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Significant Donation Received for Special Projects

The Bar Foundation received a check for more than \$650,000 that will allow it to fund two significant South Carolina projects.



Lawyers involved in the MDL celebrate with Foundation representatives.

The funds were presented by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP; Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman, LLC and the National Bank of South Carolina. The money came from an account set up during a multi-district litigation that began in the early 1990s and was assigned to U.S. District Judge Matthew Perry in Columbia. The two law firms participated in the multi-district litigation as liaison counsel, and the bank served as account custodian. All cases consolidated in the litigation recently ended.

One-half of the funds will serve as the initial loan awards for the Ness-Blatt Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to assist with educational debts of legal service lawyers. The naming of the LRAP honors the public service commitment exemplified by Chief Justice Julius "Bubba" Ness and Speaker Sol Blatt. The other half has been awarded to the S.C. Applesseed Legal Justice Center to assist in the purchase of a new facility. This nonprofit center provides and promotes access to justice for all South Carolinians. "Through the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, the Foundation seeks to further its support of civil legal aid by easing the debt that burdens many of our legal services lawyers," said Foundation President John McDougall. "We also are pleased that this gift will allow Applesseed Legal Justice Center to increase its capacity to serve as a resource for attorneys who work on behalf of poverty-stricken South Carolinians."

IOLTA & S.C. Bar Opt-Out Grants Top \$4 Million

Grants awarded for the period July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Children's Law Center ~ \$133,627

The Center uses IOLTA dollars to train, inform and offer technical assistance and resource materials to volunteer Guardians *ad litem*, appointed attorneys and public defenders.

Community Mediation Center ~ \$44,400

The Center offers quality mediation services by trained volunteers to Midlands' residents. Funding also permits the Center's work with Family Court, solicitors' offices, law enforcement agencies and social service organizations to provide mediation services.



The Foundation will soon begin a study on the landscape of civil legal services in South Carolina.

Earlier this year, the Foundation Board commissioned a legal services landscape assessment with the goals of providing quality assurance and accountability as well as to ensure that IOLTA funding is distributed in an effective manner. The assessments will be guided by the American Bar Association's Standards for Providers of Civil Legal Services to the Poor, the ABA's Standards for Programs Providing Civil *Pro Bono* Legal Services to Persons of Limited Means and the ABA's Principles of a State System for the Delivery of Civil Legal Aid. We expect this landscape assessment to be completed next year and serve as a valuable tool in planning future endeavors.

We embarked on a new round of discussions with our IOLTA banks for enhanced rates that are more "in line" with returns available to other banking products in the market.

The Foundation is pleased to report positive feedback from several of our banking partners, including Bank of America and Wachovia, which resulted in a significant increase in our IOLTA revenues. We continue to work with other banking partners to secure rate increases. The successes achieved in South Carolina through IOLTA dollars are a tribute to the Foundation's partnerships in both the legal and financial community.

The Bar Foundation, through its IOLTA program, is able to make a difference in South Carolina.

The partnership of the legal community, our grantees and the banking community make this work possible. In May 2007, the Foundation hosted an inaugural banker appreciation luncheon. Close to 70 individuals, including our banking and grantee partners, joined the Foundation Board for a thank-you luncheon at Riverbank's Zoo and Garden. Not only did the event serve as an expression of gratitude to the IOLTA banks, it was a great opportunity to celebrate the good work accomplished with IOLTA dollars.



The Foundation presented recognition plaques to its top IOLTA banks.

IOLTA and S.C. Bar Opt-Out Grants awarded continued

Law In Action ~ \$25,000

LIA's Jail Project assists non-violent, often indigent, pretrial detainees in obtaining release from jail through use of volunteers. In partnership with Greenville County Detention Center, volunteers are trained to meet with detainees and provide assistance/information. LIA anticipates IOLTA support will save 600 days of incarceration per month; equating to \$25,000 per month or \$300,000 annually.

The National Judicial College ~ \$29,685

IOLTA funds will permit 18 members of the judiciary to attend courses to improve their skills and return "better equipped" to their communities. Participating judges are not selected by the Bar Foundation, but through a process involving the S.C. Court Administration.

Richland County CASA ~ \$22,500

The mission of CASA is to "advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Richland County Family Court by providing quality volunteer and legal representation to ensure every child a safe, permanent, and nurturing home." IOLTA funds support a statewide child welfare collaboration workshop, national education for staff as well as Board/volunteer enrichment activities.

S.C. Access to Justice Commission ~ \$96,000

The Commission's purpose is to expand access to civil legal representation through development of a civil legal aid strategic plan, supporting increased resources and assessment of the needs of this societal group. IOLTA funds will support an administrator to assist with Commission objectives.

