How would you define the Indiana Bar Foundation’s mission?

As we implement our new strategic plan, we offer a new tagline for communicating our mission and programs: Educating tomorrow’s leaders. Expanding civil justice. Aiding the profession.

EDUCATING TOMORROW’S LEADERS

We are helping to educate tomorrow’s leaders beginning in elementary school and continuing through high school. Two comprehensive educational programs build public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork skills in an academic competition. The Indiana High School Mock Trial and the We the People programs are long-term, comprehensive models for creating engaged citizens in our state and building valuable skills in our youth. Mock Trial was operated by volunteers for more than 20 years, and We the People has existed in Indiana for nearly 30 years dating back to its inception in 1987.

EXPANDING CIVIL JUSTICE

Historically low, near-zero interest rates on IOLTA accounts have meant pursuing new revenue sources to support local pro bono districts throughout the state with a level of funding for serving their clients. Cy pres awards have added revenues but with highly restricted uses. The Foundation, the Indiana Pro Bono Commission, and plan administrators in the local districts have all taken leadership roles in creating new ways for delivering pro bono services statewide and throughout the year. In addition, the Foundation has implemented outreach to other potential funding sources to expand the pool of interested benefactors through education of the philanthropic community, so that we may all help to serve our neighbors by supporting civil legal aid nonprofits.

AIDING THE PROFESSION

The Foundation is not just another trade association that exists to provide services to members. Our charitable role provides you with the satisfaction of knowing you helped a peer:

- A legal aid attorney trying to raise a family and help impoverished Hoosiers.
- A young attorney wanting to build a successful practice and become an active member of the ISBA by attending the annual meeting.
- A law student receiving a scholarship from an endowment established long ago by attorneys who practiced family law.

While there are many worthy causes of every stripe, the goals and mission of the Foundation are important to the future of our profession and to our communities.

Please take an active role by volunteering or making a contribution today. Getting involved is a matter of pride, responsibility, and charity. Not all of us can participate as fully as we might like, limited perhaps by time or financial resources. However, we might volunteer an hour to answer questions on www.IndianaLegalAnswers.org, to coach a high school mock trial team for a semester, or to invite a friend to attend a Foundation-sponsored event. However you choose to get involved, your help in making this mission work is not just for the legal community but all Hoosiers.

Thank you for your support, in whatever form, of advancing education, access to civil legal services, and the legal profession. You are a valued partner in our mission.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey G. Slaughter
Indiana Bar Foundation President, 2015-2016

Charles R. Dunlap, J.D.
Executive Director
Youth Education Grows with Indiana High School Mock Trial

“One young woman competed for four years. The team won the state competition and went to the nationals in Orlando. She went on to Rice University and majored in the biomedical field. That major has oral finals. She told her dad that after mock trial, ‘this is easy,’ about the oral finals.”

— Hon. Robert Miller, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana, Former Indiana High School Mock Trial Coach and Parent

In 2015, the Indiana High School Mock Trial program helped more than 430 high school students experience a competition and equipped these young people with the skills they would need later in life. The confidence they develop, as well as their knowledge of the trial process, can lead them to many career paths.

With your volunteer time and donations, the Foundation assumed leadership for operating the Indiana High School Mock Trial program in 2015. More than 200 volunteers gave their time to help teachers at 19 schools around the state, most of which are in central and northern Indiana, educate tomorrow’s leaders.

It Demands Intelligence, Creativity, and More

“Mock trial is the most critically demanding activity a high school student may undertake,” said one teacher and three-year volunteer coach. “It demands intelligence, creativity, acting skills, hard work, commitment to a team, and dedication. Students are given an opportunity to think, and to be authentically challenged… As Indiana’s program grows and flourishes, we will all see the inherent value and necessity of sustaining this program for our youth. I have already understood its significance in the lives and learning of my own students.”

The Foundation tested a few changes in its first year operating the High School Mock Trial program. The closing ceremonies were held at Union Station’s Grand Hall, Indianapolis, to add a note of historic charm, which was well-received by parents and students alike. The final trial was held at the Indiana Supreme Court, with the aid of Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David, who acted as the presiding judge, joined by Hon. Larry McKinney, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, Hon. Patricia Riley, Indiana Court of Appeals, and Donald Lundberg, who was the Foundation’s board president.

If you haven’t explored ways to volunteer with this program, there are many options available for short or longer time commitments.
Over 200,000 We the People Alumni in Indiana Since 1987

A high school senior now has a firm understanding of the rule of law and the Constitution and how they impact her daily life.

