Annual Report
2012-2013

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DEAR FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND COLLEAGUES,

This past year has been one of transformation both in our community as well as at the King County Bar Foundation (KCBF). As our economy has started to turn around, our supporters, members, and our volunteers all have stepped forward to make sure access to justice is available to those unrepresented individuals in our community, particularly low income individuals, and to make our legal sector more representative of our community through increased diversity.

Over the past year we have seen the local economy improve, yet the need for civil legal aid for low income individual remains great. Thanks to the work of our 1,300 volunteers, King County Bar Pro Bono Services has been able to aid 10,398 economically disadvantaged clients in King County with 41,053 hours’ worth of free legal assistance valued at $7.8 million.

To help increase diversity in our profession, the KCBF was able to increase its annual funding and provide $130,000 for minority scholarships at the University of Washington School of Law and Seattle University School of Law. In the 2012-2013 academic year, 58 students received financial support through this scholarship program. In addition, nearly 80 high school students were introduced to the legal profession as part of our pipeline program, the Future of the Law Institute. During the summer of 2013, ten college-bound students interned at local law firms.

Also this year, as a way to keep our programs financially sustainable for coming generations even in tough times, the KCBF commenced its 125th Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, KCBF has raised over $850,000 of our $1 million goal.

These outcomes are the direct result of our contributors’ philanthropic nature, both individual contributors as well as corporations. Over the past year, KCBF has raised over $1.8 million in donations and in-kind contributions to support pro bono and diversity programs, making this past year one of the most successful in KCBF history. One piece of that success was the 13th annual Breakfast With Champions event in March which brought together a sold-out crowd of 1100 attorneys, judges and legal support professionals who were able to aid 10,398 economically disadvantaged clients in King County with 41,053 hours’ worth of free legal assistance valued at $7.8 million.

In reaching these milestones, we thank the many organizations and people who stepped forward this year to support access to justice and diversity. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you to the volunteers, the generous law firms, individual lawyers, member of the bench, and our non-profit and business partners such as the Legal Foundation of Washington; Microsoft; Real Networks; Navigant Consulting; Starbucks; the King County Department of Community and Human Services; the Cities of Seattle, Kent, Renton, Federal Way, Tukwila and SeaTac, and over 1000 additional donors and contributors to KCBF.

In the coming year, we look forward to creating an even stronger legal community, where more people, regardless of income and race, will have a stake.

Harry Schneider
President
General Legal Clinics

General Legal Clinics provide free legal advice on a wide range of civil legal needs at 35 King County locations. NLC offers specialty legal clinics in legal areas such as Bankruptcy, Civil Rights, Eldercare, Domestic Violence, Elder Law, Family Law, Immigration, and Non Profit Business. NLC also offers clinics for specific populations such as Asian Pacific American, GLBT, Korean, Homeless, Latinos, Middle Eastern, and Urban Indian. The NLC program relies on over 650 volunteers and 37 community partners to serve over 8,000 clients annually. NLC strives to provide services regardless of barriers, offering a wide range of scheduling times, clinic locations, free interpreter services, and phone consultations for those with disabilities.

Central Area
- Wednesdays, 6:45-8:30 PM
- 2301 S. Jackson St., Ste 208, Seattle

Country Doctor Legal Clinic
- Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM
- 500 19th Ave. E., Seattle

Downtown Seattle
- Thursdays, 12:00-2:00 PM
- 516 3rd Ave., Room 201, Seattle

Eastside
- Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM
- 148 12th St. N., Bellevue

Federal Way
- Every other Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 3200 1st Way S., Federal Way

Greenwood
- Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM
- 106 1 Greenwood Annex A, Seattle

Kent
- Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 455 S.E. Smith St., Kent

Renton
- Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM
- 720 S. Toom St., Renton

Southeast
- Mondays, 7:00-9:00 PM
- 3815 S. Otisello St., Ste 105, Seattle

Downtown Seattle
- Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 PM
- 2208 2nd Ave., Seattle

Civil Rights
- Every other Thursday, 12:00-2:00 PM
- United States Courthouse, 700 Stewart St., Ste 2310, Seattle

