The faces and stories of those we help.
A Message to The Fellows

As I complete my first year as Chair of The Fellows I have to share how pleased I have been working with the best of the legal profession. The support and charitable actions of The Fellows is inspiring. Your passion for the legal profession and making a difference through The Foundation is remarkable.

We describe The Fellows of The New York Bar Foundation as ambassadors for The Foundation; members of the bench and bar who are recognized for outstanding professional achievement, for dedication to the legal profession, and for your commitment to the organized bar.

But you are so much more…you are truly the leaders in your communities. You are the people who roll up their sleeves in so many ways to get the job done and open your hearts to those in need. As financial contributors to The Foundation you give so that others may receive the legal assistance they deserve. You understand that the law is a learned occupation and is inescapably a public calling.

I encourage you to read through the Fellows listings within this annual report and acknowledge your colleagues who share the same passion. If you know of someone who would qualify as a Fellow, please reach out to The Foundation to nominate them.

I look forward to working with you this year and thank you for being a Fellow, for making a difference, for supporting The New York Bar Foundation!

Emily F. Franchina
Chair of The Fellows

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President’s Message

As I write this column it seems impossible that my three-year term as President of The Foundation is approaching an end. It’s been a whirlwind of activity: pausing to review the 2014 Annual Report is the perfect time for me to reflect.

Our year has been marked by change, with a new strategic plan, new Board members, new fundraising challenges. What hasn’t changed is the fundamental mission of The Foundation: what began in 1950 as a volunteer board supported by NYSBA to facilitate and improve the administration of justice is doing just that, 65 years later.

In striving to make a difference in the lives of those who desperately need but cannot obtain legal services, The Foundation has remained constant in its purpose, but has evolved as a modern and professionally administered non-profit organization. As I reflect on my own two decades of service on the Board of Directors, I recognize and applaud the passion and leadership of my colleagues, past and present, who have worked to grow the organization to where we are today.

Over the last few years The Foundation has had some significant challenges including hiring new staff, developing disaster relief efforts, and facing economic downturns. I am proud to say that we have overcome these hurdles through a collegial environment of partnership, transparency, communication, and growth.

I will be passing the gavel with confidence, knowing we are headed to new successes. The Board has built a solid base for continued growth and meeting change in a proactive way. We are committed to our strategic plan goals of increasing revenue and visibility of The Foundation. These pillars will enable us to continue to assist organizations across New York State that provide legal services to those in need. In demonstrating the philanthropic nature of attorneys, we elevate our profession.

We know that these efforts make a difference. We realize the needs continue to grow. We are committed to closing the gap on affordable justice. Through focused communication, utilization of technology-enhanced giving methods, and the dedication and passion of the Foundation team and the wonderful support of our donors, the future looks bright.

Thank you for being part of The New York Bar Foundation,

Cristine Cioffi
President

You Make a Difference

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to present the 2014 Annual Report. It has been a year of focus and transition as we worked to develop a new strategic plan to grow The Foundation in ways to be able to provide more assistance to those in need of legal services.

I am fortunate to have been able to meet and speak with many of the grantees The Foundation assists throughout the year and hear the remarkable stories of how your gifts and commitment to the legal profession make a difference in people’s lives in profound ways.

The number of people who volunteer to support The Foundation through committee and board work is valued and appreciated by all; the gifts of the generous donors, Fellows and NYSBA Sections who sustain our grant and other programs matter; the combined efforts of each of you through The Foundation are remarkable.

I invite you to read the enclosed stories of those whose lives you have impacted and know that you have made a difference through The New York Bar Foundation.

Deborah Auspelmyer
Director of Development and Administration
Poverty, homelessness, elder abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, housing and workforce issues; all of these topics have been in the headlines this past year demonstrating the continued need to provide legal representation to the underserved and vulnerable people who cannot typically access legal services.

The legal challenges of the recipients encompass life-changing matters such as guardianships, bankruptcy, foreclosures, debt collection, and consumer debt.

