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We exist to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing and otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

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#### President's Message

#### Leo C. Hamilton

In May, the Foundation began serving as administrator of partial funding on behalf of the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General for the mortgage servicing settlement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers. Statewide services are provided by the 3 legal services corporations, 6 pro bono projects, LCJC and Louisiana Appleseed. The core services provided are direct assistance, counseling, representation and training. The program provides specialized training for participating attorneys, centralized intake and referrals, servicing abuse prevention, credit counseling, debt management and neighborhood clinics for veterans and active duty military personnel; housing counselors, as well as attorney representation for issues including wrongful foreclosure, foreclosure relief, loan modification, principal reduction and foreclosure prevention. As Administrator, the LBF provides governance and oversight of the funds and ensures program and financial compliance.

Now in our fifth year, we continue to serve as administrator for the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Program providing free legal representation to children in foster care. Last year, the program provided representation to 3,562 children, made over 13,000 court appearances on their behalf and participated in more than 2,900 family team conferences. The CINC Program provides \$1.9 million annually.

In Partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the **Fellows Class Project** is a way for new Fellows to become involved and be a part of the LBF mission. The current class is working on a project that assists individuals and communities with foreclosure and housing issues related to the national mortgage servicing settlement.

The **Kid's Chance Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to children of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident. The LBF awarded \$44,500 in scholarships to 21 Louisiana students for the 2013-2014 school year. Since 2004, the program has awarded 200 scholarships totaling \$362,100.

Through the **Oral History Project**, the LBF Education Committee produces a continuing series of oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. Last year, the committee partnered with the Community Partnership Panels. Thanks to this partnership, the Education Committee was able to produce an additional 15 oral histories. The Oral Histories can be viewed on the LBF website.

The LBF Community Partnership Panels, a vision of the late, former LBF President Jock Scott, provide a local presence in communities; nominations for the LBF Board, nominations for the distinguished awards and direct discretionary funds through a flexible grants process to meet local needs.

#### Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid

The Board has been focused this past year on the critical need for funding Louisiana's civil legal aid programs. As you know, civil legal aid provides free legal assistance to those who would otherwise go unrepresented and helps people solve critical, life-changing problems: WOMEN who are victims of domestic violence, CHILDREN who need a stable home or special education, the EDERLY whose economic security or healthcare is in jeopardy, DISABLED people denied opportunities and many others. Unlike in criminal cases, there is no constitutional guarantee of counsel in civil cases. We know that increased funding for civil legal aid will have a ripple effect, impacting not only the families served, but the community at large.

With an increasing client base and current funding drastically cut or eliminated, alternate sources of funding are needed to support our civil legal aid programs. Our legal aid system is in crisis our legal aid programs will not survive without our help. As the statewide, umbrella organization for legal aid funding, the LBF, together with the State Bar Association and other key legal aid organizations have united to launch the **Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid**. The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds for civil legal aid and grow the pool of dollars available for our grantees. The campaign is modeled after similar statewide campaigns in Washington, Oregon, California and Texas. These states have successful campaigns and are making a big impact in maintaining the services their legal aid programs provide.

For many months, the campaign committee has been busy meeting and planning this initiative. In January, a resolution supporting the campaign was passed by the House of Delegates at their Midyear Meeting. With the State Bar's much needed, formal support, the committee is now making plans to roll out the campaign across the state through local and specialty bar associations and other legal organizations. Once we have the support of the bench and bar, the committee will then bring the campaign to the private sector and the public at large.

I want to say that it has been an honor to serve as your President. I thank the officers, board members and our many volunteers for their hard work and dedication this year. I have truly enjoyed working with you on our important mission to serve the most vulnerable in our communities.

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# Louisiana Bar Foundation 4th Annual Assembly Bringing together those dedicated to advancing justice

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) held the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans in April. The two day event featured the Grants Committee meeting, a Kids' Chance Committee meeting, the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors meeting, and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellows Gala.

## Fellows Enjoying the Annual Assembly





The Annual Fellows Membership Meeting is an opportunity for Fellows to be updated on LBF activities and elect new board members.

#### President's Award

Bennett L. Politz and E. Jane Sherman were awarded the President's Award by Leo C. Hamilton, 2013-14 LBF President during the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting. This award is given in recognition of outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the LBF. Sherman and Politz have co-chaired the LBF development committee, leading the efforts of the "Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid".





The Louisiana Bar Foundation's Annual Fellows Gala is held every spring. Lawyers, judges and professors gather from across the state to support the LBF's mission to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing or otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

#### LBF Honors Award Recipients at Annual Dinner

The Louisiana Bar Foundation(LBF) recognized the 2013 Distinguished Jurist, Distinguished Attorney, Distinguished Professors and Calogero Justice Award recipients during its 28th Annual Fellows Gala April 11, held in conjunction with the fourth Annual Assembly in New Orleans. Recognized at the gala were Distinguished Jurist Carl E. Stewart; Distinguished Attorney Francis X. Neuner, Jr.; Distinguished Professor William R. Corbett and Professor Robert Force; and Calogero Justice Award recipient Hon. Robert H. Morrison III.



