

Our Legacy, Our Future

Advancing justice. Improving public education of the law. Preserving North Dakota legal history. Encouraging public service and legal professionalism. Funding civil legal aid for the needy. Throughout its history, the State Bar Association of North Dakota has been guided by a strong sense of responsibility to address these and other issues important to our profession. Bar members and bar leaders have consistently embraced their duty to improve the state of our legal system and ensure access to justice for all North Dakotans. To facilitate that commitment, a small group of lawyers banded together in 1983 to develop a true charitable arm for North Dakota lawyers, the North Dakota Bar Foundation.

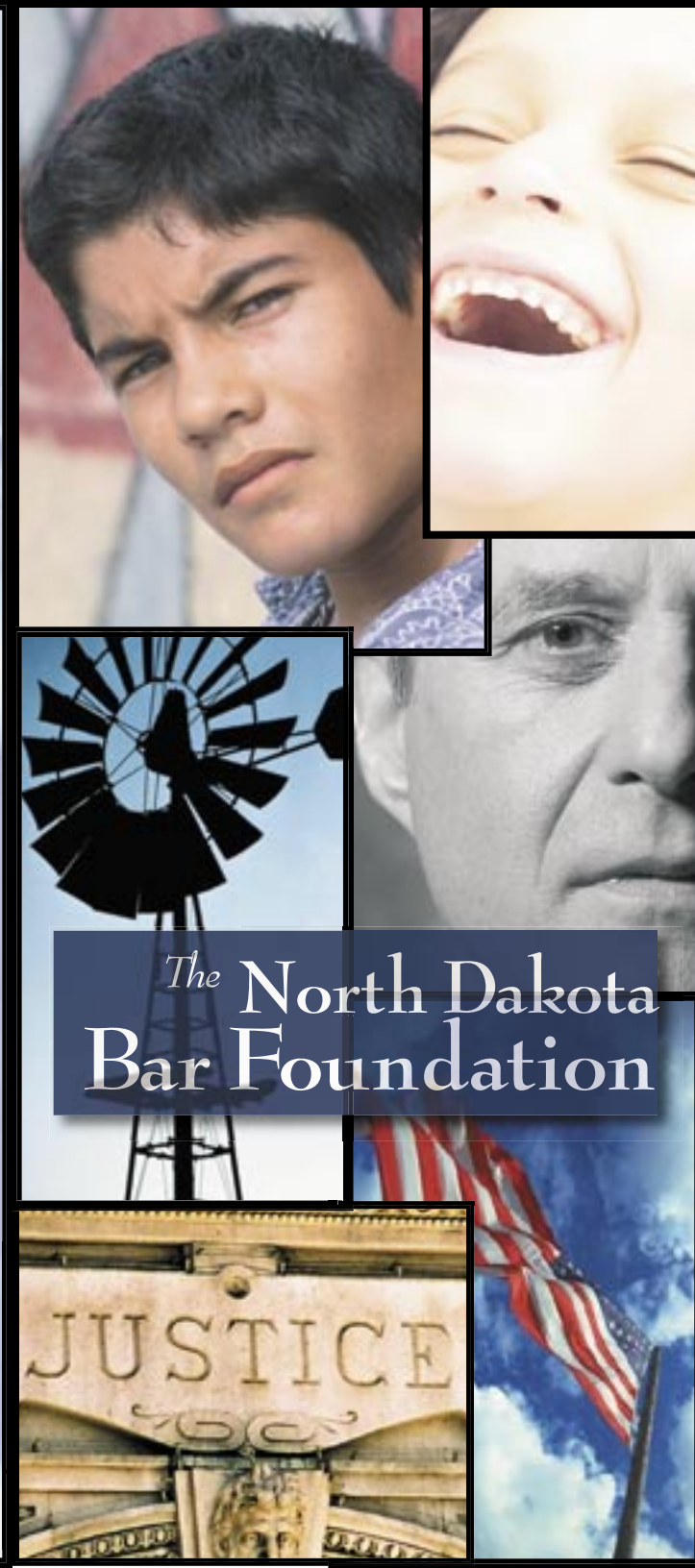
Through private bar fundraising efforts and administration of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program, the North Dakota Bar Foundation has had a remarkable impact on the people of North Dakota. We accomplish our mission by awarding grants and other assistance to legal aid and public interest organizations and encouraging the legal community to contribute their time and money. As individuals, we cannot do this work alone. Our quest for justice must be one we take on collectively as lawyers and we need your help – today, tomorrow, and into the future.

“Equal justice under law is not just a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court building. It is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society . . . It is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability, without regard to economic status.”

- U.S. Supreme Court Justice
Lewis Powell, Jr.

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What we Do

Legal Services for the Needy

The North Dakota Bar Foundation helps thousands of low-income people gain access to justice, people who represent the diversity of North Dakota – encompassing all races, ethnic groups and ages, ranging from family farmers to the elderly, domestic abuse victims to victims of natural disasters. The NDBF has helped open the doors of justice to North Dakotans through its support of organizations like Legal Assistance of North Dakota (LAND) and Southern Minnesota Legal Services for the Red River Valley. As lawyers, we have a professional responsibility to ensure civil legal aid organizations are adequately funded. Support of the NDBF fulfills that responsibility.

Law-Related Education Projects

Law-related education is a vital component of the North Dakota Bar Foundation. Our educational projects teaches young people and the public at large about the legal and political system and how they fit in, how law and government affect them, and how the justice system is central to a democratic society. Examples of projects central to our law-related education program include the People's Law School, publication of the Graduating into an Adult World publication aimed at high school students, public education about the Constitution and judicial terms of office, sponsorship of a First Amendment symposium, and the Burdick Public Education Center in the Fargo Federal Courthouse. Through law-related education, we improve the public image of our profession and educate a new generation about the profession's importance in North Dakota.

Educational Assistance

The North Dakota Bar Foundation supports the reduction of barriers to interested and eager to enter the legal profession. To that end, the NDBF supports scholarships and a professorship at the University of North Dakota School of Law as well as a stipend to the North Dakota Association of Legal Secretaries.

How You can help

The North Dakota Bar Foundation's ability to adequately fund worthy law-related projects and other access to justice programs is directly attributable to your involvement. The NDBF is a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and, accordingly, all donations are tax-deductible.

Friends of the North Dakota Bar Foundation

The easiest way for you to support the NDBF is to become a Friend of the North Dakota Bar Foundation. The Friends of the NDBF was created to recognize those generous members of the North Dakota legal community who contribute at least \$50 to the NDBF on an annual basis (although all donations are accepted). The funds received support the important work we do on behalf of the legal community in the State of North Dakota to serve its citizens.

Annually, the list of contributors to the Friends will be published in Foundation News (the newsletter of the NDBF), Gavel (the publication of the State Bar Association of North Dakota), and at SBAND's annual meeting.

The following recognition levels have been developed:

- Gold Patron Member ... \$5,000 paid in a lump sum or in \$500 installments
- Silver Patron Member ... \$2,500 paid in lump sum or in \$250 installments
- Patron Member ... \$1,000 paid in lump sum or in \$100 installments
- Donor Member ... \$500 paid in lump sum or in \$50 installments

Leave a Legacy of Justice

The NDBF Legacy of Justice Fund encourages and recognizes gifts made to the NDBF through planned giving. Membership in the Legacy of Justice Fund is available to all members of the North Dakota legal community and friends who make a bequest of \$1,000 or more to the North Dakota Bar Foundation in your will. Make an enduring impact on the legal profession and help ensure the Foundation's commitment to public service by making a planned giving to the Legacy of Justice Fund.

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