Like Indiana High School Mock Trial, the We the People education program builds not only content knowledge for students but also the interpersonal skills valued by today’s employers and tomorrow’s careers. The critical thinking skills demanded of high school seniors studying how government works is complemented by the teamwork, public speaking and critical research skills needed regardless of a future job or career choice.

Now, over 200,000 current or former Hoosiers have acquired those skills through the We the People program thanks to the work of dedicated teachers, school administrators and over 600 volunteers each year. Last year, the Foundation helped 6,000 students prepare for testimonies on constitutional matters and current events at 140 schools. Volunteers like you gave more than 2,400 hours of volunteer time.

2015 Expansion

The 2015 State Finals hosted 28 teams of students from 24 schools over the three-day schedule. That’s an increase of four teams meeting a goal to give more students the opportunity to experience this academic competition at the state level.

Two teams from Indiana competed in the national finals in April. Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, and Munster High School, Munster, delivered compelling testimony with Cathedral winning the central region award and Munster placing 10th in the final national results.

The Indiana Bar Foundation is committed to giving more future leaders that thrilling feeling. If you would like to explore ways you can help financially or with your time and expertise, have a conversation with our staff. There are many options available – whether it is a deferred donation or an alternative way to volunteer your time.

“Our We the People class has truly made me a better person academically and socially. I learned so much about government and myself.”
– A Hamilton Southeastern High School Student

Katherine Ntiamoah, a We the People alumna, is now the deputy press attaché and assistant spokesperson for the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels.
How More Young Hoosiers Succeed with Your Help

Two high schools, Munster and Cathedral, competed in the national We the People finals. Munster placed 10th in the overall competition and Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, placed first in the central division. Brown County Junior High School, Nashville, placed second in the middle school invitational for We the People.

The No Ragrets team from John Adams High School, South Bend, competed in the national High School Mock Trial competition in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Two high school students, from Hamilton Southeastern and Munster High School, traveled to Washington, D.C. to interact with cabinet officials, members of the U.S. Supreme Court and even the U.S. President. Each student also received a $5,000 scholarship as part of the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

The Foundation supervised the 11 Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council members as they learned about the legislative process and submitted an annual report to the Indiana General Assembly on issues affecting Hoosier youth.

Impact of Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders

The 2015 Indiana Civic Health Index was a partnership with six institutions and civic organizations and once again former Rep. Lee Hamilton and former Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard delivered the message in four Indiana communities: Evansville, Merrillville, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. Read about the Index at this link.
$1.4 Million in Civil Legal Aid Provided to Hoosiers

Were you one of the 1,300 pro bono attorney-volunteers answering the public’s questions or offering legal advice through an Indiana civil legal aid agency last year?

The client stories are compelling and often tragic in many cases. Here is one example from one of the many civil legal aid providers that the Foundation provides support for:

"After suffering a stroke, "Barbara" spent six months recovering in a hospital. Her niece and only close relative spent those six months using her power of attorney to sell Barbara's mobile home, car and pre-paid burial plot. She even had Barbara's dog euthanized. When Barbara was released, it was her volunteer attorney who ensured she was protected in the future from such abuse, and who helped her recover some of her belongings."

More than 14,000 cases were handled in 2014 for clients of pro bono or civil legal aid organizations. Yet 80 percent of the civil legal needs of Hoosiers in this state are unmet.

Resources Tightened, Restricted Sources

Almost half, or $584,646, of the grants awarded were derived from a national settlement entered into by the U.S. Department of Justice, various states Attorneys General and the Bank of America. The seven civil legal aid organizations that received grants submitted proposals for how they would use the funding dedicated to community redevelopment and foreclosure prevention.

It has been six years since the Foundation has awarded more than $1 million in annual grants to legal aid and pro bono organizations. In seven years of depressed interest rates, the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, has adjusted its grant-making and programming to reflect the 90 percent decline in IOLTA revenue by supplementing it with alternate revenue sources such as the civil filing fees and a portion of the annual attorney registration fees. While interest rates have not risen substantively in almost a decade, the Foundation has drawn from revenues held in reserve to maintain a baseline level of funding to the 12 pro bono districts it supports with the IOLTA funds.

The reserves built during the heady days of IOLTA revenues are depleted, with the challenge of historically low interest rates remaining. Volunteer and staff leadership planned well for the drought that would eventually fall upon Indiana's pro bono revenues, which allowed the Foundation to make substantive grants to the local providers even though they were reduced significantly.