Funding for the grants comes from contributions to The Foundation by lawyers, law firms, corporations and others. One hundred percent of their donations are awarded to beneficiary organizations, complementing the efforts of local organizations and positively impacting the lives of many in New York State. The ripple effect of the program is significant as many of our grantees work with organizations in neighboring counties to provide an extensive reach of services.

As the charitable and philanthropic entity of the New York State Bar Association, The Foundation makes grants in four major areas including: increasing public understanding of the law; improving the justice system and the law; facilitating the delivery of legal services; and enhancing professional competence and ethics.

Through the diligent work of the Grant Review Committee and The Foundation Board of Directors, in 2014 sixty-seven grants were presented to non-profit organizations that provide legal services across New York State totaling $392,500.
2014 Grantees by Judicial District

Judicial District 1 (Manhattan)
- Brennan Center for Justice
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York (Attendance Achievement Program -- South Bronx)
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York (Greenpoint Youth Court)
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York (Harlem Youth Court)
- Center for Family Representation (CFR)
- Correctional Association of New York
- Feerick Center for Social Justice/Fordham Law School
- Gay Men’s Health Crisis
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF
- Lawyers for Children
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- MFY Legal Services, Inc.
- New York Civil Liberties Union
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Inc. (NYLPI)
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
- Pro Bono Net, Inc.
- Resilience Advocacy Project
- South Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc.
- The Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
- The Door - A Center of Alternatives, Inc. for the Legal Services
- Urban Justice Center
- Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) (The New York LawHelp Consortium/LawHelp NY)

Judicial District 2 (Kings County)
- The Center for Youth Services, Inc.
- The Children’s Law Center

Judicial District 3 (Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Ulster counties)
- Association of New York State Youth Courts
- Bethlehem Youth Court, Inc.
- Capital District Women’s Bar Association (CDWBA) (Immigration Legal Network)
- Children’s Law Center (Greenpoint Youth Court)
- Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Empire Justice Center (formerly Greater Upstate Law Project (GULP))
- 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.
- The Partnership for Ontario County, Inc.
- Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County (VLSP)

Judicial District 4 (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington counties)
- Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse

Judicial District 5 (Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates counties)
- Empire Justice Center (formerly Greater Upstate Law Project (GULP))
- 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.

Judicial District 6 (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming counties)
- Child and Adolescent Treatment Services
- Genesee County CASA for Children
- Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
- Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc.
- Wyoming County Youth Bureau

Judicial District 7 (Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates counties)
- Empire Justice Center (formerly Greater Upstate Law Project (GULP))
- 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.

Judicial District 8 (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming counties)
- Child and Adolescent Treatment Services
- Genesee County CASA for Children
- Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
- Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc.
- Wyoming County Youth Bureau

Judicial District 9 (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester counties)
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services)
- My Sisters’ Place, Inc.
- Pace Women’s Justice Center

Judicial District 10 (Nassau, Suffolk counties)
- Bellport Area Community Action Committee, Inc.
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Mercy Haven, Inc.
- NYSBA Law, Youth & Citizenship Program (PATCH 2014)

Judicial District 11 (Queens County)
- Catholic Migration Services, Inc.
- Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
- St. John’s University

Judicial District 12 (Bronx County)
- Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families
- Start Small. Think Big, Inc.
- The Bronx Defenders
- Thurgood Marshall Junior Mock Trial Program, Inc.

Judicial District 13 (Richmond County)
- Richmond County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
Congratulations and welcome to the new Fellows of 2014

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Amy G. Bermingham, Esq.; Ehrenkranz & Ehrenkranz, LLP, New York
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Michael L. Cook, Esq., Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, New York
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Carl L. DiStefano, Esq.; Office Of NY Attorney General Charities Bureau, New York
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Joshua Epstein, Esq.; Davis & Gilbert LLP, New York
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Richard Fromewick, Esq.; Meyer Suozzi English & Klein PC, Garden City
Lisa R. Schoenfeld, Esq.; Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos PLLC, Garden City
Reports show that New York has been receiving an influx of undocumented immigrant youth who are fleeing to the United States for a variety of heart-wrenching reasons: to escape gang violence, hunger, poverty and sexual brutality. Without a green card, these children struggle to find employment, cannot receive financial aid to attend college and may participate in illegal activities as a means to get by financially.