2013-14 LBF President Leo Hamilton, **Morrison**, and Retired Chief Justice Pascal Calogero

#### Calogero Justice Award, Hon. Robert H. Morrison III

Chief Judge Robert H. Morrison III is a 1970 graduate of LSU Law Center. He operated a private practice for 18 years before he was first elected to the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District in 1988. He has been Chief Judge for 22 years and Drug Court judge for 15 years. He served as past chair of the Judiciary commission; Past President Louisiana District Judges Association; and served as Legislative Liaison for that Association. He is presently co-chair Criminal Law & Procedure Committee of Law Institute; and chair of Trial Court Committee on Judgeships of Judicial Council of Supreme Court. He is a member of Judicial Budgetary Control Board.



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#### Distinguished Jurist Carl E. Stewart

Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart received his B.A. degree from Dillard University in 1971 and his J.D. from Loyola University School of Law in 1974. Immediately following admission to the Louisiana Bar Association in October 1974, he entered the United States Army and served as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps until October 1977. Following his service as a military lawyer, he served as a Staff Attorney with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Assistant United States Attorney, Special Assistant City and District Attorney, and private practitioner. In 1985, he was elected as a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish and was reelected without opposition six years later. In 1991, again without opposition, he was elected to the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal. In 1994, he was appointed to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. On October 1, 2012, Chief Judge Stewart became the first African-American Chief Judge on the Fifth Circuit.

#### Distinguished Attorney Francis X. Neuner, Jr.

Francis X. "Frank" Neuner, Jr. is a founder and the managing partner of NeunerPate, a corporate defense firm based in Lafayette. He received a Juris Doctor in 1976 from Louisiana State University and in 2008, was named the LSU Law School's Distinguished Alumnus. He has served as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Chair of the Louisiana Public Defender Board and President of the Louisiana Client Assistance Foundation. He is a member of Louisiana, Texas and American Bar Associations, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the Maritime Law Association of the United States and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. He is also a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers and serves as the ABA State Delegate for Louisiana. He has been married to Tracy Owens Neuner for forty two years. They have four children and four grandchildren.

#### Distinguished Professor William R. Corbett

William R. Corbett is the Frank L. Maraist and Wex S. Malone Professor of Law at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University. He has been a faculty member at LSU since 1991. He teaches and writes primarily in the areas of labor and employment law and torts. He served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Law Center from 1997 through 1999. He has served as the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel since 2001 and served as executive director of the Louisiana Judicial College from 1998 through 2000. Corbett earned his B.A. from Auburn University and his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he was editor in chief of the Alabama Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. Before coming to the LSU Law Center, he practiced labor and employment law in Birmingham, Alabama with Burr & Forman.

#### **Distinguished Professor Robert Force**

Robert Force is the Niels F. Johnsen Professor of Maritime Law and Director Emeritus of the Tulane Maritime Law Center, of which he was the founding director. He has taught at Tulane Law School for 45 years. Before coming to Tulane, he clerked for state and federal judges in Pennsylvania, practiced law in Philadelphia, and taught law at Indiana University. Although he currently teaches courses in admiralty and civil procedure, he has over his career taught a wide range of subjects, including criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, transnational litigation, international commercial arbitration and international sale of goods. He was a coreporter for the Louisiana Evidence Code and was a consultant on the project to study the Louisiana judicial system.

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Funding

As the largest funder of legal aid in the state, the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) makes grants to organizations that provide free legal aid to women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes and those in need of guidance to secure food stamps. We offer four types of funding: annual/sustaining funds; discretionary funds; special initiatives; and scholarships, fellowships and awards.

#### **Funding Overview**

#### **Access to Justice**

Benefits Louisiana's statewide justice community in the areas of statewide technology, statewide intake and referral, and disaster or emergency response.

#### **Building Capital Development**

Awards grants up to \$25,000, on a matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition of an office building and/or property.

#### **Child in Need of Care**

Provides free legal representation to Louisiana children classified as a "Child in Need of Care" which includes children in foster care and some non-custodial cases.

#### Children's Legal Services

Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well being, and future development focusing on statewide or regional services.

#### **Domestic Violence Programs**

Enables people to leave abusive relationships and seek safety for themselves and their children. Essential services provided by these agencies are shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal services, education of domestic/dating violence, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.

#### **Jock Scott Community Partnership Panels**

12 month grants or funding for seed or expansion of a program; grant awards are up to \$10,000.

#### **Kids' Chance Scholarship Program**

Provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

#### **Law-Related Education**

Benefits children and/or the public. Law-related education is the teaching of legal rights, responsibilities, and the role of the citizen by bringing together teachers, community leaders, and legal professionals.

#### **Legal Services Corporations**

Provides civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state. Attorneys and paralegals, provide free legal services in many areas of the law.

#### **Loan Repayment Assistance Program**

Provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF.

#### Mortgage Servicing Settlement

Provide advice, counseling and direct attorney representation to consumers including but not limited to the homeless, FHA borrowers, Veterans, and the unemployed.

