FOSTERING THE RULE OF LAW
President’s Message

The year 2018 was one of transition for the New York Bar Foundation as the three-year tenure of John Gross, immediate past president, came to successful conclusion with a dramatic increase in the resources and visibility of the foundation; a new president of the board of directors, Lesley Rosenthal, was welcomed; and an exciting new strategic plan was adopted, with a theme of fostering the rule of law.

The New York Bar Foundation improves access to justice and enhances public understanding of the law all around the state. In 2018 we provided more than $700,000 in seed grants to innovative legal projects helping those in need. Recently, our grants have:

- Helped a disabled veteran in Syracuse launch a new small business,
- Resettled a Syrian refugee family in the Buffalo area,
- Assisted a teenager from Geneva, NY, with school attendance problems related to mental illness, get the EAP she needed to continue her education,
- Aided a Brooklyn grandmother in restructuring her mortgage to avoid foreclosure and homelessness for herself and the grandchildren she’s raising.

In partnership with the sections of the New York State Bar Association and the Chief Judge of the State of New York, we also fund scholarships for worthy up-and-coming law students, including those from underprivileged or diverse backgrounds, and those who are committed to public interest work.

Beyond our regular activities, we also respond with urgency to crises in the moment, raising and distributing money to assist with legal needs such as restoring housing and benefits to those hit by a hurricane or providing representation to migrant children separated from their parents.

Our board is known for the integrity and rigor of its grant-making process, carried out by uniquely knowledgeable and seasoned attorneys who select the most promising and worthy programs. Our governance has been recognized with awards time and time again.

The foundation’s board of directors is working under a new three-year strategic plan, June 2018 – May 2021, with a theme of enhancing the Rule of Law in New York. In these fractious times, the rule of law – the principle that ours is a government of laws and not of men – is one of the few things we can all agree upon. In partnership with the New York State Bar Association, we are probing the question of how our grant-making and educational activities can best foster adherence to the rule of law in New York, as we strive to perfect the promise of a just and fair system for all.

The foundation and its board are grateful to all those who support the work we do, through the annual giving of the Fellows, through planned gifts via our Legacy Society, through tribute gifts, and more. Please join us as we continue to work to achieve a fair and level playing field through funding access to justice, scholarships, emergency relief efforts, and public education programs about the rule of law.

Warmly,

Lesley F. Rosenthal
President
Thank You

Because of you, our donors and friends, the Foundation presented the largest number of grants in anyone’s recollection – more than $700,000 was distributed across New York state to worthy law-related public interest organizations in major cities and rural areas.

Because of you, our grants help New Yorkers in desperate need of legal help to gain access to health care, housing, veteran benefits, and assistance with family matters. Our grant program continues to grow, and do more good, because of you.

Because of you, our fellowship and scholarship programs increased – assisting law students in moving toward a career path of service to the public and improvements in the administration of justice.

Because of you, we collectively have a positive impact on organizations, students, and people throughout the state, demonstrating the good works of lawyers and the profession.

In this transition year, we have successfully wrapped up our 2015-18 strategic plan under the leadership of immediate past President John Gross, adding significantly to our resources and visibility to carry out our work. We have begun executing our next exciting three-year plan, enhancing the rule of law in our state and providing affordable access to justice for those in need.

I am inspired by your generosity, passion to make a difference, and commitment to public service every day.

Thank YOU for all you do for the foundation, the profession, and your communities.

Deborah Auspelmyer
Foundation Executive
A Message to The Fellows

“Commitment to the Rule of Law provides a basic assurance that people can know what to expect whether what they do is popular or unpopular at the time.”

Sandra Day O’Connor

For the last fifteen years I’ve belonged to a book group devoted to reading the classics. We have enjoyed reading, and rereading, books on “the top 100” classic book lists. We marveled at how our perspective has changed the significance of the stories. Stephen Crane’s The Red Badge of Courage brings a member to tears for her son, who lost his life in service to this country. It’s a book we read when we were teenagers - we were invincible at that age - and at least when I was a teenager, war was history and not a present experience.