The Door, one of the recipients of a Foundation grant, received funding for its Legal Services for Undocumented Immigrant Youth project to provide critical support, advice, and counsel to undocumented immigrant youth through the Legal Services Center.

**Meet Martin**

Martin came to the United States from Haiti when he was 15, having just survived the 2010 earthquake. Alone and undocumented, he ended up in an abusive household where the threat of deportation loomed and he was constantly afraid. Eventually he ran away.

Fortunately he was enrolled at Broome Street Academy (BSA), a charter high school partnered with and co-located at The Door. Staff immediately connected Martin to The Door’s Runaway and Homeless Youth team to make sure he had food, clothing and shelter, and to the Legal Center, where he could begin applying for a green card. More than that, The Door was there for him when no one else was: late one night, after being wrongfully arrested, Martin was shocked to see the director of the Legal Center coming to bail him out and bring him for immediate emergency foster care placement. “I just kept saying thank you, thank you, thank you, so many times,” Martin recalls.

Now a senior at BSA, Martin has recently obtained his green card and has his sights set on life after graduation. His advice for other undocumented youth: “Know that there’s no reason to be scared. There are people who can help.”
Start Small. Think Big. was also a grantee of The Foundation for its Small Business Legal Project. The project provides legal services and educational legal programming to small business owners with limited resources.

As the application noted, starting a business is a principal way for a select but significant number of low-income people to accumulate assets that give them a stake in society. Still, while small businesses are a pathway out of poverty for many, the risk of failure is high. One of the most significant challenges that low-income entrepreneurs face is lack of affordable high-quality legal services. Jennifer DaSilva, Founder and Executive Director explains, “With critical support from The New York Bar Foundation, Start Small. Think Big.’s programming has grown exponentially over the last two years. The number of pro bono volunteers engaged increased 67% in 2013. The number of hours of pro bono services provided increased 36%, and the value of those services increased a dramatic 173% (to almost $3 million in 2013). Demand for our services continues to increase, in fact, applications for assistance are up 30%.”

Meet Izaskun
Izaskun Zabala’s name translates to “star in the hand”—quite fitting for this up-and-coming designer who creates beautiful, handmade jewelry at her Brooklyn studio. Following her heart and intuition, she’s pursuing her dreams and taking on the challenges of a rapidly expanding small business with Start Small. Think Big.’s help. Over the course of the last year Start Small and two teams of pro bono attorneys have helped Izaskun negotiate a non-disclosure agreement received from an interested buyer and assist with various entity formation and intellectual property matters. Izaskun’s business is growing quickly and she is now in the process of hiring her first employee.

When asked how it feels to own her own business, Izaskun replied, “I get to use my own ideas and be creative while making an impact and difference in my neighborhood. I answer to my customers rather than a boss so it’s easier to cater to my customers’ needs; and I have flexibility, I get to make my own choices.”

Elder Law Staff Attorney Kyle Stellar shares…”A client who happens to be terminally ill requested that I draft a will, health care proxy, and power of attorney for her. She cried after we executed the documents because she felt “peace of mind,” as her affairs had been settled, and also because she would not have been able to afford this service through a private attorney. These past few months, I have seen a sharp increase in the amount of clients looking to have these types of instruments executed, and I have been able to provide them with the same service.”
By William J. Keniry, Esq., Board Member of The New York Bar Foundation

In this article, I propose to relate to the reader a glimpse of one large operation of The New York Bar Foundation and more specifically its Grant Review Committee.

In 2013, I was named a Director of The Board of The Bar Foundation, ready to undertake its charitable endeavors. I was eager but not knowledgeable as to what lay ahead. In due course, I was tasked with service on the Grant Review Committee. Early in my service, other Board members described for me the nature of the voluminous grant applications and variations of their compelling content.

In general, the Committee is besieged by applications submitted by highly worthy 501(c)(3) organizations, all seeking funds to benefit their specific benevolent missions.

Grant applications arrive to Committee members in sequence over a hundred at a time boxed and indexed and itemized. The process is manifestly competitive for hopeful applicants. Receipt of a grant from The Foundation is prestigious. Donors are kind, intelligent and sophisticated.