#### Other Legal Services

Provide legal services of a special nature such as the Innocence Project, immigration wage claims, AIDS law and artist copyrights.

#### **Pro Bono Project**

Utilizes the local, private bar members to handle cases for the indigent in many legal areas.

#### **Funding Categories**

#### **Annual/Sustaining Funding**

- 12 month grants in 5 categories
- fixed application period
- Grant Committee of 30+ volunteers work in subcommittees by category
- 3-4 month review period includes several meetings and onsite visit of applicants
- grant awards vary from \$2,500 upward
- Grant Committee recommendations are approved by the LBF Board
- grant application is on-line

#### Categories:

**Building Capital Development Grants** 

Children's Legal Services Grants

**Law-Related Education Grants** 

#### **Legal Assistance to the Poor Grants**

Includes Domestic Vilence Programs, Legal Service Coporations, Other Legal Service Providers and Pro Bono Projects

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

#### **Discretionary Funding**

- 12 month grants or funding for seed or expansion of a program
- flexible proposal period; may apply throughout the fiscal year
- 9 regional panels of fellows and other stakeholders accept proposals
- grant awards are up to \$10,000
- panels submit funding recommendation to a subcommittee of Grants Committee then to the LBF Board for approval

#### Category:

**Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants** 



#### **Special Initiatives**

- multi-year (usually 3 year) commitment
- funds are \$50,000 per year or higher
- funding is in collaboration with justice community stakeholders
- initiative provides umbrella support services to several or all legal aid providers
- LBF Board approves funding through a Memorandum of Understanding executed with the stakeholders and customized for specific initiative objectives and goals

**Current Special Initiatives:** 

**Mortgage Servicing Settlement** 

Child in Need of Care

**LSBA Access to Justice** 

Louisiana Appleseed

#### Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

Support is tied to a specific program

**ATJ Fund Grant** 

**Kids' Chance Scholarships** 

Law Student Pro Bono Awards

**Legal Education Projects** 

ProBono/LawHelps Website

# Louisiana Bar Foundation Grants \$5.2 Million for Social Justice Initiatives

Grants were awarded in April 2014. Funding period is July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

Annual/Sustaining Funding
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Building Capital Development The Building Capital Development Grant Progrants up to \$25,000, on a matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assists acquisition of an office building and/or property.	ing in the
Acadiana Legal Services Corporation Eden House Innocence Project New Orleans Shreveport Bar Foundation Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000
Children's Legal Services The Children's Legal Services Grant Program to provide legal assistance to needy children which affect their safety, well-being, and futur development.	in areas of lav
Advocacy Center Children's Advocacy Center of Louisiana First Grace Community Alliance Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana Juvenile Regional Services Louisiana CASA Association T.E.A.M.S.	\$13,000 \$3,500 \$15,000 \$25,000 \$35,000 \$3,500 \$5,000
Law-Related Education The LBF awards grants to entities for law-related educational programs benefitting children and public.	
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana Juvenile Regional Services Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education Louisiana District Judges Association LSBA - Diversity Committee LSBA Young Lawyers Division	\$8,292 \$6,125 \$7,791 \$5,500 \$48,000 \$5,000 \$5,000 \$8,000

Legal Assistance to the Poor	\$1,863,359
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Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany

The LBF awards grants to non-profit entities to provide free direct legal services to indigent clients.

Domestic Violence Programs	¢207.050
Domestic Violence Programs Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc.	<b>\$307,859</b> \$21,389
Catholic Charities/Project S.A.V.E.	\$30,389
Chez Hope	\$21,389
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$20,389
Faith House, Inc.	\$19,391
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$36,389
Oasis	\$18,391
Project Celebration	\$19,739
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$15,000
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$22,389
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$12,391
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program	\$15,391
The Haven, Inc.	\$18,391
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	\$20,000
United Way of Central Louisiana	\$16,831
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Legal Service Corporations	\$1,080,000
Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$283,608
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$261,360
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$535,032
Other Legal Service Providers	\$260,000
Advocacy Center	\$53,000
Arts Council of New Orleans	\$10,000
Catholic Charities of New Orleans	\$40,000
Catholic Charities of New Orleans Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge	\$40,000
Eden House	\$12,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$100,000
NO/AIDS Task Force/AIDSLaw of Louisiana	\$5,000
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Pro Bono Project	\$215,500
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$45,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$9,500
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$37,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$25,500
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$19,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$79,500
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**Loan Repayment Assistance Program** 

Applicant identities are anonymous.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys

working at an organization supported by the LBF.

\$33,327

\$6,292

#### Special Initiatives

#### Mortgage Servicing Settlement

\$592,000

\$2,100

\$4,000

\$12,650

Provide advice, counseling and direct attorney representation to affected consumers including but not limited to the homeless, FHA borrowers, Veterans, and the unemployed in matters including financial counseling; wrongful foreclosure; foreclosure relief; loan modification; principal reduction; refinancing; foreclosure prevention and mediation; and bankruptcy.