To Kill a Mockingbird was a favorite of our group perhaps because many of us swooned over Gregory Peck’s portrayal of the fiery defense attorney of a poor uneducated black man accused of raping a white woman. More likely was our outrage at the Southern community who presumed that black man’s guilt before trial.

I am recalling our book group discussions as I write my fellows message to you because this year, under the leadership of our new president, Lesley Rosenthal, our foundation board of directors has adopted ‘the rule of law’ as its theme for our three-year strategic plan.

During this period, I hope our fellows will continue to support the rule of law with donations to the foundation and our mission to provide funding for public education programs, increase the understanding of the law, improvement of the justice system as well as facilitate delivery of legal services. Please join me in supporting the New York Bar Foundation and the rule of law in New York state.

Emily F. Franchina
Chair of the Fellows
The New York Bar Foundation Provided Grant Funding to Lenox Hill Neighborhood House’s Health Care Access Project

Helping To Provide Access to Health Care and Subsistence Income

Mrs. P is a 95-year-old woman living alone. After she fell and broke her hip, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House’s Health Care Access Project, with grant funding from the New York Bar Foundation, provided pro bono assistance with her Medicaid application and advocated for expedited review. They also advocated for home health care after her initial request was improperly denied.

Once approved to receive home health care, Ms. P could not afford to pay additional necessity expenses such as rent and utilities. Through the support of the Health Care Access Project, Ms. P joined a pooled income supplemental needs trust and can now afford to remain in her home of more than 50 years with the home health care services she requires.

“With support from the New York Bar Foundation, our Legal Advocacy Department provided health care related services in 1,027 cases, impacting 1,368 individuals, exceeding our project goals. We provided counseling regarding health care plans, advocated for needed medical services, appealed wrongful termination and reduction of benefits, and educated consumers on obtaining and maintaining home care services. Through advice, education and legal services relating to health care matters, we are able to help low income New Yorkers access and navigate health care and health insurance systems.”
The New York Bar Foundation Funded Her Justice Supporting Children Project

Helping With Child Support Matters, Providing Economic Empowerment

Abigay and her three young children faced homelessness when her husband abandoned the family. Unable to make ends meet on her part-time earnings, she tried representing herself in Family Court to gain child support to which the children were legally entitled, but she was unsuccessful in navigating the system.

Through the Supporting Children Project of Her Justice, a grantee of the foundation, Abigay returned to court with a lawyer and obtained a settlement that has enabled her to provide basics such as food and shelter for her children.

“The New York Bar Foundation began supporting Her Justice shortly after our founding, almost 25 years ago. During this time they have helped us grow from a one-person organization to a team of more than thirty dedicated professionals. We are so grateful for the New York Bar Foundation’s particular focus on supporting children: 80% of Her Justice clients are mothers, and when we helped 395 mothers with quality legal assistance in child support matters last year, that means they obtained financial security, and were able to build new lives for themselves and their children!”
The New York Bar Foundation Provided Grant Funding to the Rural Law Center of New York’s Rural Appeals Center

Helping With Family Matters

Kylee sought legal help restoring parental access to her child. Originally the court had ordered severe restrictions on her time with her child amid allegations that her live-in boyfriend was abusing the child. She ended the relationship with the boyfriend; however her time with her child was further reduced to six supervised hours on Saturdays.

On appeal, the Rural Law Center argued, among other things, that the decision to further reduce the mother’s parenting time and continue the supervision requirement were not supported by the record, particularly since the mother was no longer involved with the boyfriend. The Appellate Division, Third Department agreed and modified the order to eliminate the supervision requirement, and increased the mother’s parenting time, alternating holidays, and alternating weeks of the summer break.