The initial screening and preliminary review of each individual application is undertaken by the Foundation’s Director of Development and Administration, Deborah Auspelmyer. Each grant application is then assigned to an individual member of the Committee. That person carefully and comprehensively reviews the application. What do we look for? Maximum impact on a substantial group of people is very important. A demonstrated need for the intended service must exist. The grant applicant’s development history, funding, and prior grant receipts from the Foundation are important.

If the facial screening criteria are met, each application is orally presented to the members of the Committee. Each member of the Committee is responsible for reviewing about ten grant applications per grant cycle and making an oral presentation with a specific recommendation. At the conclusion of the presentation members of the Committee discuss the application and ask wide ranging and explorative questions. The mission is discussed as well as maximizing impact on people, funding sources, and the funding recommendation of the reviewer. After discussion is complete the recommendation is voted upon. The outcome of the vote determines the recommendation of the Committee to the full Board of Directors.

The effort is intense
The work of the Committee is unique and challenging. Every grant application has merit. Each organization and the individuals served virtually always deserve funding. The dollars to be granted are precious and limited and therefore, the effort is at times intense.

Last year I was a freshman member. I was tasked to review an application focused within the Foundation’s mission: Facilitating the Delivery of Legal Services. Seemingly this is an obvious and benign part of the Foundation’s overall mission. Traditional natures of legal services provided to the poor immediately came to mind.

The grantee applicant was entirely unknown to me. I read the application. I applied the criteria. The application was quite distinct among well known applicants that do great work and receive funds. I found that the not-for-profit applicant organization was supported by 20 private law firms and that it annually delivers no less than $3 million in pro bono services. The application was made on behalf of a business incubator for low income and limited resource entrepreneurs with its office located in an inner city. I found that 99% of all business establishments in inner city neighborhoods are small businesses and that 80% of the job base is from small business. The project, if funded, would facilitate over 20 legal workshops, serve close to 300 entrepreneurs, and 20 such clients with one-on-one legal services monthly. A grant from the Foundation had the potential to create opportunity and employment. I was con-
“Attorneys in a corporate or business practice environment are often deprived of the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful touch of this nature. Causing a positive outcome for a paying client is different. Sure there is satisfaction and gratification for hard work, a win, and a job well done. There is no professional experience quite like quietly producing a wonderful outcome for a grateful client that started with nothing. That is what is happening at the New York State Bar Foundation.” William J. Keniry, Esq.

I made my oral presentation to the Committee and it was well received. We voted to recommend funding the grant with $10,000. My work was done.

Flash forward to my very first full Board of Directors meeting at which all Directors are present and the Committee’s work is reviewed by the full Board for its final approval or disapproval. Prepared to vote, the question was called by the Chairwoman, and then a Director raised his hand with a specific inquiry concerning one particular grantee. The Director making the inquiry is an experienced and highly respected attorney.

His question was: “What is this Start Small. Think Big.?”

The Chairwoman inquired aloud, who reviewed this application? I raised my hand and all eyes turned to me in complete silence.

I described that Start Small. Think Big., Inc., provides legal services to small businesses in the five boroughs and is based in the South Bronx. I described legal services provided to about 900 unique entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout the city. The services run the gamut from help in choosing the right entity, protecting IP, contracts, employment, leasing and risk management, among many others. I described its funding as not predominately from government, but rather from fundraising and grants.

My fellow Directors listened quietly and intently with their full attention. No thumb typing or shuffling papers.

The feeling of accomplishment
We voted. It was unanimous. My recommendation was followed. We granted $10,000 to Start Small. Think Big., Inc. I felt good about the outcome and I had confidence that we had made the correct decision to grant precious funds. We carefully applied our criteria to determine need. I studied that application and I scoured it for holes or inaccuracy. I was circumspect in my analysis. I believed what I read and I had confidence in the opportunities we could create. Yet I did not have empirical evidence in hand that the funding would actually work.

A year passed and this fall the big box of grant applications again arrived at my firm. I tore into it and found an application from Start Small. Think Big., Inc.

An excerpt of the results is featured in this report.

