

THE LOUISVILLE BAR FOUNDATION



LBF Elects Officers for 2024

Charles H. Stopher is the incoming President of the Louisville Bar Foundation for 2024. Stopher is a partner with Boehl, Stopher & Graves. He focuses on civil trial work. He handles the defense of claims alleging personal injury, products liability, insurance bad faith, employment discrimination, professional liability and breach of contract. He also works on complex litigation managing large-scale discovery and electronic discovery. Stopher worked as a trial attorney at the Louisville Metro Public Defender from 2006 to 2010. He clerked for Judge John G. Heyburn II, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky immediately following law school. In addition to his legal practice, Stopher is engaged in numerous civic and charitable causes. He has served the board of Summerbridge Louisville since 2005 and the LBF board since 2017.

Other LBF Officers for 2024 include: Sara V. Judd, President-Elect; Gregory T. Dutton, Vice President and Treasurer; Joseph C. Ventura, Secretary; Gretchen C. Avery, Past President. In addition, three individuals will join the LBF Board of Directors for three-year terms: Jennifer M. Barbour, Jeffrey S. Moad and Sherry L. Hurley.

5 Attorneys Join Distinguished Ranks of LBF Fellows in 2023

The LBF is proud to recognize the following five attorneys as new Fellows of the LBF in 2023. The LBF Fellows Program recognizes individuals who have achieved success in the legal profession and whose generous personal gifts have supported the law-related mission of the Louisville Bar Foundation. Fellows contribute or pledge a minimum of \$1,000 to the Louisville Bar Foundation. Pledges may be made in equal installments over a four-year period. Contributions to the Fellows Program are applied to the Foundation's endowment, thereby increasing the amount of grant funds available in future years. To make your gift to the endowment, call (502) 292-6734 or donate online at www.loubar.org/foundation/contribution.

2023 Fellows

(as of 12/1/2023)

Jefferson Coulter
Brendan R. Daugherty
David N. Hise
Sadiqa N. Reynolds
Hon. Laura P. Russell

2023 Grant Recipients

Foundation's grant awards in 2023 reach all corners of the community

The Louisville Bar Foundation awarded seven additional grants in the final quarter of 2023, bringing the total amount of funds awarded this year to more than \$169,500. The Louisville Bar Foundation is the charitable giving arm of the Louisville Bar Association and it makes grants to local not-for-profit organizations for the delivery of legal services to the poor, improvement of the judiciary and law-related public education. Since its founding in 1982, the Foundation has distributed more than \$3.4 million in grant funds. The Foundation is supported by charitable contributions from individual attorneys and law firms.

ACCESS JUSTICE

Expungement Clinics – \$10,000

Since 2014, Access Justice has provided free legal services through weekly or monthly clinics to low-income individuals and families throughout metro Louisville. With a network of more than forty volunteer attorneys and an office in the Portland neighborhood, Access Justice's legal clinics educate participants on how to resolve a broad range of legal problems. LBF's grant will provide funds to allow Access Justice to reach and serve individuals in need of expungements.

KENTUCKY TO THE WORLD

Film Documentary on Central High School's Street Law Program – \$10,000

The Central High School Law and Government Program has been a model "Street Law" program and has successfully educated hundreds of students about the role of law and inspired many to pursue legal careers. A grant from the LBF, along with charitable contributions from lawyers and law firms in Kentucky, will help fund a film documentary that celebrates the success of this program and shows why such programs are valuable in creating diversity in the legal profession. Kentucky to the World, a non-profit organization focused on elevating the success stories of people and programs in the Commonwealth, serves as the fiscal agent for this film production.