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation Legal Services of North Louisiana Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Louisiana Civil Justice Center Louisiana Appleseed	\$153,000 \$134,000 \$247,500 \$32,500 \$25,000		
Child in Need of Care Provides free legal representation to Louisian children in foster care.	<b>\$1,937,000</b>		
Acadiana Legal Services Legal Services of North Louisiana Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$767,000 \$548,000 \$622,000		
Other Special Initiatives	\$125,000		
LSBA Access to Justice Louisiana Appleseed	\$75,000 \$50,000		
Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, and other projects			
ATJ Fund Grant	\$50,000		
Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$45,000		

Law Student Pro Bono Awards

Legal Education Projects

ProBono/LawHelps Website

#### Funding period is July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

#### Discretionary Funding

## **Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants**

\$90,000

Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. Grants listed are for the 2013-14 funding cycle.

Acadiana Community Partnership Panel Faith House Hearts of Hope	\$4,000 \$5,000
Bayou Region Community Partnership Panel CASA of the 16th JDC CASA of Lafourche Parish Friends of the Lafourche Parish Drug Court The Haven	\$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500
Capital Area Community Partnership Panel Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana & Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center LBF Oral History Project	\$700 \$4,100 \$1,590
Central Community Partnership Panel Teen Court of Avoyelles Central Louisiana Interfaith Immigration Center LBF Oral History Project	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$1,245
Greater Orleans Community Partnership Pane Juvenile Regional Services First Grace Community Alliance (FGCA – d.b.a. Hagar's House) Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association	\$1,750 \$5,750 \$2,500
North Shore Community Partnership Panel Youth Services Bureau LBF Oral History Project	\$6,960 \$1,540
Northeast Community Partnership Panel Oral History Project	\$1,820
Northwest Community Partnership Panel Shreveport Bar Foundation Volunteers for Youth Justice Catholic Charities Shreveport LBF Oral History Project	\$1,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,000
Southwest Community Partnership Panel Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation LBF Oral History Project	\$6,200 \$2,300
Statewide Funding Request LSBA Young Lawyers Division	\$8,000



#### Alphabetical listing of grantees including service area.

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in the southwest and central regions of Louisiana. ALSC provides services in a variety of areas of law including consumer, education, family, juvenile, health, housing and public benefits. (Alexandria, Lafayette and Lake Charles)

**Advocacy Center** protects and advocates for the rights of people in Louisiana with disabilities and for people who are sixty years of age or older through the provision of legal representation, information and referral, education and training, and systems advocacy. (New Orleans)

Arts Council of New Orleans' Entertainment Law Legal Assistance Project (ELLA) offers pro-bono legal assistance to low-income artists, musicians and grass roots non-profits in Louisiana. ELLA provides assistance with copyright and intellectual property, business incorporation, non-profit incorporation, contract review, contract disputes and other civil law matters. ELLA is a partnership between the Arts Council, Tipitina's and Tulane Law School. (New Orleans)

**Baton Rouge Bar Foundation** offers a variety of programming for the public, including coordination of free legal services for the poor, law-related education events for children and the public and a teen court for first-time misdemeanor offenders. (Baton Rouge)

Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center (BRCAC) works to lessen the trauma experienced by child victims when abuse allegations are investigated, and to provide support during any subsequent proceedings within the criminal justice system. They serve abused children in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes. (Baton Rouge)

**Beauregard Community Concerns - June Jenkins Women's Shelter** provides housing, counseling and brief legal services to victims of domestic violence in Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. (DeRidder and Leesville)

Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Immigration Legal Services provides immigration legal services to crime survivors and educates the community and statewide stakeholders on the unique challenges faced by immigrant survivors generally and, in particular, in accessing help from law enforcement. (New Orleans)

Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge - Immigration Legal Services provides free legal services to immigrants and refugees across Louisiana. A staff attorney and small staff represent clients before U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Their services focus primarily on removal and detention issues. (Baton Rouge)

Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Project SAVE provides free, emergency legal representation to survivors of domestic violence in Orleans Parish. Staff attorneys help with legal orders to keep survivors safe and to protect their legal rights. Project SAVE's legal services include temporary restraining and protection orders, temporary child support, custody and use of property.(New Orleans)

Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project coordinates the provision of free legal services to low-income people in Avoyelles, Rapides and Vernon Parishes. The Project recruits volunteer attorneys to handle cases referred by Central Louisiana Legal Services. The Project also organizes free legal advice clinics in the community where volunteer attorneys answer questions and provide general information concerning various legal matters. (Alexandria)

Chez Hope, Inc. provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence in St. Mary, Lafourche and Assumption Parishes. Chez Hope offers shelter, legal services, education and children's services. (Franklin and Thibodaux)

**D.A.R.T. of Lincoln** provides shelter, legal services, education and children's services to victims of domestic violence. (Lincoln, Jackson, Union, Bienville and Claiborne Parishes)

**Eden House** offers long-term housing to adult female victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. Two year residential program offers a holistic approach to recovery including housing, food, mental and physical healthcare, legal resources, job training, immigration assistance and education. (New Orleans)

**Faith House, Inc.** provides a multitude of services to victims of domestic violence in Acadia, Evangeline, Lafayette, St. Landry and Vermillion Parishes. These services include shelter, counseling and legal services. The program's legal advocate assists with protective orders, sets up victim notification systems and advocates on behalf of survivors with the justice system. They also



provides domestic violence education to law enforcement, judges, attorneys, hearing officers and clerk of court employees. (Lafayette)

**First Grace Community Alliance** works with and for people in need, especially women and their children, by meeting food, housing, and other emergency needs, while simultaneously challenging systemic poverty in the greater New Orleans area.