“With this award from the Foundation, the Rural Law Center was able to undertake this project and will support the continuation of the project with organization funds. Thank you so much for considering this important project and supporting the work of the Rural Law Center of New York.”
Providing Emergency Support to Families Separated at the Border

Y.P. (16) and his younger brother, F.P., fled Guatemala together with their mother. The family crossed the US/Mexico border but were detained by immigration authorities. Under the new “Zero-Tolerance” policy, immigration officials removed the brothers from their mother, sending their mother to a detention center in Arizona and the children to a shelter in New York. After passing the credible fear interview and with the help of a volunteer group in New York, she was able to pay her bond and come to New York. After almost three months of separation, she reunited with her sons. The Door provides pro bono legal representation to the children in their claim for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

“The Door remains incredibly grateful to the New York Bar Foundation for responding quickly to the crisis of children being separated at the border, and supporting our Legal Services Center to provide these children with much needed legal and social service support. Your funding has enabled us and our pro bono partners to provide direct representation to 18 children, all of whom have successfully been released from detention. Thank you again for your emergency support.”
The New York Bar Foundation Funded Disability Rights New York’s Know Your Rights Traumatic Brain Injury Advocacy Project

Helping With Housing and Disability Matters

With help from the New York Bar Foundation, Disability Rights New York vigorously protected and enforced the rights of a 32-year-old survivor of traumatic brain injury (TBI). After residing for several years in a rehabilitation center, “Jim” suddenly received the facility’s unilateral determination that he was ready for discharge. The facility provided no financial support, transition counseling, or training on independent living skills. Rather, the facility proposed to deliver him to a homeless shelter in Manhattan.

As a result of the Disability Rights New York’s pro bono legal efforts, the facility withdrew its action to discharge and supported the client’s participation in the TBI Waiver and the reinstatement of Social Security benefits. DRNY negotiated extensively to secure discharge to an appropriate community setting as well as preparatory training on essential independent living skills. In addition, “Jim’s” attorneys successfully opposed restrictions on his access to the community and programs while his discharge was pending. “Jim” is now living in a new apartment and receives appropriate community based services.

“With the critical funding support of the New York Bar Foundation grant, DRNY exposed abuse, neglect and rights violations of people with disabilities stranded in a large institution.”
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Legacy donors provide a better tomorrow for generations of New Yorkers in need. Their gifts help the Foundation fund charitable and educational law-related projects in perpetuity – safeguarding access to justice and the rule of law in New York State.

A legacy gift is the greatest honor that a donor can bestow upon the Foundation. Your planned gift or bequest enables the Foundation to secure a better future for generations to come.

Please join these guardians of justice by making a bequest or establishing a planned gift to the Foundation of $1,000 or more. Contact Deborah Aupselmyer at (518) 487-5650, email daupselmyer@tnybf.org or download the Legacy Society form at https://tnybf.giftplans.org/pdf/Legacy_Society_form.pdf

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Putting My Ideals Into Action

What the New York Bar Foundation Means To Me

By Lauren J. Wachtler, board member and co-chair of the Development Committee

Three years ago, when I saw Lesley Rosenthal’s name come up on my phone, (even before she became President of the New York Bar Foundation) I picked it up and said what I usually say when Lesley calls: “The answer is No, what’s the question?” I can’t tell you how many times I’ve wanted to say “no” to Lesley (at least 100) and how many times I’ve succeeded (0). She asked if I would be interested in serving as a member of the Board of the Bar Foundation. And she said one thing which made all the difference in my decision to serve: “What makes me love serving on this board is handing a check to people who are doing good in the world and helping the underserved in our society.” And so I said yes. And I have never regretted it for a minute.

