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A Note of Thanks to You:

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Looking back on my last year with the King County Bar Foundation, I’m filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve, with you, the mission of this great organization. I’m amazed at all we’ve done together over this past year, continuing our work to further diversity in the law and provide pro bono legal services to literally thousands in our community. If you’re reading this thank-you letter, you probably know how we provide those services: through the Housing Justice Project, Neighborhood Legal Clinics, Volunteer Legal Services, and other programs which include the Family Law Mentor, Kinship Care, and Self-Help Plus programs.

This year the Foundation began work on its strategic plan to expand and strengthen our relationships with donors, supporters, and volunteers. We continued our successful fundraising initiatives, most notably in collaboration with the Legal Foundation of Washington (LFW) during our 11th Annual Joint Law Firm Campaign. This year we raised over a half million dollars. As always, we thank our supporting law firms, without whom we could not do the work we do, and we are so grateful for our partnership with LFW.

On March 29, 2016, the Foundation held its 16th Annual Breakfast With Champions, a gathering of roughly 1,000 members and friends to celebrate our past successes and commit to future action. We also enjoyed an insightful presentation concerning the 2016 presidential campaign by NPR’s Ari Shapiro. Sponsorships and contributions at the Breakfast helped us raise over $310,000.

All of this support helped fund nearly 40,000 hours of volunteer legal services through the King County Bar’s Pro Bono Services programs, turning each dollar donated into $7.51 worth of professional services, and assisting almost 10,500 clients. The Foundation also provided $136,000 in minority scholarships to students at the University of Washington School of Law and Seattle University School of Law.

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for your support during the past year. Thanks to you—and with you—we can and will continue our great work in the years to come.
Continuing a Tradition of Student Success

The King County Bar Foundation honored its most recent minority law student scholarship recipients from the Seattle University School of Law and the University of Washington School of Law at its annual Bar Scholars Reception, held November 10, 2015, at the Seattle offices of Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

Every year, the KCBF Minority Law Student Scholarship program serves as the driving force behind the Foundation’s efforts to provide financial assistance to deserving minority students, increase workplace diversity in the legal profession, and help retain minority lawyers practicing in our local communities.

The King County Bar Foundation is one of the largest providers of minority law student scholarships in Washington. In 2015–2016, KCBF distributed $136,000 to 57 students at the University of Washington and Seattle University law schools for this purpose. Over 900 scholarships—totaling nearly $2.5 million—have been awarded through this program since it began in 1970, and over half of the scholarship recipients still practice in the state of Washington.

Brandon Reeves, a 3L at the UW School of Law, hails from the small city of Hendersonville, Tennessee—a northeast suburb of Nashville and home to some of country music’s best known royalty. His parents, Brandon says, were loving and hard-working folks, dedicated to providing him with a stable childhood and raising him in an environment and a community where he was afforded plenty of opportunity.

“I’m aware that, because they have done so much for me,” Brandon says, “my life and my story could never be characterized as ‘hitting a home run.’ You don’t hit homers when you’re born on third base.”

Still, it’s what one makes of those opportunities that can offer the truest measure of the individual and give real meaning to successes. Brandon would go on to enroll at the University of Kentucky, where he would finish his undergraduate work in 2010 and complete a Master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology in 2012. He then traveled west to Boulder, Colorado, where he found a job as a school-based speech therapist. There he worked with non-verbal students on the autism spectrum, others with severe intellectual disabilities, and a large population of Latino students—whose educational experience was being impacted by poverty, language and cultural barriers and, as Brandon observed, “a public education system that seemed more than happy to track them into special education.”

It was his time spent serving in these schools that kick-started his interest in legal public-interest work. Brandon thought that a J.D. might offer him a stronger, more diverse toolkit for effecting change in the communities he engaged, while serving within those schools. At first, his plan for communal impact was not very specific, and Brandon figured that getting to law school would help to more clearly define how he could better help others, and especially people of color.

“Fast forward to this past year,” Brandon says, “and I was still trying to figure it out, what exactly my plan was. I was still trying to figure out how to maintain my confidence, where my presence would have the most impact both within law school and beyond, and if my decision to head down the path of the law would be worth it.”