The Haven works to establish a community-based response to interpersonal and family violence through advocacy, education, prevention, resource development and treatment. The Haven operates an 18-bed shelter in Houma and runs a legal advocacy program that assists victims of domestic violence in navigating the restraining order process. (Houma)

Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO) represents indigent, innocent prisoners serving life sentences across Louisiana and assists them with their transition into life outside prison after their exoneration. By identifying and remedying cases and causes of wrongful conviction, IPNO holds the criminal justice system accountable for its mistakes, raises awareness of systemic problems and promotes best practices throughout the criminal process to prevent future miscarriages of justice. (New Orleans)

**Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana** works to transform the juvenile justice system into one that builds on the strengths of young people, families and communities to ensure children are given the opportunities to grow and thrive. (New Orleans)

**Juvenile Regional Services (JRS)** is a nonprofit law office dedicated to holistic representation of at-risk and targeted youth in the juvenile justice system. As part of its holistic and child-centered approach to juvenile representation, JRS also provides collateral representation in areas of education, health and housing law. (New Orleans)

Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation utilizes its Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers pro bono program to ensure that access to justice is available to low-income residents in Lafayette Parish. The Foundation also maintains a law library where pro se litigants can access information relevant to their legal matters. (Lafayette)

**Legal Services of North Louisiana (LSNL)** is a private, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in the central and northern regions of Louisiana. LSNL provides services in a variety of areas of law, including consumer, education, family, juvenile, health, housing and public benefits. (Monroe, Natchitoches and Shreveport)

Louisiana Appleseed is one of 16 chapters of National Appleseed, a network of public interest law centers in the U.S. and Mexico dedicated to building a just society through legal, legislative and institutional structural reform. Louisiana Appleseed asks top private practice lawyers, corporate counsel, law schools, civic leaders and other professionals to commit pro bono time to address problems at their root causes, producing practical, systemic solutions to effect change. (Statewide)

**Louisiana CASA Association** promotes the network of Louisiana's local CASA programs. The Association serves its members through well-planned, relevant activities that carry forward the united mission of finding safe, permanent families for the children they serve. (Baton Rouge)

Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education is a statewide organization that coordinates, implements and develops legal and civic education programs, trains educators in the delivery of these programs and assists with their implementation. (New Orleans)

LSBA Access to Justice benefits Louisiana's statewide justice community in the areas of technology, intake and referral, and disaster or emergency response. (Statewide)

**LSBA Diversity Committee** provides networking, mentoring and support for high school juniors and seniors who have expressed an interest in the legal profession as well as an opportunity for them to strengthen their research, writing, and analytical skills. (Statewide)

LSBA Young Lawyers Division fosters discussions and interchange of ideas relative to the duties, responsibilities and problems of the younger members of the legal profession in the State of Louisiana; to aid in their advancement; to encourage their interest and participation in the activities of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and, in general, to further the purposes and objectives of the LSBA. (Statewide)

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children was formed to provide services, including legal services, to survivors of domestic violence in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. Metro expanded its legal services to include direct legal representation to the residents of St. Charles, St. John and St. James Parishes. (Jefferson)

NO/AIDS Task Force/AIDSLaw of Louisiana provides specialized legal services for people living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana, to improve their quality of life and access to health care, related to their HIV/AIDS status. (New Orleans)



Oasis (formerly Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.) provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence in Allen, Calcasieu, and Cameron Parishes. These services include shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, job training, adult education and childcare. (Lake Charles, Allen and Cameron)

The Pro Bono Project utilizes volunteer attorneys from across southeast Louisiana to provide free civil legal services to the poor in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Washington parishes. The Pro Bono Project provides services in areas of law ranging from employment, housing, public benefits, family and consumer law. (New Orleans)

**Project Celebration** serves survivors of domestic violence in DeSoto and Sabine Parishes. The program provides shelter, legal advocacy and other services in these two rural parishes. (Many)

**Safe Harbor, Inc.** provides shelter and a variety of other services to victims of domestic violence in St. Tammany and Washington parishes. Safe Harbor's legal outreach program assists women with the preparation of petitions for temporary restraining orders and protective orders and provides court escort for hearings. (Covington and Slidell)

**Safety Net for Abused Persons (SNAP)** serves battered women and their children in Iberia Parish. SNAP provides safe shelter and extensive supportive services in its confidentially located 22-bed facility. SNAP provides legal advocacy for victims and educational workshops and seminars in the community. (New Iberia)

Shreveport Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project provides free legal assistance through volunteer attorneys to low-income and indigent residents of Caddo and Bossier Parishes in both civil and juvenile matters. In addition, the Shreveport Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project offers educational presentations on law-related issues to the general public. (Shreveport)

