

THE LOUISVILLE BAR FOUNDATION



LBF ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2026

Gregory T. Dutton is the incoming president for the Louisville Bar Foundation for 2026. Greg is an environmental and energy lawyer with FBT Gibbons LLP and co-leads the firm's Renewables Energy Industry Team. Greg has represented heavy manufacturers and developers on environmental permitting and complex transactions involving contaminated property. His energy experience includes securing approval for Kentucky's first solar and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project sited on a reclaimed coal mine, which was discussed at length in a *New York Times* cover story, development and permitting strategy for numerous data centers, state and local permitting of Kentucky's first utility-scale wind project and permitting of Kentucky's first two standalone BESS projects. Greg was recently shortlisted by the Financial Times for Innovative Lawyers North America 2025 as an Innovative Lawyer in Infrastructure.

Other LBF Officers for 2026 include: Joseph C. Ventura, President-Elect; Nicole T. Cook, Vice President and Treasurer; Jennifer M. Barbour, Secretary; Sara V. Judd, Past President. In addition, three individuals will join the LBF Board of Directors: Hon. Yvette De La Guardia, Thomas R. Coffey and Chantell C. Foley.

2025: BY THE NUMBERS

2025 showed a record-breaking amount of grant funds awarded by the LBF in a single year:

\$203,794

Total funds awarded in 2025
(previous record was \$201,535 in 2024)

17

Number of grants awarded to non-profits

\$15,994

Amount of grant funds awarded to LBA for
programmatic activities

24

Number of firms and law departments that join
as Foundation Partners with 100% participation.

\$30K +

Amount in contributions to the endowment in
2025 made by Fellows' Pledges and gifts from
supportive lawyers and law firms.

Thank you to the many individuals and organizations who have made this year a success. From our generous donors and dedicated Board of Directors to the grantees who do such inspiring work in the community — your contributions drive our accomplishments and show what an investment in justice can do. Thank you.

Please support the LBF in 2026! When you renew your LBA dues, please click the Donations Button to contribute \$45 as your investment in justice. Or visit <https://www.loubar.org/lbf-charitable-donations/> today.

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2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Foundation's grant awards in 2025 reach all corners of the community

The Louisville Bar Foundation awarded five additional grants in the final quarter of 2025, bringing the total amount of funds awarded this year to \$203,794. 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 \$3.9 million in grant funds. The Foundation is supported by charitable contributions from individual attorneys and law firms.

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 for necessary identity and background documents. The grant provides partial fee subsidies for immigrants who cannot afford to pay the entire cost of preparing and filing these documents. The fee subsidies will also be used to assist refugees and asylees filing to bring spouses and children to the United States, or applying for employment authorization or travel documents. Additional grant funds will help with interpretation services.

LA CASITA CENTER

Legal Outreach and Clinic Services – \$30,000

In addition to the numerous social, nutritional and cultural programs La Casita Center provides in the Latino immigrant community, it specifically conducts outreach to Latina women and families in need of legal services. Through its targeted outreach and legal clinics, participants receive help understanding the legal system, immigration issues, family law matters and other legal problems. LBF funds will support the Center's targeted outreach to the Latino community and the development of a pro bono attorney panel to assist program participants in understanding legal problems and how to resolve them.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Bright Futures Legal Project – \$10,000

Legal Aid Society's Bright Futures Legal Project (BFLP) helps children in our service area living in poverty. By resolving legal problems that threaten a family's housing, personal safety, job readiness and financial stability, Legal Aid Society ensures Kentucky's children have the energy and room to prosper. A safe, stable, secure environment free of adverse childhood experiences ensures all children can thrive. Legal Aid's attorneys and paralegals serve more than 2,000 families with children each year. In 2024, the Brighter Futures Legal Project provided legal help to 2,153 Kentucky families, including 4,439 children.

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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

Leadership Academy Program – \$10,994

The LBA's Leadership Academy equips mid-career attorneys with tools to strengthen their leadership and communication skills, build professional networks and increase their involvement in community service. Over six months, participants take part in structured learning sessions that focus on measurable growth in leadership and collaboration. Graduates give back through volunteer work with bar committees, pro bono service and nonprofit boards. Many step into leadership roles within their firm, organizations, the LBA or the community, extending the reach and impact of the program. The LBA's Leadership Academy creates a lasting pipeline of ethical, inclusive and community-minded leaders who will strengthen the legal profession and contribute to Louisville's vitality. The grant from the LBF will fund scholarships for practitioners or others who otherwise cannot afford the full tuition. The LBF's grant also provides in-kind donations of professional speakers and facilities.



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