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KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES

Immigration Legal Services – \$15,000

Kentucky Refugee Ministries provides legal services to immigrants who have resettled in the Louisville area. Many of these immigrants need to file applications with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for permanent residence status or to petition for asylum. In recent years, the number of requests for legal assistance far exceeded staff capacity, creating backlogs and waiting lists. The LBF grant will provide funds for KRM to strategically build staff capacity to meet this increased need and reduce the backlog and wait time. The grant also provides partial fee subsidies for immigrants who cannot afford to pay the entire cost of preparing and filing these documents.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids – \$15,000

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids is a collaborative effort of the Legal Aid Society, LBA, UofL Pediatrics and Family Health Centers that assists children from low-income families by training healthcare providers to recognize unmet legal needs that affect patient health and by having free legal services available to families in need. LBF funds will be used to support services to the Smoketown Family Wellness Center and other pediatric settings.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Greenwald Family Legal Aid Internship Program – \$2,000

The Greenwald Family Legal Aid Internship Fund at the LBF is a memorial fund to honor Murray J. Greenwald, Peggy Hirsch Greenwald and Brooke Greenwald Cohen. Each year the Fund provides a stipend for a University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law student to work at the Legal Aid Society and to be educated on the practical aspects of the law. The goal of the internship is not only to provide needed support for the program, but is a meaningful way that the Greenwald family can pass on their passion for public service to the next generation of lawyers.

LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Legal Opportunity Scholarships – \$5,000

The LBA's Diversity & Inclusion Committee annually awards Legal Opportunity Scholarships to encourage and provide financial assistance to students at University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law who have historically been underrepresented in the legal profession. The award recipients are selected based on a review of applicants' educational background, personal statements and participation in community service activities. The grant from the LBF will fund scholarships in 2024.

MOTHERSESQUIRE

Legal Eagles: Teaching Children about Legal Jobs – \$7,500

MothersEsquire is a local non-profit with a national network of more than 7,500 members advocating for policies that promote gender equity in the legal profession and practices that encourage retention of attorney talent during caregiving years. LBF funds will support the development and implementation of a school curriculum that teaches about the diverse roles and responsibilities of lawyers in society, using the popular children's book, "My Mom, the Lawyer," as the basis of lesson plans. The curriculum will be accessible online via the MothersEsquire website and will include age-appropriate content for preschoolers, kindergarteners and students in grades 1-5.

LBF Charitable Donations testimonials

Why should I make a \$45 charitable contribution to the Louisville Bar Foundation when I pay my annual LBA dues? Here's what your colleagues say:



I give to Dare to Care, La Casita and Legal Aid Society. But I always make my LBF charitable gift when I pay my LBA dues because our legal profession needs to support local non-profits and the work they do. – Maria Fernandez



When I served as a board member on the Foundation, I was moved—truly overwhelmed—by how Kentucky Refugee Ministries helped refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine reunite with their families and secure the documents to become United States citizens. I am so proud of the LBF's role in supporting that work and I know there is more that needs to be done. I am always honored to make an annual charitable gift to the LBF. – John Selent



I know my charitable gift to the LBF, although only \$45, can make a huge difference. I'm so proud of what we as lawyers can do collectively to support law-related projects and services in our community. – Hon. Judge McKay Chauvin (ret.)



As a judge in Family Court, I benefit by having a CASA volunteer offer critical insights into a child's perspective and needs. CASA volunteers are a unique resource and the LBF has been a stalwart funder of the CASA program. My LBF charitable contribution is small, but it pays big dividends. I see the difference it makes with CASA volunteers in Family Court. – Hon. Judge Angela Johnson



I always make my LBF charitable gift when I pay my LBA dues because it's important the legal profession invests in the good work of local non-profits and furthers efforts to increase access to the justice system for everyone. As attorneys, we have an obligation to improve the legal system and our profession; and the LBF's mission statement strives to do just that. I'm proud to support that mission every year when I make my contribution. – Sara Veeneman Judd



You make a difference in our community when you add your \$45 charitable contribution to your annual dues payment. Because of you and your colleagues, the LBF has awarded over \$3.2 million in grants to local non-profits since 1982 for law-related projects.
Thank you for your investment in justice.

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