



OKLAHOMA BAR FOUNDATION

Stories & Journeys



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stories. And journeys. That's what drives the Oklahoma Bar Foundation.

In the bright forefront are stories of lives saved and transformed by the support of the Foundation. In the dark backdrop are tragic stories of lives derailed and endangered by the lack of legal advice, services, and advocates. We hear compelling stories every day in the course of the Foundation's work, and these stories drive us to be better, ever more effective, and more connected to the needs of Oklahomans.

Why should you give to the Oklahoma Bar Foundation? Because the Foundation needs every lawyer in our state to support its work. The needs are stark, and every dollar of your support helps the Foundation respond to those needs. Beyond that, each of us has a responsibility to help those in need and contribute to the understanding of the law. Supporting the Foundation is one of the most comprehensive ways for you to fulfill this responsibility.

The Oklahoma Bar Foundation has a compelling story of its own. What began as an inspired action of a few lawyers in 1946 has evolved and matured into a well-managed institutional force working within its mission: supporting nonprofit organizations that provide access to justice for those in need, supporting the Rule of Law through law-related education, and supporting and improving the administration of the law in our State. The Foundation's work takes us to the intersection of the law and mental illness, drug dependency, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and homelessness. We need to be there at that intersection with ample resources and expertise for the journey.

The Foundation is worthy of your trust and investment. Its journey is your journey. Thank you for being a vital part of its story going forward.

Valerie Couch 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT

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"When we welcome the stranger into our midst, the angels in heaven sing loudly that we have discovered our humanity. I was such a stranger, but the people of Oklahoma welcomed me. Now, with the help of my friends at The Spero Project, we extend hope and support to my people living in refugee camps in Kenya and Uganda."

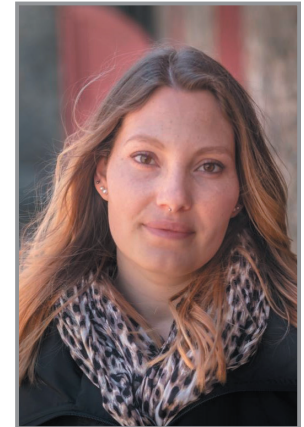
- Dr Yassir Kori

**Founder of Sudan Hope Project/Refugee Advocate
The Spero Project**

"My story of abuse began when I was a small child and it continued throughout my life and into my marriage. When my husband hit our son, I knew I had to make a change. My desperation to protect my child and the advice of a co-worker led me to Wings of Hope Family Crisis Center. At Wings of Hope I am treated with kindness by all the employees and volunteers. They make me feel like I deserve a life of happiness. I am so grateful to those who support Wings of Hope. Because of your generosity, I am no longer a victim – I am a survivor!."

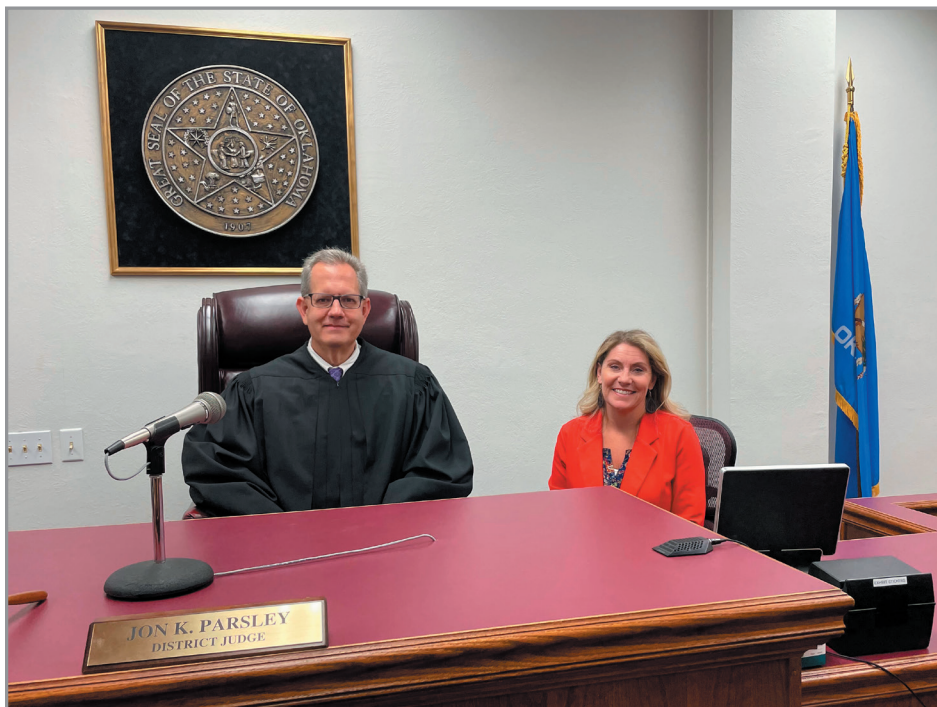
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Client of Wings of Hope Family Crisis Center



