consequences for failing to do so. The majority of the grants awarded by the IOLTA Board are disbursed quarterly and are contingent upon the IOLTA Board's careful review and approval of grantees' expenditures and delivery of services. These detailed, recurring reviews are conducted in order to ensure ongoing accountability for the efficient use of limited public funds. In fiscal year 2018-19, the IOLTA Board received and reviewed 281 grantee performance reports. Additionally, the IOLTA Board reviews the audited financial statements of our grantees and performs site visits.

14,441

average number of IOLTA accounts processed
monthly by the IOLTA Board.

281

grantee performance reports
submitted to and reviewed
by the IOLTA Board.

Attorney & Financial Institution Compliance

The IOLTA Board carries out several efforts to monitor attorney compliance with Pennsylvania's IOLTA requirements, including an annual assessment of the IOLTA accounts reported by licensed Pennsylvania attorneys on their registration form. In fiscal year 2018-19, the IOLTA Board provided assistance to more than 2,735 attorneys to help them achieve or maintain compliance. In addition, approximately 1,400 newly licensed Pennsylvania lawyers were sent materials notifying them of their IOLTA responsibilities.

Compliance assessments are also performed on financial institutions to ensure adherence to their obligations regarding interest rates, service charges, and account reporting as set forth in the IOLTA regulations. During fiscal year 2018-19, 12 financial institutions underwent compliance assessments.

2,735

attorneys helped to
achieve or maintain
compliance.

Unclaimed & Unidentifiable IOLTA Funds Program

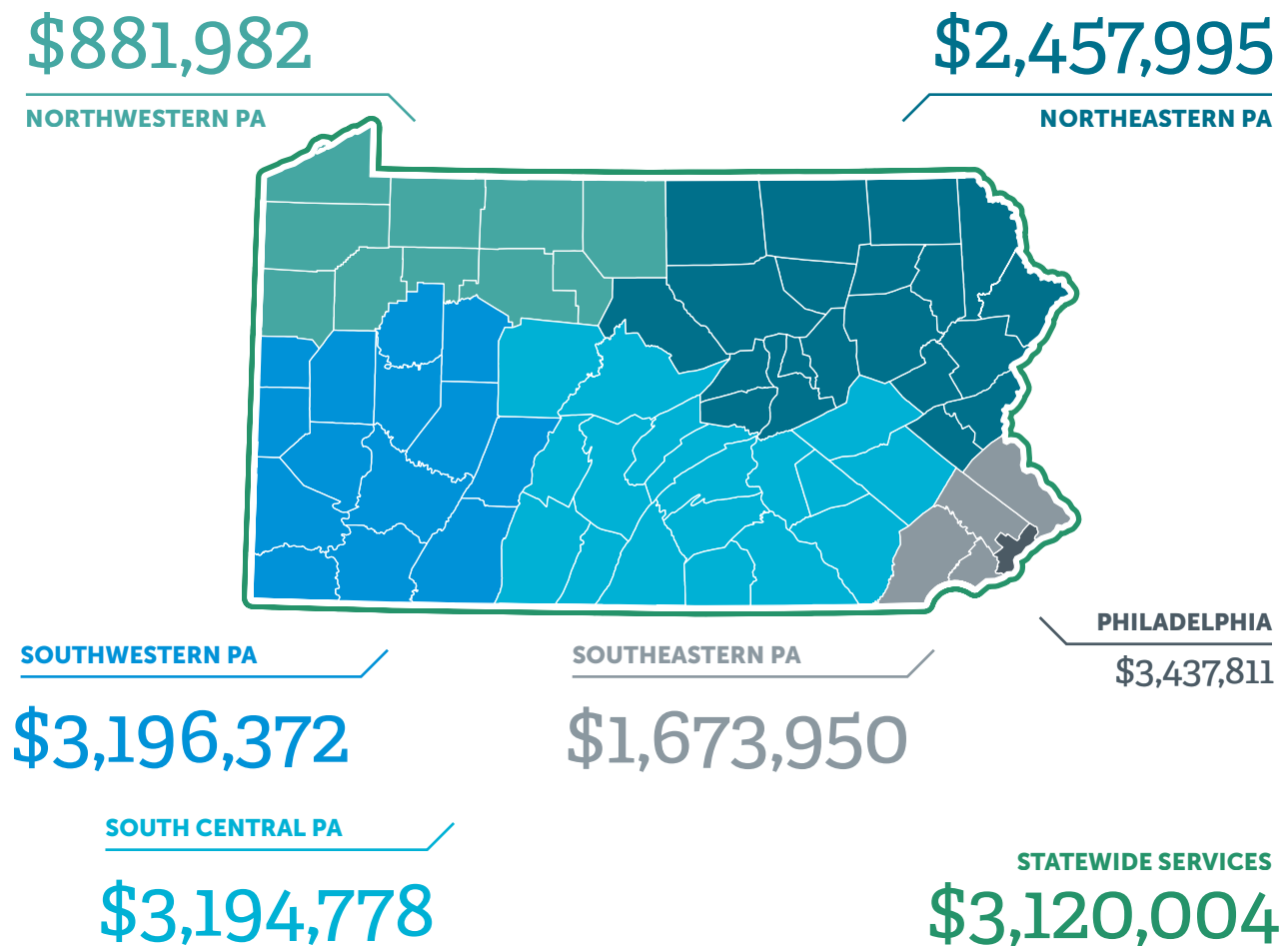
This year, the IOLTA Board began administering the Unclaimed & Unidentifiable IOLTA Funds Program, which went into effect in June 2018. The program requires lawyers and law firms to remit unclaimed or unidentifiable IOLTA funds to the IOLTA Board following reasonable efforts to identify or locate the owner of the funds for a minimum of two years. In fiscal year 2018-19, the IOLTA Board received 72 remittances from attorneys and facilitated the return of funds to 6 owners.