Our grant of funds, previously donated to The Foundation, had made a difference.

As a result of the legal services provided, the products of one client are now sold in 11 stores, one in Chicago, and others in the South and on the West Coast. The stores employ many people.

The mission of The Foundation is compelling. The medical profession long ago dignified the “giving back” component in the practice of medicine. Lawyers can do it too. Organizations like Start Small. Think Big, Inc., provide an often unknown or unnoticed venue for lawyers to demonstrate the best aspects of our professional service – helping people.

“The number of hours and time that the Grant Review Committee puts into reviewing the applications is testimony to their passion to making a difference. To be able to hear how the grants impact these organizations and the people within our communities is heartwarming and supports the good work of The Foundation. I thank everyone for their commitment and efforts to this process.”

Lucia B. Whisenand
Chair of the Grant Review Committee
Your gifts impact generations

The New York Bar Foundation Legacy Society

We thank each member of The New York Bar Foundation Legacy Society who has designated a planned gift to benefit The Foundation. The members of this prestigious group represent those with concern for The Foundation’s past, present and future by making contributions for future charitable and educational law-related projects for people who will be impacted for generations to come.

You can become a member of The New York Bar Foundation Legacy Society by designating a minimum $1,000 bequest to The Foundation in your will or by establishing a planned gift with The Foundation.

Please contact Deborah Auspelmyer, at (518) 487-5650, email dauspelmyer@tnybf.org or download the form at www.tnybf.org/legacysocietyform.

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Meet The Fellows

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.

District Chairs of The Fellows

The following Fellows serve as Chair or Co-Chair of The Fellows in the 13 Judicial Districts of the State of New York:

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Sylvia Fung Chin
New York

Second
Mark A. Longo
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Third
Susan Carroll Picotte
Albany

Fourth
Peter V. Coffey
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Eleventh
David L. Cohen
Kew Gardens

Twelfth
Hon. Richard Lee Price
Bronx

Thirteenth
Andrea S. Morse
Staten Island

Chair of The Fellows
Emily F. Franchina
Garden City

Vice-Chair of The Fellows
James B. Ayers
Albany
Circle of Giving Members

The Circle of Giving categories recognize individual Fellows who have made a major commitment to The Foundation by contributing or pledging to contribute gifts ranging from $3,000 to $50,000.

All Fellows are invited to enhance their pledge by becoming a member of a Circle of Giving or moving to a higher circle. Each Fellow becomes a Life Member of a Circle upon fulfillment of the pledge.

The Foundation thanks all our esteemed Fellows for their support.

Learned Hand Circle ($50,000)
* Gregory J. Guercio
* Robert L. Haig
* E. Stewart Jones

Thurgood Marshall Circle ($25,000)
* Richard J. Bartlett
* John H. Gross
* John R. Horan
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  * John J. Kenney
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The New York Bar Foundation has been entrusted by federal courts to receive distributions of cy pres or residual funds in class action cases and other settlements. The Foundation applies the residual funds as grant awards to support charitable or educational projects. Upon request, the Foundation also provides monitoring and accountability services to the Court.

2014 brought one of the largest settlements to The Foundation through the distribution of a $2.3 million settlement as part of the Charron, et al. v. Pinnacle Group NY LLC, et. al., case as part of a court order from the Honorable Colleen McMahon, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

The cy pres funds are being disbursed by The Foundation to two grantees, The Legal Aid Society and Legal Services NYC, as part of the court order for furtherance of the provision of tenant assistance and support in Pinnacle Buildings.

**Additional distributions of cy pres funds to The Foundation in 2014 included:**

- Roth v. Taro Pharmaceuticals, Amount of Distribution: $875.31
- Kleinman v. RHl Entertainment Inc., Amount of Distribution: $3110.97
- In re Sunopta Inc. Securities Litigation, Amount of Distribution: $2,035.89
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- Howard Levine v. Atricure, Inc., et al., Amount of Distribution $947.27
- In re Orion Securities Litigation, Amount of Distribution $1,053.20

Through Foundation grant awards in 2015, the funds will be directed to aid charitable and educational projects to help meet the law-related needs of the public and the legal profession. “These funds are significant to our grant program,” notes Cy Pres Committee Chair, Susan B. Lindenauer. “We received a 25% increase in grant applications for the 2015 cycle. The funds will have a meaningful impact on the organizations we assist.”
Donors and Sections of The New York State Bar Association impact the future of the law profession through The Foundation by providing invaluable real-life experiences to law students across the state. These educational opportunities give students the platform and knowledge to build a solid base for their career goals while attracting extraordinary law students to the profession who may not otherwise have the finances or opportunities to succeed in this field.