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in southeast Louisiana. SLLS provides services in a variety of areas of law, including consumer, education, family, juvenile, health, housing, wills and public benefits. (Covington, Hammond, Marrero and New Orleans)

**Southeast Spouse Abuse Program** is a family violence prevention and intervention agency assisting survivors of domestic violence and their dependent children serving Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Helena and Washington parishes. (Hammond)

**Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation** provides legal assistance to indigent citizens in five Southwest Louisiana parishes - Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis. (Lake Charles)

**St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Program, Inc.** serves victims of domestic violence in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes. The program offers a wide variety of services, including a 50-bed shelter and a legal advocacy program, which assists victims with completing the petitions for protective orders, educates them on the cycle of abuse, informs them of their rights under the Crime Victim's Reparation Act and accompanies them to court for their hearing. (St. Bernard)

Training, Education and Mediation for Students (TEAMS) serves juveniles in need of education advocacy services in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. TEAMS has court appointed education advocates on staff to serve students who are at risk of becoming involved with the court system or who are already involved with the courts. These advocates ensure that the special education and mental health rights of these young people are honored both by schools and the justice system. (Shreveport)

**United Way of Central Louisiana** funds human services in part or all of nine parishes in the Central Louisiana area. They convene local leaders to identify high-priority human services needs, to identify effective solutions and to implement those solutions using resources that they mobilize together.

The Wellspring Alliance for Families works to strengthen the family and individuals through direct service, education, advocacy and women's leadership. The Wellspring's domestic violence program provides safe shelter, a crisis hotline and legal advocacy for victims in the northeast corner of Louisiana. The Wellspring is an active partner of the Family Justice Center in Monroe, which is a multi-agency collaboration between legal services, social services and law enforcement that provides a coordinated response to the needs of victims of domestic violence. (Monroe)

Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany provides advocacy, counseling, education and intervention for at-risk youth and their families, helping them reach their full potential. The program includes courses for young people already involved in the criminal justice system and outreach to more general audiences such as schools. (Bogalusa, Covington, Franklinton and Slidell)



# **Foundation Programs and Projects**

#### Access to Justice

Committee Chairs 2013-14

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> Budget/Investment H. Minor Pipes III

> > Communications E. Jane Sherman

> > Development Bennett L. Politz E. Jane Sherman

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Kids' Chance Michelle M. Sorrells Sherry A. Watters

> Nominating Leo C. Hamilton

**Special Designees** 

Access to Justice Hon. C. Wendell Manning

Community Action Karleen J. Green The Access to Justice Program is a cooperative venture of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Louisiana legal services programs. The committee works to make others aware of the unmet needs of the poor for civil legal services, and can best assist by working toward solutions that can be realized in proper funding of legal services providers and increased participation by the legal community. The mission of the Access to Justice Committee is to support and help strengthen an integrated statewide network to increase the delivery of legal services to the poor of Louisiana.

Children in Need of Care (CINC)

The CINC program provides free legal representation to Louisiana children in foster care in partnership with the Louisiana legal service corporations, the Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services and the Louisiana Supreme Court. As administrator, the LBF provides governance and oversight of the funds and ensures program and financial compliance.

Fellows Class Project

In partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the Fellows Class Project Series is a way for new Fellows to become involved and be a part of the LBF mission.

**IOLTA** 

The Interes on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program is a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities that enhances the LBF's ability to meet the growing need for free civil legal services to the poor.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law

Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project

Provides funds for building a courtroom within school that have been designated as "Law Signature Schools" by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. Law Signature Schools have a core, law-related education curriculum available to high school students.

Louisiana Appleseed

Louisiana Appleseed is part of a network of public interest law centers in the U.S. and Mexico dedicated to building a just society through legal, legislative and institutional structural reform. Louisiana Appleseed asks top private practice lawyers, corporate counsel, law schools, civic leaders and other professionals to commit pro bono time to address problems at their root causes, producing practical, systemic solutions to effect change.

#### Mortgage Servicing Settlement

The LBF serves as administrator of funding on behalf of the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General for the federal mortgage servicing settlement. This program provides just over \$1.5 million to the LBF for grants to the legal services corporations, Louisiana Appleseed, and the Louisiana Civil Justice Center. Free legal representation to affected consumers is available including but not limited to the homeless; veterans; service members and the unemployed in matters including financial counseling; wrongful foreclosure; foreclosure relief; loan modification; principal reduction; refinancing; foreclosure prevention and mediation; and bankruptcy.

#### **Oral History**

The Education Committee produces a continuing series of oral histories. The series is a part of the Committee's plans to systematically broaden the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture and flavor of Louisiana Law. The goal is to put into place a system for regularly recording oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. These video presentations

will then be available for use in classrooms, Continuing Legal Education seminars and other venues to preserve, honor, and improve our system of justice.