As a member of the board, and more specifically of the Grants Committee of the foundation, I have had the privilege of reviewing grant requests from organizations throughout New York State whose missions are to provide legal services, legal education and opportunities for lawyers to offer legal support to minorities, veterans, children, the elderly, and immigrants. These organizations are the voices of those who cannot or are unable to speak for themselves, and a beacon to help them navigate a complicated and often foreign and unfamiliar legal system. Having learned about the existence and work of so many of these organizations who seek grants to continue their work, has been almost as gratifying as handing them the checks to enable them to continue their work.

As a member of the board I beam with pride at being a part of the success of our emergency campaigns—whether it has been in our efforts to raise funds to provide relief from natural disasters, or to protect children who have immigrated to this country and been wrench from their homes and parents. There is not a single board or foundation staff member who has ever said “no” to any effort to help those in need. And it’s contagious. The shared enthusiasm, passion to right wrongs, concern for those in need, and consistent willingness to help, has enabled the New York Bar Foundation to increase donations from those who have already given generously in the past, to those who share my and every board member’s belief that you never miss the money you give to charity. When you see it in action, as I have, it is all the more gratifying.

As part of the strategic plan, we have adopted the World Justice Project’s definition of the ‘rule of law,’ which includes four universal principles:

- **Accountability:** that the government and private actors are accountable under the law;
- **Just Laws:** that the laws are clear and applied evenly to protect fundamental human rights;
- **Open Government:** the processes by which laws are enacted are accessible to all and fair; and
- **Accessibility and impartiality:** Justice is delivered in a timely manner by competent, ethical and independent representatives.

As a member of the board of the New York Bar Foundation, I am excited about embarking on this journey, and expanding the reach and impact of the foundation under the umbrella of the rule of law. And the next time Lesley calls I will most assuredly say “Yes. What’s the question?”
WELCOME NEW FELLOWS
Congratulations and Welcome to the New Fellows of 2018

The following Fellows have been elected by The Foundation Board of Directors for 2018 and have accepted this distinguished honor:

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James R. Barnes Elected Vice Chair of the Fellows

James Barnes is a shareholder of Burke & Casserly, P.C., which he first joined in 2005. He focuses his practice in elder law, trusts and estates, guardianship, special needs planning, business formation and succession planning, and real estate. Barnes is admitted to practice law in New York State and is also a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

Barnes is an active member of the New York State Bar Association, where he serves on the Executive Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section. In addition, he is currently the chair of the association’s Committee on Continuing Legal Education. He is a past chair of the association’s Young Lawyers Section. Barnes has also served on the association’s Executive Committee and House of Delegates, and on several special committees and task forces.

He also serves on the board of directors of The New York Bar Foundation.

Barnes will work with Fellows Chair Emily F. Franchina, Esq., (Franchina Law Group, LLC, Garden City) and the Fellows Judicial District Chairs from across New York State to increase the number of fellows and support fundraising efforts for the foundation grant program.

The Fellows of the New York Bar Foundation are distinguished members of the bench and bar who are recognized for outstanding professional achievement, dedication to the legal profession, and commitment to the organized bar.

Election to the Fellows is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the New York State Bar Association. For more information about the fellows visit the foundation website at www.tnybf.org
The Fellows of The New York Bar Foundation are instrumental in the success and growth of the organization. Each fellow is elected by the Board of Directors. Fellows are nominated for their outstanding professional achievement, dedication to the legal profession, and commitment to the organized bar. Every fellow makes a financial commitment to the foundation to support its grant making programing and acts as an ambassador for The Foundation.

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Foundation Awards Record-Breaking Number of Grants

105 legal services providers across New York State received Foundation aid in 2018

This was a milestone year for the grant program as 105 nonprofit programs across New York state received grants totaling nearly $700,000 from the New York Bar Foundation.

“In 2018 we presented the largest number of grants in anyone’s recollection,” notes Lucia Whisenand, Foundation Board Member and chair of its Grant Review Committee. “Successful fundraising initiatives leading to increased donor contributions have enabled us to provide grants to more than 100 programs.”