Meet Anna Federico, $6,000 Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Fellowship Recipient, Albany Law School

Created by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, the fellowship is designed to increase the representation of lawyers and students from a diverse range of backgrounds in commercial litigation. The 2014 fellowship took place in the Chambers of Justice Marcy Friedman, Justice of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of New York.

Following are snippets of the experience shared by Ms. Federico.

“Throughout the internship I learned many things about practicing law that have assisted me in my endeavors and that I will continue to use throughout my legal career. A textbook can teach you the law but there are certain skills you must learn through experience and observation.

“The opportunity to observe how attorneys maintain their cordial relationships while competing and advocating for their client was an invaluable experience that I will also practice for the rest of my legal career.

“As a result of seeing first-hand what goes into every lawsuit, I have learned that necessary to surviving the practice of law is the ability to manage your time, taking into account many different factors…. 

“What I take away from this experience is not only the particular skills mentioned above but that while practicing law in any capacity, one will continue to learn and to grow as a professional and an individual and it can be very rewarding. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to taking the skills that I have learned here and using them to continue to learn throughout my career.”

Additional Recipients Include:

Antitrust Section Law Fellowship ($6,000 each)

John Knight
Columbia Law School

Maxwell Meadows
Fordham University School of Law

Both interned in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in New York City.
Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowships ($5,000 each)

**Amanda Karpovich**, Buffalo Law School; interned in the chambers of the Honorable Barbara Howe of Erie County Surrogate’s Court.

![Hannah Carmel](image)

Hannah Carmel  
Touro Law

Interned in the chambers of the Honorable Rita Maria Mella of New York County Surrogate’s Court.

**The Honorable Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Fellowship ($5,000)**

**Ned Schultheis**  
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Interned with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

**Judge Bernard S. Meyer Scholarship ($5,000)**

**Kimberly Waldin**  
Albany Law School

Received the scholarship for her paper “Trash: Getting Rid of Unwanted Children through ‘Private Re-Homing’.”

“Both the research that I conducted and the engagement by the litigation teams in discussing the impact of my research on the cases will greatly contribute to my success as an attorney. Applying my skills in writing and legal research to the contours of criminal practice enhanced my understanding of the dual factors of fact and law in determining the outcome of a case.

“Additionally, the constructive feedback I received helped to acclimate me to the operating procedures of both the office and the case teams. The emphasis throughout my internship on protecting the rights of the defendants, while pursuing the general public’s and potential victims’ interest in the prosecution reinforced the value of work performed by the Department of Justice.

“Working in the New York Field Office helped me to differentiate and improve the skills and knowledge necessary for criminal versus civil antitrust work, as well as antitrust work as compared to other areas of the law. Comments on my work product throughout the summer helped to improve my writing and research, and the strength of my application of the legal research to the facts at hand.

“The New York Bar Foundation Fellowship provided me with a great opportunity to advance my education, my experience, and possibly my career.”

Maxwell Meadows
Young Lawyers Section Community Service and Pro Bono Committee Cycled for Foundation

On a hot night in July over twenty young lawyers from New York gathered at SoulCycle in Manhattan for a charity indoor cycling ride for The New York Bar Foundation.

An initiative of the Community Service and Pro Bono Committee of the Young Lawyers Section from the New York State Bar Association, the event was the first geared toward assisting The New York Bar Foundation.

The New York Bar Foundation thanks the Young Lawyers Section and those who participated in helping us fulfill our mission. Your gift matters!

The Foundation at Work

The New York Bar Foundation has awarded more than $4.5 million in program support fulfilling urgent legal needs across the state since 2008. The basic needs of communities, however, continue to grow.