#### Scholar-in Residence

Intended to enhance the LBF's overall educational program, and to support legal education in Louisiana by bringing the practicing bar and Louisiana's law schools closer together. The Education Committee reviews applicants and makes a recommendation to the board. The S-I-R term is for two years and includes a \$7,500 stipend. During these two years the scholar shall produce an academic work suitable for the intended LBF purpose. The S-I-R can be a professor, lawyer, law school dean, from the general public including teaches writers and other scholars

#### **Secret Santa**

Project of the LSBA/LBF Community Action Committee, this project pairs needy children with local attorneys who buy presents from the kid's holiday wish list. Some of the wishes are as simple as clothes, a toy truck or a doll.

#### **Community Partnership Panels**

The LBF has nine regional chapters. These **Community Partnership Panels (CPP)** work outside of the regular grant process to identify new areas of need for LBF funding, foster collaboration, respond to arising community needs and encourage local involvement in the designation of LBF grant funds.

#### **2013-14 CPP Chairs**

Acadiana CPP
Rebekah R. Huggins
Bayou Region CPP
Robert P. Fuhrer
Capital Area CPP
Karleen J. Green

Central CPP
Zebulon M. Winstead
Greater Orleans CPP
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Northeast CPP
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Northwest CPP
Julie M. Lafargue
Southwest CPP
Betty A. Raglin

### The Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program

#### **Prime Partners**

Prime Partners are financial institutions that are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid.

Bank of Maringouin (Maringouin)

Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafayette)

**Basile State Bank (Eunice)** 

Caldwell Bank & Trust Co. (Columbia)

**Capital One (Statewide)** 

Citizens Bank (Ville Platte)

**Citizens Progressive Bank (Columbia)** 

Citizens Savings Bank (Bogalusa)

**Coastal Commerce Bank (Houma)** 

**Community Trust Bank (Choudrant)** 

**Crescent Bank & Trust (New Orleans)** 

Esquire Bank (New York)

**Exchange Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)** 

Farmers State Bank & Trust (Church Point)

Fidelity Bank

First Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans)

First National Bank of Benton (Benton)

First National Bank USA (Boutte)

First NBC Bank (New Orleans)

Franklin State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)

**Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)** 

**Gulf Coast Bank (Abbeville)** 

**Hancock Bank (Baton Rouge)** 

**Hibernia Bank (New Orleans)** 

**Hodge Bank & Trust Co. (Hodge)** 

**IberiaBank** (Statewide)

**Iberville Bank (Plaquemine)** 

Lakeside Bank (Lake Charles)

Liberty Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans)

**Marion State Bank (Marion)** 

Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

(Leesville)

Midsouth Bank, N.A. (Lafayette)

**Patterson State Bank (Patterson)** 

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)

State Bank & Trust Co. (Baton Ruge)

The Cottonport Bank (Cottonport)

The Highlands Bank (Jackson)

Tri Parish Bank (Eunice)

Vermilion Bank & Trust Co. (Kaplan)

Whitney Bank (Statewide)

#### **Eligible Institutions**

Eligible institutions are financial institutions that meet the standards of the eligibility requirement as defined by IOLTA Rule 1.15. They are committed to the success of the IOLTA program and support legal aid.

American Bank & Trust Co., Inc. (Covington) American Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas) American Gateway Bank (Port Allen)

Anthem Bank & Trust (Plaquemine)

BancorpSouth Bank (Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport)

Bank of Abbeville & Trust Co. (Abbeville) Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Crowley) Bank of Erath (Abbeville, Delcambre)

Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan)

Bank of Jena (Jena)

Bank of Louisiana (New Orleans) Bank of Montgomery (Montgomery) Bank of New Orleans (Metro Area)

Bank of Ruston (Ruston)

Bank of St. Francisville (St. Francisville) Bank of Winnfield & Trust Co. (Winnfield)

Bank of Zachary (Zachary)

Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)

Chase (Statewide)

Church Point Bank & Trust Co. (Church Point)

Citizens Bank & Trust (Mandeville) Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine) Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Vivian)

Citizens National Bank, N.A. (Bossier City)

City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)

City Savings Bank & Trust Co. (DeRidder)

Community Bank (Raceland)

Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield)

Community First Bank (New Iberia) Concordia Bank & Trust Co. (Vidalia)

Cross Keys Bank (Tallulah) Delta Bank (Ferriday)

Farmers-Merchants Bank & Trust Co. (Breaux Bridge)

First American Bank & Trust (Vacherie)

First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)

First Guaranty Bank (Hammond) First National Bank (DeRidder) First National Bank (Ruston)

First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley)

Florida Parishes Bank (Hammond)
Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (Delhi)
Gulf Coast Bank & Trust (New Orleans)

Home Bank (Lafayette)

Home Federal Savings & Loan (Shreveport) Homeland Federal Savings Bank (Columbia)

Investar Bank (Baton Rouge)
Jackson Parish Bank (Jonesboro)
Jeff Davis Bank & Trust Co. (Jennings)
Jefferson Financial Credit Union (Harvey)

Jonesboro State Bank (Jonesboro) Kaplan State Bank (Kaplan) Landmark Bank (Clinton) MBL Bank (Minden)

MC Bank & Trust (Morgan City)
Metairie Bank & Trust Co. (Metairie)