While the Bank of America settlement brings some additional revenues to the continuing need for civil legal aid, it is highly restricted. Community redevelopment and bankruptcy programs are the priorities set forth by the settlement agreement and not family law, where the need is still great for free legal assistance. Cy Pres awards, though infrequent, do produce significant sources of revenue when they are directed to the Foundation.

The Foundation has not stopped pursuing resources and solutions to service delivery. Join the effort to help those in need of your expertise.
New Rule of Professional Conduct 6.7 Created

The new Indiana Rule of Professional Conduct 6.7, which addresses reporting of direct service pro bono hours, created by the Indiana Supreme Court, will establish a baseline of volunteer and financial resources donated to civil legal aid and pro bono organizations, including the Indiana Bar Foundation. This baseline data will give the Court a tool to measure the efforts it and others use to promote pro bono service among attorneys.

You are already asked to do so much in your communities. The legal profession bears leadership responsibility locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. Thank you for the investments of your time and donations in the Foundation’s work to aid the public by expanding civil justice at the local and state levels.

Indiana Attorneys Answered Almost 1,800 Online Pro Bono Questions

Foundation Advances Aid through Alternate Methods

There were 156 volunteer attorneys registered at www.IndianaLegalAnswers.org, a website administered by the Foundation to help low-income Hoosiers needing legal advice.

2,973 Questions Posted
1,756 Questions Answered
635 Pro bono hours donated

Thank you!

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How do I apply for a hardship or probationary license?

Can my mom be made power of attorney if my sister now has the power of attorney? How do we do this?
Watergate Journalist Woodward and Legal Community Honor History, Foundation's Future

On November 6, 2015, the Foundation hosted Pulitzer Prize Award Winner Bob Woodward as the keynote speaker for this 65th Anniversary Celebration. The gala, held at Indianapolis’ Scottish Rite Cathedral, was attended by over 220 members of the legal community. Emmy-winning investigative reporter Rafael Sanchez of WRTV6 emceed the event and introduced Woodward as quite possibly “the best reporter of all time.”

Woodward began his speech by telling the audience of lawyers and judges that he “loves lawyers.” Indeed, his father was a lawyer and judge in Illinois who served for a period of time as the Chief Judge of the Illinois Court of Appeals. Mr. Woodward relayed a quip from his father that “lawyers say the most profound things...unless you listen very carefully.”

Woodward has authored or contributed to dozens of books, virtually all about American Presidents. His speech recalled an interaction with the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who once cornered Woodward to ask “[w]hy do you always write about the executive branch?” Woodward’s response: “[b]ecause that is where the power is.” As anecdotal evidence, he reminded the crowd that the last time Congress declared war was December 8, 1941 (the day after Pearl Harbor) but “we have had a few wars since then....”

The journalist first gained worldwide fame for his reporting on President Nixon’s role in the Watergate scandal. In response to a question from the crowd of “where were all the lawyers” during the decision-making that led to the downfall of the Nixon administration, Woodward shared his observation that “lots of lawyers have clients who are indicted, but Nixon was the client who got his lawyers indicted.”

Anniversary celebration steering committee member Ren Berry, a partner with the Indianapolis law firm of Rubin & Levin, P.C., had the honor of sitting with Woodward at dinner and shared this about his experience. “Mr. Woodward was friendly, outgoing, and an extremely gracious dinner companion. He exhibited a keen interest in the perceptions of those of us at his table; asking tough questions on current events and refusing to allow anyone to decline giving a response. Asking difficult questions is the hallmark of a great journalist, however, and he certainly fits that bill.”

The Foundation was honored by the sponsorships of many law firms, businesses and volunteers to make this event memorable for everyone. It is how all the work is accomplished — through volunteer time and the private contributions of individuals and firms.
AIDING THE PROFESSION

Endowments, Deferred Giving Benefit Young Lawyers, Families

Nancy Gargula, the United States Trustee for Region 10 and a former board member of the Indiana Bar Foundation, established with her siblings an endowed fund to honor their father, Joseph T. Helling, 13 years ago. They did so to help their dad thank “all the hard-working, compassionate, intelligent and dedicated members of the legal profession who inspired and fueled his love of the law and made him proud to be a lawyer,” she said. Gargula, her brother, and sister always enjoyed the annual family outing to attend the ISBA Annual Meeting in French Lick with their father when they were growing up.

Once the endowment reached $10,000, it started underwriting all costs for a young attorney (practicing law less than 5 years) and the attorney’s family to attend the ISBA’s annual meeting.