The Foundation’s grants help fund local programs that provide essential legal services to low-income individuals across the state. These services assist with essentials of life, such as preventing homelessness, aiding immigrants, ensuring veterans’ access to benefits, providing means of re-entry into civilian life to those recently released from prison, and protecting victims of domestic violence.

In an effort to increase awareness of the grant program and gain fresh perspectives on the services offered throughout the state, the Grant Review Committee expanded this year to include the Judicial District Chairs of the Fellows.

Richard Long, chair of the Sixth Judicial District Fellows, thanked the foundation for the opportunity to participate in the grant review process. “I thoroughly enjoyed the process and more fully appreciated the scope of requests. I hope to educate more organizations within my area of this opportunity.”

The foundation also harnessed technology to launch a new on-line grant application and management program. “Our goal is to modernize and simplify the process while increasing data reporting opportunities,” adds June Castellano, vice-chair of the Grant Review Committee. “The grant program has grown substantially and we wanted to make it easier for applicants, the grant committee, and staff to use.”

Funding for the grants comes from the generous contributions to the foundation by lawyers, law firms, corporations and others. Thank you for making this program possible.
2018 GRANTEES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Judicial District 1 (Manhattan)
- Boys and Girls Republic
- Brennan Center for Justice
- Cabrini Immigrant Services New York City
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York
- Center for Family Representation
- Community Service Society of New York
- Correctional Association of New York
- Feerick Center for Social Justice/Fordham Law School
- Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission of the Unified Court System
- Gay Men's Health Crisis
- Goddard Riverside Community Center
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
- Human Rights First
- inMotion Inc.
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF
- Lawyers for Children
- Legal Action Center
- Legal Information for Families Today
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- MFY Legal Services, Inc.
- National Center for Law and Economic Justice
- New York Asian Women's Center
- New York City Bar
- New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation
- New York County Lawyers' Association
- New York Foundling Hospital DBA/The New York Foundling
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Inc.
- New York Legal Assistance Group
- Pro Bono Net, Inc.
- Safe Horizon, Inc.
- Start Small. Think Big., Inc.
- The Door-A Center of Alternatives, Inc.
- The Legal Aid Society
- UnLocal, Inc.
- Urban Justice Center
- Volunteers of Legal Service
- Youth Represent

Judicial District 2 (Kings County)
- Brooklyn Defender Services
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
- CAMBA, Inc.
- Catholic Migration Services, Inc.
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York
- JustFix, Inc.
- Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
- The Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
- The Children's Law Center

Judicial District 3 (Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Sullivan, Ulster counties)
- Bethlehem Youth Court, Inc.
- Capital District Women's Bar Association
- Center for Law and Justice, Inc.
- Disability Rights New York
- Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York
- New York State Defenders Association, Inc.
- NYSBA Committee on Diversity (formerly Committee on Minorities in the Profession)
- NYSBA Law, Youth & Citizenship Program
- Prisoners' Legal Services of New York
- United Tenants of Albany, Inc.

Judicial District 4 (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington counties)
- Association of New York State Youth Courts
- Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Rural Law Center of New York, Inc.
- The Center for Community Justice, Inc.

Judicial District 5 (Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, Oneida, Onondaga Counties)
- Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society
- Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc.
- Onondaga CASA
- Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.
- Youth Court Jefferson County

Judicial District 6 (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, Tompkins counties)
- Horseheads Family Resource Center
- Mental Health Association of Erie County
- NYSBA Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction
- Western New York Law Center, Inc.

Judicial District 7 (Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates counties)
- CASA of Rochester/Monroe County
- Empire Justice Center
- Hillside Children's Foundation
- Legal Aid Society of Rochester, Inc.
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.
- Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.
- The Center for Youth Services, Inc.
- Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County
- Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.