Today, Brandon concedes, he knows that the work, while at times a struggle for him, has all been worth it—and he continues to lean in and press forward. Each new day is a stark reminder that the next will pose new challenges, and that he must take them one at a time, never quit, and keep putting one foot in front of the other—because the biggest opportunities to help and serve others still await. Because of this mentality, his once-amorphous goals of contributing to social
In 2015, KCBF’s pro bono programs worked with over 1,400 volunteer attorneys, paralegals, students and community members to assist 10,324 disadvantaged clients in King County with 37,849 hours’ worth of free legal assistance valued at $9.46 million.

**FAMILY LAW**

Family Law includes the Family Law Mentor Program, the Kinship 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 noncontested 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 evening clinics in Seattle at the King County Superior Courthouse.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Community Services includes the Neighborhood Legal Clinics (NLC) and the 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. VLS offers eligible clients direct on-going representation. VLS takes cases in the following areas: Chapter 7 bankruptcy, vacating criminal records, Social Security overpayments, wills and estate planning, and debt defense. VLS offers a free monthly debt education workshop, Make Change!, which is open to the community.

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justice and impacting the communities of color, which he felt so strongly about during his time in Colorado, have come into much sharper relief.

In the summer of 2015, as an intern at the Seattle Community Law Center (SCLC), Brandon was able to both serve and advocate on behalf of his brothers and sisters, the homeless and disabled men and women of Seattle in need of social security benefits. He would go on to provide legal representation in an immigration deportation case through UW Law’s Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic (CAYAC). As he enters his final year at UW Law, Brandon is quick to express his gratitude to those who have supported the King County Bar’s diversity programs.

“The KCBF scholarship has had an immensely positive impact on me,” Brandon says. “In addition to lightening the financial burden I’ll face after graduation, this organization’s support has given me hope that I will fulfill my new dream of achieving a comfortable, balanced and healthy quality of life after law school and into my legal career.”
NPR Host Ari Shapiro Packs the Room

Esteemed radio journalist Ari Shapiro, host of NPR’s All Things Considered, charmed a packed house at the King County Bar Foundation’s 16th Annual Breakfast With Champions, inside the Seattle Sheraton Grand Ballroom. The March 29th Breakfast raised over $310,000 through both private gifts and a record total of pre-event sponsorships, all in support of the King County Bar Association’s pro bono civil legal aid and diversity programs.

In his debut appearance as Master of Ceremonies, KCBF Secretary Eric Gillett was joined onstage by former Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna and Foundation President Don Scaramastra, as well as two of this year’s KCBF Bar Scholars, law students Azar Alexander (Seattle University) and Phoebe Huang (University of Washington).

In addition to gaining Mr. Shapiro’s insider’s perspective of the machinations of modern politics and the current crop of Presidential candidates, guests heard stories of how lives are changed through the opportunities provided by the generosity of others.

The Foundation premiered a video featuring one such story: that of Wendy, a young mother and Family Law Mentor program client who was able to protect herself and her infant daughter through the exhaustive efforts of

Over $310,000 was raised for pro bono and diversity!
KCBA volunteer attorneys Joanna Silverstein, Kellie Tabor and long-time pro bono client advocate Bill Braun.

The King County Bar Foundation extends its deepest thanks to all of our sponsors, table captains, guests, trustees, staff and volunteers for making the Breakfast With Champions a tremendous success and memorable event, year after year.

Special acknowledgments to the Breakfast planning committee members who volunteered their time and energy to organize this event: Eric P. Gillett (Chair), Todd R. Bowers, Jeffrey G. Frank, R. Gregory Kipper, Kelly Twiss Noonan, Theodore O. Prosise and Scott A. Smith.

For Breakfast photos, all program videos and more information about the event and the King County Bar Foundation, please visit www.kcbf.org, or call Scott Pinkston, Development Manager, 206-267-7005.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next Breakfast With Champions, Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Seattle Sheraton.

Our special guest speaker will be noted civil rights attorney and founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Morris Dees.

We hope you’ll plan to join us!
Partners in Providing Legal Aid to Meet A Growing Need

Through the combined efforts of the King County Bar Foundation (KCBF) and Legal Foundation of Washington (LFW), the 2015–2016 Campaign for Equal Justice raised nearly $535,000 in support of KCBF’s pro bono services and 21 other civil legal aid programs across Washington State.

Contributing to the campaign’s tremendous success were 99 participating law firms, with 45 of those firms standing tall as Champions of Justice—giving at the level of $300 per attorney, or $25,000 or above for the firm—and a number of individual donors, as well.