72

remittances made
to the Unclaimed &
Unidentifiable IOLTA
Funds Program.

Financial Impact of Grants by Region

The IOLTA Board is committed to funding programs that increase access to justice for all Pennsylvanians. For that reason, funds are distributed to legal aid organizations based on the geographical proportion of people living in poverty throughout the state. This method ensures that resources are fairly allocated and support services for Pennsylvanians most in need.



Grant Recipients

Organization	Grant
AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania	\$23,000
Allegheny County Bar Foundation	\$104,600
Community Justice Project	\$548,618
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia	\$3,067,191
Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project	\$36,000
Disability Rights Pennsylvania	\$45,450
Education Law Center	\$56,450
Franklin County Legal Services	\$55,000
Homeless Advocacy Project	\$17,250
Justice at Work	\$438,766
KidsVoice Pennsylvania, Inc.	\$76,000
Lackawanna Pro Bono, Inc.	\$57,475
Laurel Legal Services, Inc.	\$765,623
Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.	\$1,533,698
Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc.	\$60,000
Legal Services for Immigrants & Internationals	\$50,000
MidPenn Legal Services	\$2,835,778
Neighborhood Legal Services	\$1,601,490
North Penn Legal Services	\$2,178,514
Northwestern Legal Services	\$752,122
Pennsylvania Health Law Project	\$421,406
Pennsylvania HIAS Indigent Immigrant Legal Services	\$58,552
Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	\$204,000
Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project	\$608,169
Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc.	\$802,706
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center, Inc.	\$30,050
Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program	\$87,340
Pro Bono Partnerships, Inc.	\$20,000
Public Interest Law Center	\$50,000
Regional Housing Legal Services	\$590,681
SeniorLAW Center	\$107,000
Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.	\$518,859
Support Center for Child Advocates	\$61,250
Women Against Abuse Legal Center	\$45,854
Women's Center & Shelter Civil Law Project	\$54,000
Legal Services Organizations	\$17,962,892

Grant Recipients **CONTINUED**

Organization	Grant
Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law	\$177,800
Duquesne University School of Law	\$177,800
Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law	\$177,800
Pennsylvania State University Penn State Law	\$177,800
Temple University Beasley School of Law	\$177,800
University of Pennsylvania Law School	\$177,800
University of Pittsburgh School of Law	\$177,800
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law	\$177,800
Widener University Commonwealth Law School	\$177,800
Law School Clinical and Internship Programs	\$1,600,200
Pennsylvania Bar Foundation	\$571,724
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	\$571,724

MORE THAN
\$1.6 million
awarded to Law School Clinical and
Internship Programs.