Judicial District 8 (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming counties)
- Center for Elder Law and Justice
- Genesee County CASA for Children
- Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
- NYSBA Law, Youth & Citizenship Program
- Part of the Solution
- South Bronx United
- Thurgood Marshall Junior Mock Trial Program, Inc.
The mission of the Young Lawyer Friends of the Foundation is to engage and inspire young lawyers to understand and promote the goals of the New York Bar Foundation. Members act as foundation ambassadors promoting its mission, while assisting in raising additional resources to support legal services through the foundation’s grant program.

A member of the Young Lawyer Friends of The Foundation encompasses anyone within the New York State Bar Association, in practice ten years or less, that makes an annual financial contribution of at least $30 to the New York Bar Foundation.

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The Young Lawyer Friends of The Foundation and NYSBA’s Young Lawyers Section led the online 24-hour giving campaign to raise funds to support the foundation’s grant program with a special focus on veteran’s legal services projects. Colleagues, families and friends raised more than $10,000.

Kelly W., a veteran assisted by a grant shares, “I am so glad I attended the Veteran Outreach Legal Clinic as I was treated with kindness and respect while receiving excellent advice from the volunteer attorney. As a veteran it was comforting to know that I could get answer to my legal questions in a stress free environment and will recommend the legal clinic to other local veterans.”

Congratulations to board member and fellow Donald C. Doerr (JD5) who appeared on the leaderboard as the top fundraiser and being the most social, followed closely by fellow John Christopher (JD10).

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“I am delighted to see New York lawyers unite again with their families and friends in support of the foundation’s ‘Lawyers Love Veterans’ challenge. I express my deep gratitude to the leadership and members of the Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association for helping us surpass this year’s fundraising goals and keeping alive our national tradition to appreciate and support our dearest heroes - our beloved veterans.” M. Salman Ravala, Esq. chair, Young Lawyer Friends of the Foundation
The New York Bar Foundation Assists Law Students in Gaining Insight and Experience

The Catalyst program was developed to encourage and enable first year law students to gain practical legal experience in public service. Created in 2016 by a donation of unused campaign funds from the Janet DiFiore for District Attorney Committee before she became the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the program has grown significantly since its inception. The program is coordinated with law schools that match stipends so that each student receives a $5,000 Fellowship.

In its first three years of inception 110 students received fellowships totaling $550,000, half of which was allocated from the Catalyst program, with the balance coming from their law schools. Because of the support of many firms within New York State, the program has grown significantly from its first year, when fellowships were presented to students from 10 of the 15 law schools in New York State.

$260,000 in fellowships were granted in 2018 (half from Catalyst and half from participating law schools) to 54 law students from 14 New York State law schools.

Catalyst Fellows are also invited to visit the Court of Appeals in Albany. During “Catalyst Day” at the Court of Appeals, the Chief Judge greets the students, they receive a tour of the Court of Appeals Hall, and during lunch, each of the Court of Appeals Judges comes by and talks to the students about how public service was meaningful in their career.

“From a young age, I knew that I wanted to be an attorney. I never knew for sure what type of legal field I wanted to practice, but one thing was always clear; I wanted to give back to my community. Public service is one of the best gifts lawyers can give to society and the Catalyst Fellowship opens the door to that possibility for law students and young attorneys.

This summer at the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, I was given an invaluable experience. I was exposed to legal public service at the highest level. This opportunity was only possible because of the Catalyst Fellowship. Fortunately for me and the other fellows, Catalyst allowed us the opportunity to practice our dreams without monetary fears.”

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Through its partnerships with NYSBA sections and its role as administrator of the Catalyst Public Service Fellowship program, the foundation presented more than $215,000 in fellowships and scholarships in 2018. Generous support from donors, law firms and the sections enable us to provide invaluable educational and experiential opportunities to law students from across New York state.

In addition to the following awards, 12 students were presented with Honorable Judith S. Kaye Children and the Law Committee Scholarships. The scholarship, established through a special project of the Committee on Children and the Law of the New York State Bar Association, assists students who will age out or have aged out of foster care with a permanency goal of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA), who are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or post-high school certificate program. Students must demonstrate a school-related financial need other than tuition that is not being met by other sources. More than $12,000 in scholarships was distributed.