S.C. Bar Ask-A-Lawyer & Clinics Program ~ \$117,386

The Program makes legal resources available to the general public through an Ombudsman. IOLTA funds also support strategically planned statewide telephone banks, Web casts and media blitzes that utilize Bar members to respond to public inquires about the law.

S.C. Center for Fathers and Families ~ \$84,839

IOLTA dollars support the Center's ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration) initiative for non-violent, low income fathers who are underemployed/unemployed and behind in their child support payments. The Center is replicating its original pilot program in six other areas as well as providing recruitment support in Richland and Lexington counties.

S.C. Victims Assistance Network ~ \$75,000

SCVAN's IOLTA grant will expand its statewide legal clinic - the Crime Victim Legal Network - to increase the accessibility of legal information and services to under served groups including the elderly, mentally and physically disabled as well as the immigrant population.

Upstate Community Mediation Center ~ \$75,000

The Center strives to answer the call for mandatory mediation in family and circuit courts in Greenville County. IOLTA funds permit the Center to provide family mediation training to volunteers and supports staff as they coordinate their services as a complement to the legal process.

Bar Foundation Celebrates 35 Years and Nifty Fifty Members of the Bar

On March 22, 2007, the Foundation enjoyed a night of “firsts.” More than 170 members of the legal profession and their guests attended the Foundation’s inaugural gala at the Columbia Museum of Art. The gala celebrated the Foundation’s 35 years with a special presentation to members of the Bar with 50 years of service by Chief Justice Toal.

During the gala, the Foundation honored Bob Wilkins, a long-time Bar and Bar Foundation supporter, as the first individual lawyer to be named to the Justice Legacy. The Justice Legacy honors donors’ lifetime contributions to permanent Foundation funds meeting or exceeding \$10,000.

Be sure to mark your calendars for March 6, 2008 – next year’s gala!



Chief Justice Toal congratulates members of the Nifty Fifty.



A full house at the Columbia Museum of Art!

CIVIL LEGAL AID

Carolina Regional Legal Services ~ \$75,000

CRLS uses IOLTA funding to provide civil legal aid in the Pee Dee region. CRLS focuses on assisting individuals in the areas of housing, family law, consumer law and with employment issues.

Center for Heirs’ Property Preservation ~ \$115,000

The Center works to preserve heirs’ property and promote equitable growth in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester and Georgetown counties. IOLTA funds provide support for one of the Center’s attorneys and a full-time paralegal.

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse (CODA) ~ \$26,000

CODA provides services to victims of domestic abuse in Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton and Hampton counties. IOLTA funding assists with CODA’s ability to provide legal representation and support through a full time attorney and court advocate.

Crisis Ministries Homeless Justice Project ~ \$60,000

IOLTA funding will allow staff to provide direct civil legal services to homeless individuals and families in Charleston County. The Project will also

connect clients with appropriate social service organizations providing a holistic approach to assisting the homeless.

LowCountry Legal Aid ~ \$75,000

IOLTA dollars assist the operation of LCLA as a free standing legal aid office that utilizes volunteer attorneys, under S.C. Appellate Court Rule 415, to offer legal services to low income individuals in the greater Hilton Head area.

Pro Bono Legal Services ~ \$21,700

This organization assists low income residents in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties. IOLTA funds are used to support staff that handle case intake and file management as well as match requests for counsel with volunteer attorneys.

S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center ~ \$204,314

Appleseed seeks to effect systemic change by acting in and through the courts, legislature, administrative agencies, community and the media. IOLTA funds permit Appleseed to serve as a partner with legal services attorneys and the private bar by providing educational seminars, training sessions, case assistance and co-counseling.

S.C. Bar Pro Bono Program ~ \$131,616

The Program provides assistance through the recruitment of volunteer attorneys who accept *pro bono* cases. The Program works in conjunction with S.C. Legal Services (SCLS) to serve the poor by accepting cases that are conflicts or outside of SCLS’ priorities. IOLTA funds provide a portion of staff support as well as malpractice insurance for volunteers.

S.C. Legal Services ~ \$1,911,696

This 13-office statewide law firm provides civil legal services to protect the rights and represent the interests of low income South Carolinians. IOLTA dollars support the staff of approximately 120 people who introduce the state’s indigent citizens to the law’s role as builder, protector and defender.

Sistercare ~ \$25,000

Sistercare offers legal representation at no cost to battered women and their children residing in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry and Kershaw counties. Funding covers a portion of the staff attorney’s salary and benefits.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

The Bar Foundation gratefully acknowledges those who have made gifts in memory or honor of a colleague or friend of the Bar through June 30, 2007.

