

THE LOUISVILLE BAR FOUNDATION



LBF ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2025

Sara Veeneman Judd is the incoming President for the Louisville Bar Foundation for 2025. As Senior Counsel for PPL Services Company, Sara works in-house for Louisville Gas & Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company. She represents LG&E and KU in all proceedings at the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Frankfort and provides counsel to the utilities on a wide array of issues, focusing primarily on Kentucky regulatory matters. Before joining LG&E and KU in 2015, Sara was a partner at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP where she spent nine years practicing in commercial litigation. During her tenure at Wyatt, she served on the firm's Recruiting and Diversity Committees. Immediately after graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Law, she clerked for the Honorable Charles R. Simpson, III, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Sara is a Louisville native and remains active in the community, both professionally and personally. In addition to serving on the board of the LBF, Sara has been a member in the Brandeis Inn of Court. Sara also graduated from GLI's Inaugural LEAD class, Leadership Louisville's Ignite Louisville program and the Fund for the Arts NeXt! Leadership program. She served on the Friends of the Louisville Zoo Board for six years, and now serves on the parish counsel for Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Other LBF Officers for 2025 include: Gregory T. Dutton, President-Elect; Joseph C. Ventura, Vice President and Treasurer; Nicole T. Cook, Secretary; Charles H. Stopher, Past President. In addition, four individuals will join the LBF Board of Directors: C. Dean Furman, Dwight L. Haygood, Sarah J. Martin and Ozair M. Shariff.

2024: BY THE NUMBERS

2024 showed a record-breaking amount of grant funds awarded by the LBF in a single year:

\$201,535

Total funds awarded in 2024
(previous record was \$169,500 in 2023)

22

Number of grants awarded to non-profits

\$15K

Amount of grant funds awarded to LBA for programmatic activities

26

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

45%

Percentage of LBA members make a \$45 charitable gift to the LBF in 2024.

\$45K +

Amount in contributions to the endowment in 2024 made by Fellows' Pledges and gifts from supportive lawyers and law firms.

2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Foundation's grant awards in 2024 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 \$201,535. 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 \$3.6 million in grant funds. The Foundation is supported by charitable contributions from individual attorneys and law firms.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (LOUISVILLE)

Legal Assistance Clinics for Refugees – \$8,000

The International Rescue Committee provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture and other immigrants to thrive in America. Refugees are required by law to apply for adjustment of status (green card) after being present in the U.S. for one year. The paperwork is often complicated, and the refugees frequently require legal assistance. LBF funds will support regular workshops where pro bono attorneys will assist refugees in preparing the necessary paperwork to comply with the filing requirements.

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.

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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

New Lawyer Academy Scholarships – \$10,000

The Louisville Bar Association's New Lawyer Academy is a comprehensive six-month program, designed for attorneys with up to three years of experience. This inaugural academy aims to equip new lawyers with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful legal career. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics,

addressing both professional and personal development needs. Career development is a key component, covering personal branding, mentoring and partnership tracks. Ethical considerations, including confidentiality and pro bono work, are integrated into the curriculum. The New Lawyer Academy seeks to bridge the gap between law school education and the realities of legal practice, setting new attorneys on a path to long-term career success. The grant from the LBF will fund scholarships for solo or small firm practitioners or others who otherwise cannot afford the full tuition.

WOMEN MAKE MOVIES

Film Project "The Dead Zone" – \$5,000

Women Make Movies is a non-profit arts media organization currently producing a film, "The Dead Zone," examining the pretrial detention system in America. The film explores the experience of Duane Lake, now rebuilding his life in Louisville, who spent six years in pretrial detention – awaiting trial without counsel – before being found not guilty. The film offers solutions for a model pretrial detention system that safeguards personal liberty while honoring the role of detaining individuals who pose risks. LBF grant funding will support educational programming that engages non-profits, legal associations and law schools in film screenings, and educational and community workshops on pretrial issues in Kentucky.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY

Statue Commemorating Alberta Odell Jones – \$21,536

Alberta Odell Jones was born in Louisville in 1930. She graduated from Louisville Central High School and then attended Louisville Metropolitan College, graduating third in her class. She attended the University of Louisville Law School for one year before transferring to Howard University for her degree, graduating fourth in her law school class. In 1959, upon admission to the Kentucky bar the same year she received her law degree, Jones became Kentucky's first practicing African American woman attorney. She later became the first woman appointed as a city attorney in Jefferson County. Jones was active with the Louisville Urban League, the NAACP and she founded the Independent Voters Association of Louisville where she initiated programs to educate African Americans on how to use voting machines. Jones was killed in 1965 and her murder remains unsolved. The Eta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, of which Jones was a member when she was a practicing attorney, is honoring Jones and her life achievements by commissioning a statue of Jones to be prominently displayed in her hometown of Louisville. The LBF grant will help fund the creation of the statue and the development of educational programming about Jones' notable contributions to the profession of law



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