Cross Cultural Family Law
- Mondays, 5:00-8:00 PM
- Confidential Location, Seattle

Domestic Violence Family Law
- Wednesdays, 4:30-9:00 PM
- Confidential Location, Seattle

Asian Pacific American Legal Clinic
- Wednesdays, 6:45-8:30 PM
- 3201 S. Thistle St., Seattle

Elder Law
- DOWNTOWN SEATTLE
- 1st & 3rd Fridays, 1:00-3:00 PM
- 600 E Smith St., Kent

Senior Rights Assistance
- 2208 2nd Ave., Ste 100, Seattle

KENT
- 2nd & 4th Fridays, 1:00-3:00 PM
- 600 E Smith St., Kent

OLBT
- 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00-9:00 PM
- Counseling Services Center, 1221 Pine St., Ste 300, Seattle

International District
- Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 PM
- Chicago Information & Services Center, 411 Lime St., Seattle

Immigration
- Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Confidential Location, 2208 2nd Ave., Seattle
Family Law
Family Law includes the Family Law Mentor Program, the Kingfish Care Solutions Program and the Self-Help Plus Program. These programs assist clients with the following legal issues: direct representation for contested divorces where domestic violence is present and/or children are at risk, third-party non-parental custody cases, and non-contested divorces or parenting plans.

Housing Justice Project
The Housing Justice Project (HJP) provides free legal help to eligible low-income tenants facing eviction. This clinic meets daily at the King County Superior Courthouse in downtown Seattle and at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent. HJP also offers an evening clinic in Seattle at the King County Superior Courthouses.

Community Services
Community Services includes the Neighborhood Legal Clinics (NLC), Homeless Clinics, and Volunteer Legal Services (VLS). NLC offers individuals a free half-hour consultation with an attorney. Attorneys determine whether the client has a legal problem, suggest possible options, and provide appropriate referrals. At the Homeless Clinics, volunteer attorneys advise shelter residents on their legal problems and may provide ongoing representation when needed. VLS offers eligible clients direct ongoing representation. VLS takes cases in Chapter 7 bankruptcy, vacating criminal records, Social Security overpayments, wills and estate planning, housing, and debt defense.

Future of the Law Institute
Future of the Law Institute (FLI) is a year-long program for minority and economically disadvantaged high school students interested in learning more about a career in the law. FLI provides students with substantive legal workshops, career counseling, a mock trial, a courthouse tour, and opportunities to meet with legal professionals. Students are eligible for scholarships when they continue on to higher education.

King County Bar Foundation Minority Law Student Scholarships
KCBF is one of the largest providers of minority law student scholarships in Washington. In 2012-2013, KCBF distributed $130,000 to the University of Washington and Seattle University law schools for this purpose. The program began in 1970, and over 750 scholarships have been awarded and over half of the scholarship recipients still practice in Washington.

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Leonard, a 45 year old disabled man, came to the Volunteer Legal Service program seeking legal assistance. After being notified by Social Security that he could be eligible for more benefits because he was disabled before age 22.

Since Leon’s deceased father had worked for the railroad, he was eligible for benefits as part of The Railroad Retirement Act provides financial benefits for disabled children of railroad workers. Leonard applied for these benefits and was twice denied. Then he came to the Volunteer Legal Services program to find legal help. Volunteer Legal Services was able to refer the client to a volunteer attorney.

Fast forward 4 ½ years; after the volunteer attorney appeared at the hearing before the Railroad Retirement Board hearing examiner and the client’s benefits were denied again, the attorney filed an appeal to the full Railroad Retirement Board.

The appeal for benefits was denied again. The attorney petitioned the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for a discretionary review of the decision made by the Railroad Retirement Board. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals accepted the case and the attorney presented oral arguments on behalf of the client.

About six months later the attorney and the client got the news. The Court of Appeals reversed the Railroad Retirement Board’s decision and the client prevailed.

Leonard now receives additional benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board.
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How you can help

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In a heartbreaking nonparental custody action, distraught grandparents Jorge and his wife Maria came to the Kinship Care Solutions Project seeking help to petition for custody of their eight-year-old grandson.