Grant Recipients **CONTINUED**

Organization	Grant
Community Justice Project	\$140,445
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia	\$267,905
Franklin County Legal Services	\$50,750
Justice at Work	\$108,091
Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.	\$293,622
Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc.	\$50,750
MidPenn Legal Services	\$369,471
Neighborhood Legal Services	\$274,335
North Penn Legal Services	\$200,000
Northwestern Legal Services	\$73,627
Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program	\$100,750
Public Interest Law Center	\$60,312
Regional Housing Legal Services	\$1,009,221
SeniorLAW Center	\$125,750
Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.	\$34,963
Bank of America Surplus Distribution Program	\$3,159,992
Legal Services Organizations	\$17,962,892
Law School Clinical and Internship Programs	\$1,600,200
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	\$571,724
Bank of America Surplus Distribution Program	\$3,159,992
Total 2018-2019 Grants	\$23,294,808

MORE THAN
\$23.2 million
 awarded in grants in fiscal year 2018-2019.

Homeless Advocacy Project

Providing Hope and Healing for a Homeless Veteran

Lou served in the first Gulf War, where he was stationed in Saudi Arabia at a port containing equipment for the invasion of Iraq. Iraqi scud missiles frequently targeted this port, regularly exposing soldiers to detonating missiles. Since Lou and his fellow soldiers did not know whether the projectiles emitted poisonous gases, they wore gas masks and sought cover every time a missile landed in their vicinity. More than once, Lou was sure he would die.

The trauma Lou suffered from the war caused him to experience fear, mood swings, nightmares, panic attacks, and flashbacks. Like most veterans, Lou didn't seek help for his symptoms because there were no physical scars. But as his condition worsened, so did the state of his affairs. Lou owed thousands of dollars in debt and eventually lost his home.

Lou finally sought treatment and was diagnosed with PTSD by the Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA). During treatment, Lou learned that he might be eligible for veterans' benefits, but his application was denied due to lack of proof that he had been exposed to any missile attacks.

After his denial, Lou contacted the Homeless Advocacy Project for help. The attorney assigned to the case researched Lou's military unit and service dates. Documents were found corroborating Lou's account, including a report listing when and where scud missiles had been detonated. Newspaper articles described how soldiers stationed at Lou's base believed missiles detonating around them contained poisonous gases and how this uncertainty created fear and panic. Lou also received further evaluation to determine the severity of his PTSD.

Armed with an abundance of new evidence, an appeal brief was submitted to the VA

**Names and photos have been changed to protect the privacy of clients.*

IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

136

An IOLTA grant made it possible for the Homeless Advocacy Project to hold 136 legal clinics in various homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and transitional housing sites located throughout the Philadelphia region.

2018-2019 Caseload Statistics of the Homeless Advocacy Project



Regional Office in Philadelphia, and the earlier decision denying Lou of his veterans' benefits was reversed. Lou was granted \$105,000 in benefits dating back to 2012, and he will receive \$1,365 a month going forward.

To help Lou stay on track, his attorney referred him to a financial counselor who volunteers to help homeless veterans manage large sums of money. The counselor is also a veteran.

Helping Seniors Protect their Homes

When Barbara's husband passed away, she was not only left in mourning but also in debt. A home equity loan loomed over the estate, along with barely manageable property taxes.

To further complicate matters, her husband left the house to her in his will, but a filing error left the will invalid and unable to effectuate the transfer of the house to Barbara. Because the title to the house was still in her late husband's name, Barbara was blocked from negotiating with the loan company to adjust her payment and was unable to appeal the property tax assessment.

Confronting the possible loss of her home at age 70, Barbara turned to Neighborhood Legal Services for help. The attorney working with Barbara was able to successfully "untangle" Barbara's title by reopening her

late husband's estate, drafting a deed, and recording that deed with the Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds.

With the property officially in her name, Barbara has since been able to work with the loan company to develop an affordable payment plan. She is currently in the process of appealing her tax assessment and applying for home repair assistance.