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“I came out of this summer different than when I came in. I know that public interest is what I’m meant to do. I want to help people, and I’m good at it. This summer opened my eyes to the fact that there are so many facets to Family Law and public interest worth exploring. I could not be more appreciative to the Catalyst Public Service program. Without it, I would not have been able to take part in this amazing learning experience: learning about the law, and more importantly, learning about myself and my future in service.”

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# 2018 Financial Report

## Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2018  
(Before Audit)

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:
- Cash, including interest bearing accounts: $675,938
- Investments: $5,393,183
- Cy Pres Fund: $61,374
- Endowed Funds: $720,687
- Catalyst Fund: $966,282
- Accounts receivable: $40,609

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS**: $7,858,073

#### FIXED ASSETS AT COST:
- Land: $766,731
- Building: $9,655,174
- Furniture, fixtures and library: $156,377

**Less accumulated depreciation**: $6,020,855

**NET FIXED ASSETS**: $4,557,427

**TOTAL ASSETS**: $12,415,500

## Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2018  
(Before Audit)

### REVENUES:
- Contributions received: $517,026
- Rent: $302,229
- Income from investments: $374,725
- Fellows net income: $128,506
- Other: $12,825

**TOTAL REVENUES**: $1,335,311

### GRANTS AND EXPENSES:
- Grants:
  - Unrestricted: $217,783
  - From restricted contributions: $297,686
  - Cy Pres: $1,557

- Expenses:
  - Distributions from Restricted Funds: $266,317
  - Auditing: $8,000
  - Salaries & fringe: $166,825
  - Depreciation: $151,214
  - General and administrative: $110,642

**TOTAL REVENUES**: $1,399,582

**DECREASE IN NET ASSETS**: $(64,271)

## Financial Position
As of December 31, 2018  
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### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:
- Deferred Income: $7,375
- Accounts Payable: $11,130

**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES**: $18,505

#### NET ASSETS:
- Board Designated for:
  - Endowed Assets: $720,687
  - Restricted Assets: $1,268,965
  - Cy Pres Net Assets: $61,374

**UNDESIGNATED**: $10,345,969

**TOTAL NET ASSETS**: $12,396,995

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**: $12,415,500
Art and The Rule of Law

The Modern Tower of Babel: The Dream

The cover of this year's report is the image of one of several works of art done by Elizabeth Pyjov, a J.D. candidate from Harvard Law School. As part of an assignment on the rule of law, Elizabeth created seven works of art as a way to bring to life both the history of the rule of law (narrative) and the research of the World Justice Forum from 2016 (statistics). She states, “By representing the concepts visually, I hope these paintings create a space to pause, look, think, and reflect on the rule of law.”

Her paintings on the subject are personal as her parents left Russia in the early 1990s because of the lawlessness they witnessed throughout their lives under the Soviet Union. They wanted to go to a place with constraints on government power, with a regulated system of civil and criminal justice, and where human rights were respected. She continues, “Those who live under a corrupt government regime become victims in more than one way: both mentally and politically. I try to highlight this in my paintings by showing labyrinths. The image of a labyrinth that winds left and right, forward and backward, but does not lead anywhere symbolizes a lack of rule of law.” Elizabeth also uses chessboards in her paintings, because chess is “transparent; it is clear and open, and anyone can observe the game. It lays out set rules that govern the interactions between actors, and those rules apply evenly.”

The Foundation selected this image, the last of the series, as Elizabeth wanted to evoke a sense of the direction in which she hopes the rule of law goes. The painting is a visual reference to a famous Tower of Babel painting by Peter Breughel the Elder. The Tower of Babel remains a powerful image of a united humanity and cooperation across languages and cultures reminding us of the similarities of service to public and the passion for improvements in the administration of justice.