The child, Ruben, watched his mother suffer from years of severe mental and physical abuse by his father who could turn even the most benign object into a cruel weapon. Susan, also facing terminal breast cancer and could do little to protect her son.

After Susan’s death, Ruben went to live with his grandparents and led a relatively stable life for a few months, until his father, who had a long history of untreated mental health issues, attempted to remove him from his grandparents’ home.

With the legal help of the Kinship Care Solutions Project volunteer attorney, Jorge and Maria successfully obtained a restraining order and temporary custody of Ruben pending trial. Ruben’s father did not appear at the trial and the court awarded custody to Ruben’s relieved grandparents.
Once again, over 1,000 guests joined the King County Bar Foundation at its 13th annual Breakfast With Champions fundraiser on Tuesday, March 19 at the Westin Hotel in Seattle and raised over $295,000 to support pro bono civil legal aid and diversity programs.

The guests were welcomed to the Breakfast by Hon. Charles Burdell Jr. (Ret) who emceed the hour long program that included a provocative keynote speech from ABC News Legal Analyst, Dan Abrams. Abrams, can be seen on Good Morning America for his updates on current legal events.

The crowd also heard from King County Superior Court Judge Patrick Oishi who, as a recipient of a KCBF minority law student scholarship, shared his personal experiences growing up and then going to law school. He highlighted the importance of diversity in the legal sector and discussed the lasting impact that contributions to KCBF’s diversity programs have in the local bar and bench.

The Foundation also premiered a video showcasing Carlina, a domestic violence survivor, who was able to get a domestic violence protection order as well as a divorce settlement and protective parenting plan, thanks the work of KCBA Pro Bono Services volunteer attorneys William Braun, Susan Carroll and Betsy Crumb. The video can be seen www.KCBF.org under the Breakfast With Champions link.

The King County Bar Foundation thanks the Breakfast With Champions sponsors, table captains, guests, volunteers for making the 2013 Breakfast a success, particularly the members of the Breakfast planning committee who volunteered their time and energy to organize this event: Michael S. Schechter (Chair), Hon. Charles S. Burdell, Jr. (Ret.), Eric P. Gillett, Mark G. Honeywell, M. Colleen Kinerk, John R. Ruhl, Donald B. Scaramastra, Scott A. Smith and Benson D. Wong.

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Your contribution to KCBF provides scholarships to minority law students at our local law schools and helps King County residents navigate the legal system as they seek to preserve their basic human needs.

Thank you.

2012-2013 FINANCIAL Summary

Total Revenue $1,874,350

- Endowment Campaign $681,085
- Campaign for Equal Justice $231,928
- Future of the Law Institute $17,700
- Breakfast with Champions $296,113
- Legal Foundation of WA Grant $432,643
- Interest and Royalties $3,830
- Other Grants and Contributions $211,051

Total Expenses $1,243,322

- Pro Bono & Diversity Programs $1,035,575
- Management & General $103,641
- Fundraising $104,166

Fund Transfers $611,785

Total Net Income $19,243

Based on unaudited figures.

A TENANT’S STORY

The Johnsons and their infant son were being evicted from their Seattle home for alleged non-payment of rent.

Throughout the course of the tenancy, the Johnsons complained of horrific habitability issues, including rats, insect infestation, plumbing problems causing unsanitary and malodorous conditions.

They sent text messages to the landlord dating back over a year.

Frustrated with the landlord’s non-responsiveness to their repair requests, the tenants called the City of Seattle’s Department of Planning and Development (DPD).

DPD inspected the premises, issued a notice of violation and sent a letter to the tenants informing them that the unit was never permitted as a rental/dwelling.

DPD also told the tenants that the landlord should pay relocation assistance to aid in their move. Instead, the landlord issued the tenants a 3 day notice to pay or vacate for May’s rent.

The landlord refused to negotiate and after a hotly contested hearing, the court set the matter for trial.

Three HJP volunteer attorneys worked on this case which the courts decided in the Johnsons’ favor and the Plaintiff was ordered to pay the tenants relocation assistance for a property that was deemed uninhabitable.

The court found that the landlord failed in his duty to provide a safe and livable dwelling to his tenants and awarded damages to the tenants in the amount of nearly $4,000.
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