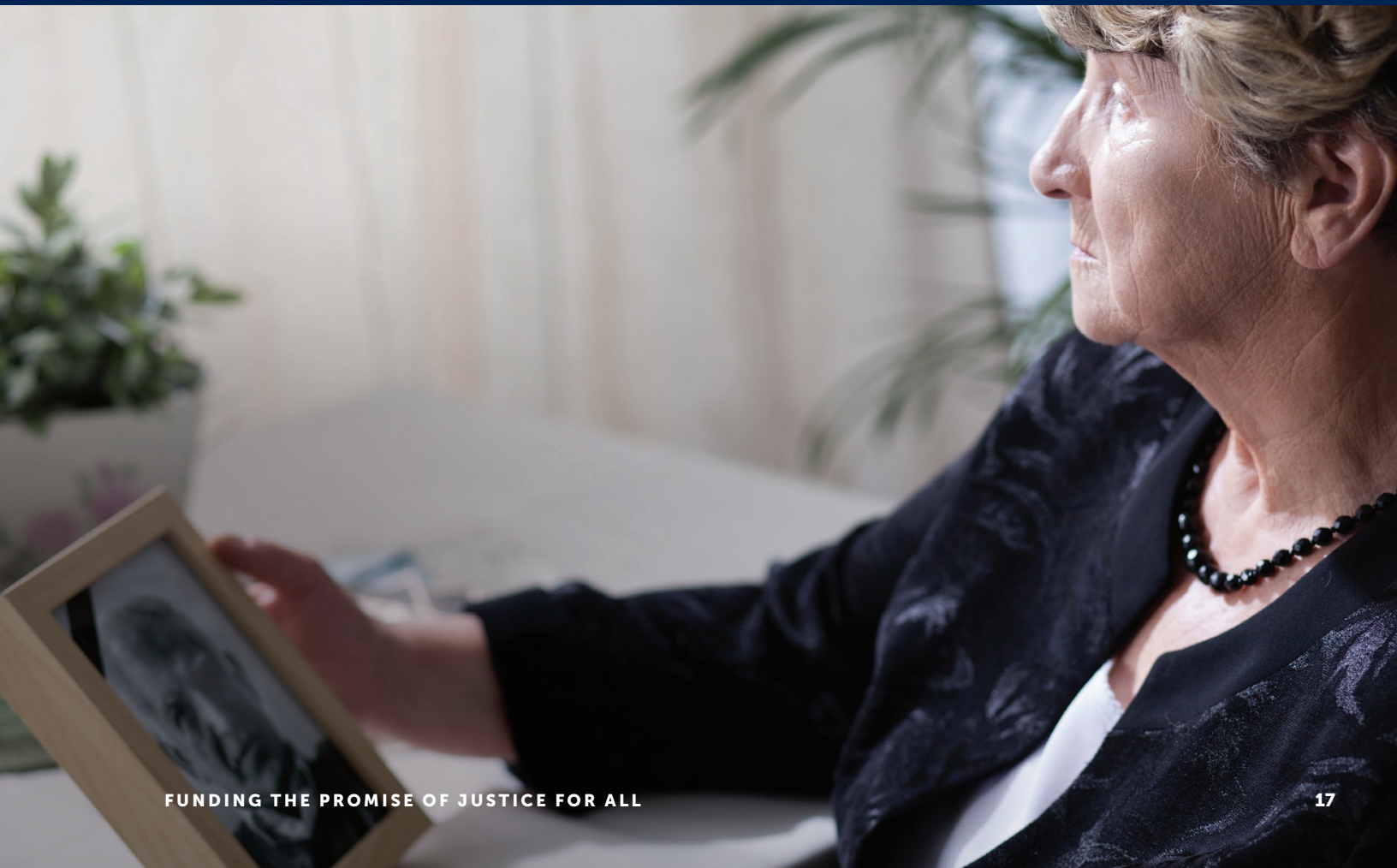
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IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

1,500

Barbara was just one of approximately 1,500 elderly Pennsylvanians (aged 60 years or older) who received free legal services in a variety of matters related to foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment legal assistance through IOLTA's Bank of America Grant Program.

*2018-2019 Caseload Statistics of the
Pennsylvania IOLTA Board*



Safeguarding Medically Necessary Services and Supports

Jesse, a 36 year-old man living in Potter County, suffered a traumatic brain injury that left him with muscle weakness, difficulty speaking, poor safety and social awareness, and a tendency to wander.

Due to his condition, he requires constant monitoring and cannot be left on his own. Nevertheless, Jesse has been able to remain in his home and active within his community because of the 24-hour support he receives from caregivers.

He enjoys visiting friends and volunteering at a local nursing home and the children's story hour at his library. Recently, Jesse has been searching for a part-time job.

But his independence and livelihood were called into question when Jesse received

notice from his Community HealthChoices managed care plan that his personal assistance service hours were being reduced to only eight hours a day. He feared that the reduction in services and supports would mean he could no longer remain in his home or maintain his current level of independence. With assistance from his service coordinator, Jesse contacted the Pennsylvania Health Law Project to explain his situation.