Over the past decade, the average number of significant legal problems faced each year by a low-income household in our state has nearly tripled. These issues arise in every substantive category, to include health care, housing, family law, consumer and unemployment. One hundred percent of those who’ve been affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault will experience a critical civil legal problem.

We in the legal community know that our laws guarantee basic rights and protections for all of us—not just those who can afford a lawyer.

We volunteer both our time and treasure, to help provide civil legal aid to those with nowhere else to turn, because no one should have to face a legal crisis alone. We know that it’s not justice if it’s not equal, and we know the tremendous impact that legal representation makes in the lives of our clients.

Access to civil legal aid plays a crucial role in ensuring the broader health of our community by:

- Addressing head-on the negative impacts from wide-scale economic downturns,
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- Helping to divert juveniles from delinquency and other trouble,
- Protecting women and children from abuse,
- Helping a growing population of returning military veterans receive their earned benefits, and
- Effectively preempting a downward spiral of costly social problems.

Thanks to those of you who gave so generously, we are able to make a lasting impact in the lives of many.

The KCBF and LFW extend our deepest thanks to all of the law firms who contributed to the 2015–2016 campaign.

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Our Clients’ Story

Gwendolyn and Marta—both disabled—were living together in a rental home in Issaquah; Marta was receiving Social Security benefits while Gwendolyn was able to work and, together, they were making ends meet. When Gwendolyn had an accident on the property and suffered an injury, she found herself suddenly unable to work and she and Marta fell behind on their rent.

They made good faith attempts to keep up; however, they were unable to make the payment until after the three days allowed by the notice—and, as a result, the landlord rejected their payment. The landlord filed an eviction action against Gwendolyn and Marta, demanding they pay money into the court registry, or they would be denied a hearing. Because they were unable to come up with the money, the landlord obtained an eviction order.

The two women came to KCBA’s Housing Justice Project after the landlord had already obtained the eviction order, just a scant few days before the sheriff was due to evict them both. The HJP attorney argued that they had been unconstitutionally denied their right to a hearing, and was able to postpone the eviction date. Eventually, the Housing Justice Project attorney was able to negotiate a payment plan with the landlord that allowed Gwendolyn and Marta to catch up on their rental payments and stay in their home.
In Memory of Andrew Guy

The King County Bar Foundation and Stoel Rives LLP honor the legacy of attorney Andrew Guy, a longtime partner at Stoel who passed away last fall, having just retired from practice the year before. Andy was a tireless advocate of pro bono service work, serving as Stoel’s local pro bono coordinator, as a member of the Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, and as a past trustee of the King County Bar Association. He received KCBA’s Pro Bono Award in 2007, and was a leading financial contributor to KCBF in support of pro bono civil legal aid for the indigent and diversity scholarships for minority law students. Our deepest thanks go out to Stoel Rives for its incredibly generous gift in memoriam, and to the individual friends and colleagues who gave generously in Andy’s name.
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Donations to the King County Bar Foundation help provide pro bono legal services to those with nowhere else to turn, and increase diversity of the courtrooms and law offices within King County.

KCBA Dues Check-off
King County Bar’s Dues Check-off makes it easy for KCBA members to donate a write-in gift of $75 when paying annual membership dues.

Breakfast With Champions
At over 1,000 attendees, this is the largest annual gathering of lawyers and judges in Washington State to support pro bono and diversity. Guests are encouraged to make a one-time gift of $250 (one billable hour) or more.

Giving Circles
Giving Circle donors make multi-year pledges to support the King County Bar Foundation’s work.
- Foundation Cabinet ($5,000 pledge; $1,000 per year)
- Leadership Circle ($2,500 pledge; $500 per year)
- President’s Council ($1,000 pledge; $250 per year)

Endowment Giving
Donors to the King County Bar Foundation’s Endowment Fund are making a commitment to future generations, helping to ensure that KCBF’s justice and diversity programs endure through economic downturns and for years to come.

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Members of the Legacy Group have remembered the King County Bar Foundation in their estate plans. Membership is open to all individuals who provide a gift through one of the following gift programs offered by the Foundation:
- Bequest by Will
- Life Income Arrangement
- Designation of Beneficiary
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 a means to meet their basic human needs.

**Revenue**

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**Net Income (Loss)**

- **($ 89,572)**

**Fund Transfer**

- **$ 89,572**

Based on unaudited figures.
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