Mississippi River Bank (Belle Chasse)

Mutual Savings & Loan Association (Metairie) Ouachita Independent Bank (West Monroe) Plaquemine Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)

Progressive Bank (Winnsboro)

Rayne State Bank & Trust Co. (Rayne)

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St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)
St. Landry Homestead, FSB (Opelousas)
St. Martin Bank & Trust Co. (St. Martinville)

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South Lafourche Bank (Larose) South Louisiana Bank (Houma) Southern Heritage Bank (Jena)

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Synergy Bank (Houma)

Teche Bank & Trust Co. (St. Martinville)

Tensas State Bank (Newellton)

The Bank (Jennings)

The Evangeline Bank & Trust Co. (Crowley, Ville Platte)

The First National Bank of Jeanerette (Jeanerette)

The Vernon Bank (Leesville)
Tri-State Bank & Trust (Haughton)
United Community Bank (Gonzales)
Washington State Bank (Washington)
West Carroll Community Bank (Oakgrove)
Winnsboro State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)

(as of June 2013)

#### Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Kids' Chance awards scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal workers compensation act or law. In the 2013-14 academic year, \$44,500 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 21 deserving students.



Letter from scholarship recipient:

Dear Kids' Chance Committee,

I am writing to inform you that I will graduate from McNeese State University with my Bachelor's degree in nursing on May 17., 2014. The Kids' Chance Scholarship has played such a huge part in alleviating financial stresses and helping me to reach this point in my education. I will always be grateful for the assistance provided to me by the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Best Regards, Emily Habetz

# Special Thanks to the 2012-13 Kids' Chance Fund Donors



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#### 2013-14 Kids' Chance Scholarship Recipients

Caleb Adams, Lake Charles Emily Habetz, Ragley Candice Hardy, Marksville Kaitlin Hatten, Olla Heather Jones, New Orleans Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson JuliAnne Lucia, Franklin Rebecca Madere, Lutcher

Mariett Marchand, St. Amant Colby Marler, Dry Creek Kesha Matthews, Maurice Taylor Morris, Sulpher Gage Ritter, Iowa Tanner Ritter, Iowa Rayce Mayor, Lake Arthur Casey Shelton, Denham Springs Lauren Stroh, Lake Charles Christina Thiels, Alexandria Jacob Underwood, Leesville Jessica Underwood, Leesville Cody Walker, Minden



Kids' Chance of Louisiana is a member of the national organization of Kids' Chance programs.

#### **Golf Tournament Benefits** LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament September 2013 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kids' chance co-chairs presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation was presented to LWCC.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program has been the recipient of the LWCC golf tournament proceeds for ten years. All money raised goes to the scholarship fund.

For more information on Kids' Chance or to find out how you can make a donation to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund, contact **Dennette Young at (504) 561-1046 or** dennette@raisingthebar.org or visit www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance.

Mock scholarship checks were presented at golf tournament



# **2013 LWCC Golf Tournament Sponsors**JMV Services

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# **Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award**

Charles F. Gay, Jr. received teh 2014 **Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award.** This award is given to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits long standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel.

The Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

# Please Support the Louisiana Bar Foundation

We invite everyone to make a donation to the Louisiana Bar Foundation. A gift demonstrates belief in our mission to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice. Your generosity will also help strengthen the programs we support and the services we provide.

Annual support provides a dependable source of unrestricted gifts that may be applied to the areas of greatest need. There are a variety of ways for Fellows to make an annual donation:

- Annual Support Statement Mailed to all Fellows on their anniversary date
- Spring and Fall Annual Drive Mailed in the Spring and Fall to Fellows
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- Year End Gift The winter newsletter includes an opportunity to make the LBF a priority among the organizations supported at year end

Other ways to make a donation to the Louisiana Bar Foundation:

- **Become a Fellow** -Louisiana Bar Foundation membership is a statement of commitment to fairness and equal access for all to the justice system.
- Memorial and Tribute gifts Make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, friend or colleague
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#### Louisiana Bar Foundation Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2014 and 2013

ASSETS	2014	2013
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,186	\$ 355,921
Investments	5,890,707	5,668,335
Grants receivable	2,655,375	3,227,375
Prepaid lease payments	-	20,504
Prepaid expenses and deposits	13,630	7,280
Total Current Assets	8,669,898	9,279,415
Non-Current Assets		
Promises to give, long term - less		
allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750 and \$3,750	34,000	34,000
Property and equipment, net		1,049
Total Non-Current Assets	34,000	35,049
Total Assets	\$ 8,703,898	\$ 9,314,464
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,560	\$ 73,711
Grants payable	5,316,652	6,196,949
Total Current Liabilities	5,340,212	6,270,660
Non-Current Liabilities		
Deferred lease payable	51,275	
Total Non-Current Liabilities	51,275	
Total Liabilities	5,391,487	6,270,660
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(387,641)	(276,935)
Temporarily restricted	3,146,611	2,778,499
Permanently restricted	553,441	542,240
Total Net Assets	3,312,411	3,043,804
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 8,703,898	\$ 9,314,464