The attorney assigned to the case collected documentation on Jesse's condition and

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IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

450

IOLTA funding provided the means for the Pennsylvania Health Law Project to deliver free legal assistance to over 450 adults with physical, developmental, and sensory disabilities in matters related to keeping, obtaining, or expanding access to Medicaid or home and community-based services.

*2018-2019 Caseload Statistics of the
Pennsylvania Health Law Project*

statements from those close to him who relayed how much fulfillment Jesse finds from being an active member of his community. In a grievance before his managed care plan, the attorney successfully advocated for Jesse to keep his current care plan by demonstrating that medically necessary services are those that provide the opportunity for Jesse to access the benefits

of community living, to achieve person-centered goals, and to live and work in the setting of his choice.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) was established in order to assist IOLTA-funded legal aid organizations with recruiting and retaining the best and brightest attorneys by making it possible for those legal aid attorneys to manage their student loan debt while still serving the public interest.

MORE THAN
\$3.3 million
in loan assistance has been distributed since 2010.

Since the launch of the program in 2010, approximately 919 forgivable loans valued at more than \$3.3 million have been made to 284 attorneys employed at IOLTA-funded civil legal aid organizations across Pennsylvania.

Eligible attorneys receive a loan to help defray their student loan debt service. After completion of one year of employment, the loan is forgiven. Eligible attorneys may participate for up to 10 years.

The LRAP was created by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and is administered by the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation through an IOLTA Board grant. Funding for the program is made possible by *pro hac vice* fees paid by out-of-state attorneys who wish to make an appearance in a Pennsylvania court.

SINCE 2010

284

legal aid lawyers received a loan which has been or will be forgiven when the lawyer completes a full year of legal aid employment.

“Law school debt is a real thing. It is particularly difficult to be faced with that debt when you’re committed to doing public interest work. In my job as a Staff Attorney at Disability Rights Pennsylvania, I help parents of children with disabilities fight for the special education services their children need.

Many of the families DRP represents cannot afford legal representation and would not have legal help without us. The Loan Repayment Assistance Program is a much-needed program that helps me pay my law school loans so I can do meaningful work that I love.

— **JENI HERGENREDER, ESQ.**

Disability Rights Pennsylvania



Impact of Platinum Leader Banks

There are more than 200 banks approved to offer attorney trust accounts in Pennsylvania. Where you bank is extremely important to the fulfillment of our mission. Platinum Leader Banks have committed to pay premium interest rates on IOLTA accounts. This means more funding for civil legal aid.

As of June 30, 2019, a law firm's IOLTA account with a Platinum Leader Bank will earn a 1.69% interest rate compared to other institutions that provide a rate on IOLTA accounts closer to .2%. That means a firm with an average of \$50,000 in an IOLTA account with a Platinum Leader Bank would generate \$845 in civil legal aid funding in just one year. In contrast, that same firm's account would only earn \$100 at a financial institution that does not participate in the Platinum Leader Bank program.

Current funding for civil legal aid in Pennsylvania is not sufficient to meet the needs of all those who require legal assistance but are unable to afford it. These critically needed civil legal aid services include: advocacy for the disabled, elderly, and the homeless; domestic abuse prevention; protection of safe and affordable housing; as well as a variety of civil legal assistance that helps to ensure equal access to justice for all.

Supporting IOLTA's mission can be as easy as selecting a Platinum Leader Bank. We are proud to recognize those who do so on our website through the "I Bank on Justice" campaign. To join the campaign and demonstrate your support, transfer your IOLTA account to one of our Platinum Leader Banks, and then contact the IOLTA Board so your law firm can be featured on our website.

Platinum Leader Banks

AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

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AmeriServ Financial Bank

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Savings) Bank

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Fidelity Savings & Loan Bucks
County

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Financial Highlights

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

FROM 1989 TO JUNE 30, 2019

\$319 million

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Schedule of Revenue, Expenses, and Change In Net Assets