In 2015, the Joseph T. Helling Memorial Scholarship Fund award winner was a self-employed attorney from Mishawaka, who attended the ISBA Annual Meeting with his wife and two of his three children. Coincidentally, the winner was from a neighboring community Gargula hailed from.

Other attorneys and judiciary members have also established endowments to support their goals for the legal profession. The Foundation has lower financial minimums for endowed funds than many community foundations and universities. Noncash donations may also be used to establish endowed funds.

Would you like to discuss how you can honor a family member with such an endowment? Have a confidential conversation with Charles R. Dunlap, J.D., Executive Director of the Foundation, and a deferred giving resource, your financial planner, or your legal counsel. Explore how your goals for the legal profession, a profession that has added so much to your career and your community, can be achieved.

ENDOWED FUNDS

The Shirley Shideler Fund helps the Foundation ensure the greatest needs are achieved while honoring the first female president of the Foundation and the first female partner at a major Indiana law firm.

The Phelps & Fara Family Law Fund aids a law student annually with interests in family law.

The Hon. Richard M. Givan LRAP aided four attorneys working in legal aid and pro bono nonprofits with scholarships of almost $5,000 each in 2015.

The Hon. J. Terrence and Peggy Cody LRAP aids legal aid, pro bono attorney or county public defenders with college debt. Priority given to those residing in Floyd County.

The Jack Lyle Memorial Fund aids the We the People program in Indiana and honors a former ISBA Executive Director.

Contact the development office at 317-269-7864 to discuss how you may want to support these funds or establish a fund to ensure your personal or professional goals.

Noncash donations may also be used to establish endowed funds.

The sons of 2015 Helling Scholarship recipient Joel Dendiu enjoy new friendships made at the ISBA annual meeting.
2015 Legendary Lawyer: Plaintiffs Attorney
Donald W. Ward Honored

I want to thank the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation for selecting and honoring me with the 2015 Legendary Lawyer Award on August 19, 2015. It was an honor to be selected by my peers for this award, and I will always remember and cherish the event and the memories I have with all of my family, friends and members of the judiciary present at the award ceremony. To say the least, it is still hard for me to believe that my peers honored me with this prestigious award.

Being a plaintiffs trial lawyer for 60 years and representing the injured victims in our society has been my honor and privilege. My clients have come from many walks of life. Their problems are my problems to solve. In my law practice, every day, every client and every case is unique. That’s what makes the practice of law so challenging and exciting.

The law profession is a noble profession, and I am very proud to have been a small part of it. It has been my honor and privilege to work with and against very competent, honorable and trustworthy lawyers. A fellow lawyer and former President of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America that I have had the pleasure of working with, Theodore I. Koskoff, once wrote in part about what it means to be a lawyer:

“If you are a lawyer, then what are you? If you are a lawyer, you stand between the abuse of governmental power and the individual. If you are a lawyer, you stand between the abuse of corporate power and the individual. If you are a lawyer, you stand between the abuse of judicial power and the individual… If you are a lawyer, you are helping to mold the rights of individuals for generations to come. In short, if you are a lawyer, you are the Trustee of our liberties.”

The Indiana Bar Foundation is to be commended for creating the Legendary Lawyer Award and recognizing lawyers who labor “in the vineyard” on a daily basis. As a charter member of the Indiana Bar Foundation I am very proud of the work the Foundation performs on a daily basis for the citizens of the state of Indiana including their pro bono work promoting justice for all Indiana residents and their civic educational programs that bridge and link the legal profession to the citizens of Indiana.
FY 2014–2015 REVENUE ($2.2 MILLION)

- **18%** Filing Fee
  - $395,283.65

- **13%** IOLTA Income
  - $280,675.93

- **14%** Attorney Reg Fee
  - $314,232.00

- **18%** Civics Revenue
  - $391,469.54

- **27%** Bank of America
  - $584,646.26

- **6%** Unrestricted Contributions
  - $142,090.88

- **2%** Restricted Contributions
  - $46,274.00

- **1%** Cy Pres from Trial Rule 23
  - $27,678.00

- **1%** Investment Gain/Interest
  - $27,537.12
FY 2014–2015 EXPENSES ($1.79 MILLION)

- **Salaries and Benefits**: $506,628.83 (28%)
- **IOLTA Grants**: $760,040.56 (43%)
- **Non-IOLTA Grants**: $73,883.54 (4%)
- **Civics**: $190,932.39 (11%)
- **Meetings/Events**: $103,719.82 (6%)
- **Office Administration**: $131,706.99 (7%)
- **Rent**: $21,230.00 (1%)

Total: $1,790,000.00
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