Recognizing that more must be done to close the justice gap, The Foundation’s board embarked on ambitious new goals to double its grantmaking over the next three years.

Programs funded by The Foundation help New Yorkers gain veterans’ benefits, Foundation Board Members work on defining the goals of the organization. Shown are Joseph V. McCarthy, James R. Barnes, Susan L. Lindenauer, James Ayers, William Keniry, and Richard Raysman.
help domestic violence survivors escape a violent and dangerous home, and assist communities in recovering from disaster-related losses. All are profound, life changing circumstances that are successful because of the commitment of the legal profession to making a difference in providing legal services.

There are several ways you can join us in our fundraising efforts by:

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• Consider making a major gift or bequest to The Foundation

• Celebrating occasions by making a gift in recognition or honor of someone’s accomplishments

• As a Fellow, moving up to the next Circle of Giving

The gifts received by The Foundation are directed back into the needs of our communities, enabling attorneys and other donors who care about access to legal services in New York to participate in the long-lasting, profound impact of The Foundation’s grantmaking.

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Oftentimes there are occasions when you would like to do “something special” to celebrate a special occasion for a loved one or colleague. Making a contribution to The New York Bar Foundation in honor of a friend, colleague or loved one on a special occasion is a fitting way to acknowledge the occasion and to support law-related charitable and educational programs. Examples of such occasions might include: the anniversary of a firm, the promotion of a colleague, receiving a special professional honor or passing the bar exam.

Among many, we support programs that are helping to provide...

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- Free Legal Services for Immigrant Workers
- Law-related Education for Students and Teachers
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- Advocacy for Children in Foster Care

The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo was a grant recipient for their Reentry Program. The program facilitates the delivery of civil legal services to persons reentering society after a period of incarceration or who are struggling with legal barriers to housing, employment, family reunification, or education as a result of a criminal conviction.

“We at Legal Aid are extremely grateful for The Bar Foundation’s support of this project. I cannot overstate the importance of this grant in helping us establish our Reentry initiative… Thank you very much for your support.”

Michele M. Finn, Chief Administrator
### Financial Report
**As of December 31, 2014**
*(Before Audit)*

#### ASSETS
**CURRENT ASSETS:**
- Cash, including interest bearing accounts: $326,316
- Investments: 5,212,857
- Cy Pres Fund: 73,436
- Endowed Funds: 718,808
- Accounts receivable: 155,158
- **TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:** $6,486,575

**FIXED ASSETS AT COST:**
- Land: 766,731
- Building: 9,655,174
- Furniture, fixtures and library: 158,636
- Less accumulated depreciation: 5,415,225
- **NET FIXED ASSETS:** $5,165,316

**TOTAL ASSETS:** $11,651,891

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**
- Deferred Fellows Dinner Income: 1,405
- Accounts Payable: 35,987
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES:** $37,392

**BOARD DESIGNATED FOR:**
- Endowed Assets: $718,808
- Restricted Assets: 167,153
- Cy Pres Net Assets: 73,436
- Undesignated: 10,655,102
- **NET ASSETS:** $11,614,499

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:** $11,651,891

### Statement of Activities
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**
*(Before Audit)*

#### REVENUES:
- Contributions received:
  - Unrestricted: $136,955
  - Restricted: 120,614
  - Cy Pres: 1,248,436
  - **TOTAL REVENUES:** $1,506,005
- Rent: 282,500
- Interest on investments: 146,098
- Fellows net income: 144,306
- **TOTAL REVENUES:** $2,078,909

#### GRANTS AND EXPENSES:
- Grants:
  - Unrestricted: 360,737
  - From restricted contributions: 26,000
  - Cy Pres: 1,185,763
  - **TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES:** $1,572,500
- Expenses:
  - Distributions from Restricted Funds: 48,250
  - Auditing: 8,000
  - Salaries & fringe: 149,529
  - Depreciation: 151,595
  - General and administrative: 92,717
  - **TOTAL EXPENSES:** $450,091
- **EXCESS OF GRANTS AND EXPENSES OVER REVENUE:** $56,318
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