Bold names are the colleagues being recognized.

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LAW RELATED EDUCATION

Center for Capital Litigation ~ \$28,000

The Center works to improve the quality of representation for death-eligible and death-sentenced inmates by serving as a resource to attorneys who are appointed in such cases. IOLTA dollars will support education initiatives for appointed defense attorneys.

Furman University's Mock Trial Program ~ \$52,500

Furman has hosted the South Atlantic Regional Mock Trial Tournament since 1998. With recent participation rate increases, the tournament quickly has become the largest in the nation with 360 students and 193 attorneys. IOLTA funds assist the University with the tournament as it seeks to host a national competition in the coming years.

Petigru Public Interest Law Society (PILS) ~ \$20,000

PILS uses IOLTA dollars to provide summer clerkships to law students in the public interest arena. These opportunities publicize the field of public interest law and give students practical experience in the legal field.

S.C. Bar Law Related Education Division ~ \$582,200

The LRE Division continues "to promote the goals of civic education and to enhance relationships between attorneys and the state's student population" through varied programming including Mock Trial, We the People, LawForKids.org, Youth Court and Community Work. IOLTA funds support the LRE staff who work to impart knowledge to the state's future leaders.

S.C. YMCA Youth in Government ~ \$25,000

The S.C. YMCA Youth in Government program provides civic education and leadership development programs to middle and high school students statewide. IOLTA funds will support the organization's Model Legislature and Court Conference projected to reach more than 1,200 students. The grant will also fund outreach initiatives to Title I schools.

USC Pro Bono Program ~ \$46,606

Acting as the major service component for students at USC School of Law, the Program encourages volunteering in legal and community services programs. IOLTA funds are used to pay a portion of the personnel costs for the Program's director.

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Scruggs Selected to Leadership South Carolina Class of 2008



Shannon Willis Scruggs, the Foundation's Executive Director, has been selected to participate in the Leadership South Carolina Class of 2008. Established in 1979 by the Governor's Office and the South Carolina business community, the program provides leadership training and opportunities for participants to broaden their understanding of issues facing the state. Each year, approximately 55 individuals are selected through a competitive process with selection based upon an individual's demonstrated abilities as a leader and on his or her record of service in a leadership capacity. Scruggs holds her undergraduate degree from Wofford College and her Master in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. She has been with the Bar Foundation since March 2000 and has served as its Executive Director for the last three years. She is a member of the National Association of IOLTA Programs Board and a 2007 graduate of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University.

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BAR FOUNDATION NAMES FY 2008 OFFICERS AND NEW DIRECTORS



The South Carolina Bar Foundation is pleased to announce **John O. McDougall** as President. McDougall is a partner in the law firm of McDougall and Self and concentrates his practice in family and matrimonial law.

He has served the South Carolina Bar as Chair of both the Public Affairs and Professional Responsibility committees, through the House of Delegates, as a member of the Board of Governors and as President from 1998-1999. McDougall also served on the Board of Governors of the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association and as its President. He is only the second lawyer to serve as both President of the Bar and S.C. Trial Lawyers Association through the history of the two organizations. With an undergraduate degree from Wofford College and his Juris Doctor from the USC School of Law, McDougall is the Secretary for the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation and serves as Vice President of the U.S.A. Chapter of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.



Frank B.B. Knowlton was named President-Elect. A partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP in Columbia, Knowlton practices in the areas of technology law and litigation, business litigation, product liability, and bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Knowlton is a member of the House of Delegates. He also served as a representative in the ABA House of Delegates from 2002-2004. With a Juris Doctor from USC School of Law and an undergraduate degree in History from Washington and Lee, Knowlton's other affiliations include the American Bar Foundation, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Defense Research Institute and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association. Knowlton is also a former President of the Richland County Bar and serves on the Board of Trustees for Heathwood Hall Episcopal School.



George M. Hearn Jr. was named Secretary/Treasurer. A partner with Hearn Brittain and Martin, PA in Conway, his areas of practice include domestic relations, personal injury, product liability and appellate law. In 1986, Hearn became a member of the S.C. Board

of Bar Examiners and has served as its Chair since 1997. The recipient of the Gold Compleat Lawyer Award in 1999, Hearn has spoken throughout the state at numerous judicial and continuing legal education seminars. He also served on the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline from 1983 to 1985 and on its Executive Board the following year. Hearn received an undergraduate degree in Economics from Duke University and his Juris Doctor from USC School of Law.

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