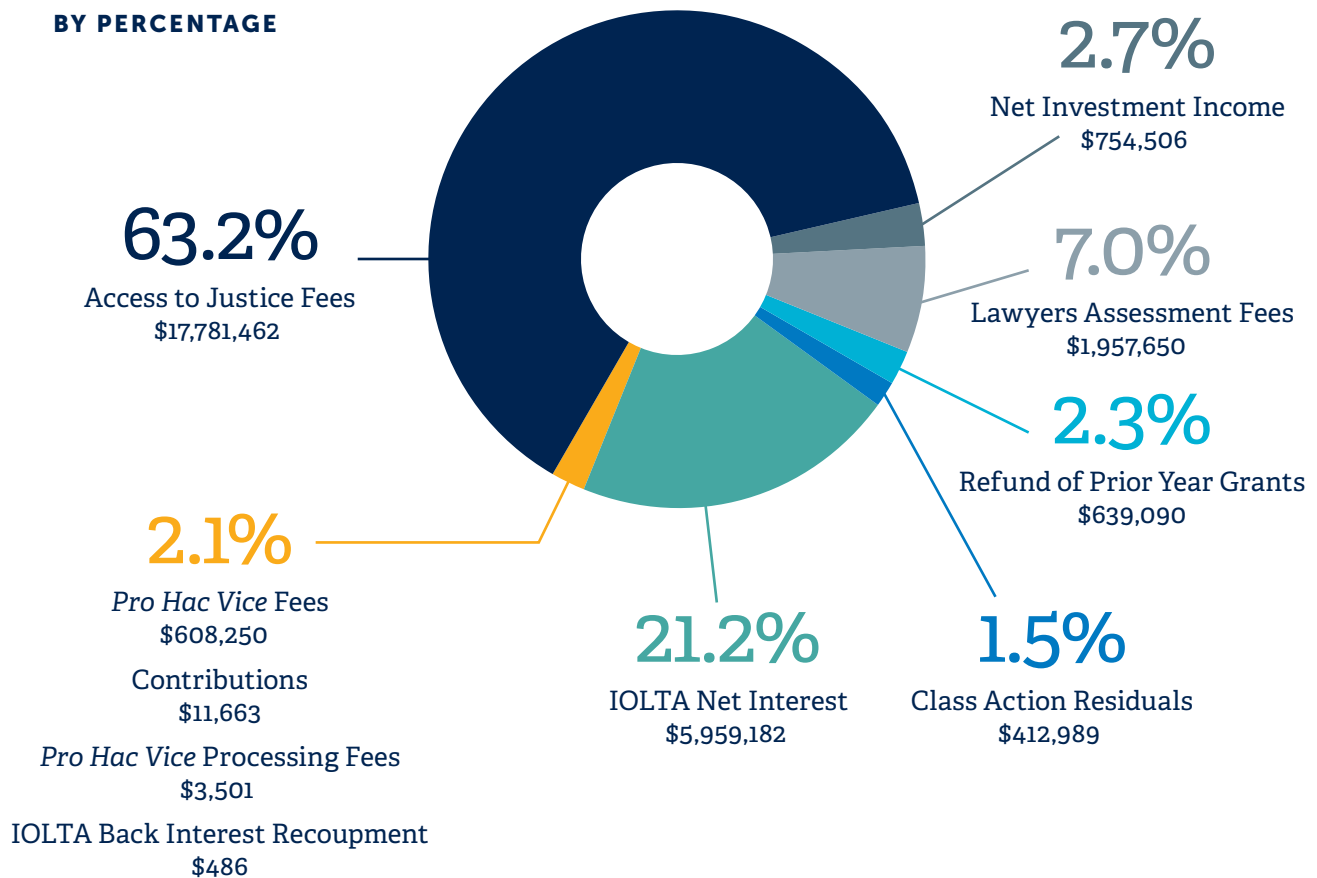
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

	IOLTA	AJA	Bank of America Surplus	Pro Hac Vice	Property	Total
REVENUE						
IOLTA Net Interest	\$5,959,182	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,959,182
Access to Justice Fees	\$0	\$17,781,462	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,781,462
Pro Hac Vice Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$608,250	\$0	\$608,250
Lawyers Assessment Fees	\$1,957,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,957,650
Class Action Residuals	\$412,989	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$412,989
Net Investment Income	\$489,980	\$264,526	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$754,506
Contributions	\$11,663	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,663
Pro Hac Vice Processing Fees	\$3,501	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,501
IOLTA Back Interest Recoupment	\$486	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$486
Refund of Prior Year Grants	\$142,335	\$0	\$496,755	\$0	\$0	\$639,090
Total Revenue	\$8,977,786	\$18,045,988	\$496,755	\$608,250	\$0	\$28,128,779
EXPENSES						
Program Administration	\$744,646	\$88,524	\$44,655	\$0	\$3,638	\$881,463
Grant Awards						
Legal Services Organizations	\$4,212,892	\$13,750,000	\$3,159,992	\$0	\$0	\$21,122,884
Law Schools	\$1,600,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,200
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$504,502	\$0	\$504,502
Total Grant Awards	\$5,813,092	\$13,750,000	\$3,159,992	\$504,502	\$0	\$23,227,586
Total Expenses	\$6,557,738	\$13,838,524	\$3,204,647	\$504,502	\$3,638	\$24,109,049
Change in Net Assets	\$2,420,048	\$4,207,464	(\$2,707,892)	\$103,748	(\$3,638)	\$4,019,730
Acquisition of Property	(\$43,859)	(\$5,421)	\$0	\$0	\$49,280	\$0
Net Assets — Beginning	\$10,926,742	\$14,610,736	\$9,396,160	\$1,645,442	\$17,290	\$36,596,370
Net Assets — Ending	\$13,302,931	\$18,812,779	\$6,688,268	\$1,749,190	\$62,932	\$40,616,100

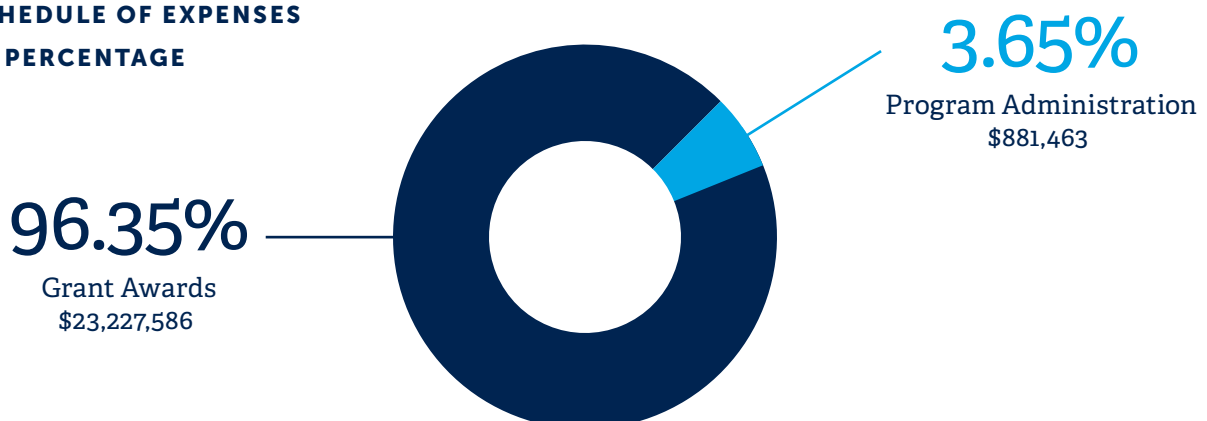
By the Numbers

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE BY PERCENTAGE



SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY PERCENTAGE



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Every contribution counts, and we are deeply grateful for pledges of all sizes. Donations from law firms and private attorneys broaden the reach of legal aid and strengthen the delivery system for people who need legal help, but cannot afford it. Since the IOLTA Board's administration is fully funded, every dollar of your donation goes directly to support legal aid programs across the Commonwealth. To make your donation, visit www.paiolta.org/donate today.

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IOLTA Board Member Recognized for Pro Bono Service

In recognition of her long-standing *pro bono* support of civil legal aid, the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) honored IOLTA Board Member Stella L. Smetanka, Esq. with a PLAN Excellence Award at its annual awards dinner held on March 26, 2019.

The PLAN Excellence Awards are presented to individuals and organizations that exemplify excellence in their commitment and accomplishments as advocates for low-income Pennsylvanians. The IOLTA Board applauds Ms. Smetanka's leadership and personal commitment to the delivery of civil legal aid.



IOLTA Board Member Stella L. Smetanka, Esq. receives a PLAN Excellence Award from Jay W. Alberstadt, Jr., Esq., President of PLAN, Inc.'s Board of Directors, at its annual awards dinner on March 26, 2019.

Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor



Each year, Pennsylvania attorneys provide civil legal aid in many different ways to those who cannot afford to pay for legal services. For example, a portion of the annual registration fee for lawyers is dedicated to legal aid projects. Vital funding to legal aid organizations is also secured through the Supreme Court Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts program.

Finally, the Supreme Court recognizes those attorneys who generously donate their time and talents by providing pro bono civil representation to those who need these services – these members of the bar reflect the very best of our profession.”



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