ADMINISTRATION

COURT REPORTER RURAL SERVICE GRANTS



2021 Employment Grant Recipient, Angela Eylar, will serve as an official Court Reporter for District Judge Jon K. Parsley in the District Court of Texas County.

2021 COURT REPORTER RURAL SERVICE GRANT

"For many years, we have struggled with only one court reporter working for all five Judges in the First Judicial District. Our Courts simply cannot function without a reporter, so I went on a desperate search for one. The Oklahoma Bar Foundation Court Reporter Rural Services Grant was critical to me employing a new court reporter. Informing my prospective reporter of the \$15,000 grant for taking the job in the Panhandle sealed the deal. I cannot thank the OBF enough for administering the program that has allowed me to keep the court system functioning in the First Judicial District."

- Judge Parsley

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2021 Awards Total: \$132,882.26

IOLTA GRANTEE PARTNERS

2022 IOLTA GRANTEES

	GRANTEE	PROGRAM/SERVICES	AREA OF SERVICE	LIVES IMPACTED	FUNDING AMOUNT	
1	CASA of Canadian County	Advocacy for Abused Children	Canadian County	126	\$15,000	
2	CASA of Oklahoma County	Advocacy for Abused Children	Oklahoma County	705	\$15,000	New
3	CASA of Southern Oklahoma	Advocacy for Abused Children	Carter, Love, & Murray Counties	118	\$15,000	
4	CASA of Western Oklahoma	Advocacy for Abused Children	Beckham, Custer & Washita Counties	191	\$15,000	
5	Center for Children & Families	Court Ordered Divorce & Co-Parenting Program	Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	629	\$15,000	
6	Oklahoma Guardian Ad Litem Institute	GAL Services for Low-Income Families	Statewide	200	\$50,000	
7	Oklahoma Lawyers for Children	Legal Services for Abused Children	Canadian, Logan & Oklahoma Counties	2,600	\$69,000	
8	Pittsburg County Child Abuse Response Effort	Trained Advocates for Forensic Investigation & Recovery	Pittsburg County	250	\$10,000	New
9	The Care Center	Victim Legal Services & Forensic Interviews	Statewide	1,000	\$10,000	
10	Tulsa Lawyers for Children	Legal Services for Abused Children	Tulsa County	300	\$50,000	
11	Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma	Civil Legal Services for Low-Income Oklahomans	Statewide	20,000	\$85,000	
12	Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation	Advocacy & Support for Access to Justice Programs	Statewide		\$8,000	
13	Oklahoma Bar Association - Heroes Program	Legal Services for Low-Income Veterans & Military Personnel	Statewide		\$588	
14	Oklahoma City University Law School	American Indian Wills Clinic	Statewide	100	\$30,000	
15	Trinity Legal Clinic of Oklahoma	Community Justice Initiative	Canadian, Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	300	\$50,000	
16	1st Step Diversion Program	Diversion & Mentorship Program	Tulsa County	40	\$15,000	
17	Mental Health Association of Oklahoma	Diversion & Mentorship Program	Tulsa County	196	\$20,000	
18	Community Crisis Center	County Court Advocates	Craig, Delaware & Ottawa Counties	550	\$8,770	
19	Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS)	DVIS Legal Program	Tulsa & Creek Counties	4,247	\$15,000	
20	Marie Detty Youth & Family Services	Domestic & Sexual Violence & Stalking Services	Caddo, Comanche & Cotton Counties	1,122	\$15,000	
21	The Spring	Human Sex Trafficking & Domestic Violence Support	Statewide	8,714	\$10,000	New
22	Wings of Hope, Family Services Center	Survivors Legal Support	Logan, Noble & Payne Counties	1,336	\$5,000	
23	YWCA Oklahoma City	Forensic Exam Program	Oklahoma County	550	\$31,000	
24	Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma	Immigration Legal Services	Muskogee, Osage, & Tulsa Counties	836	\$25,000	
25	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of OKC	Immigration Legal Services	Canadian, Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	1,138	\$35,000	
26	The Spero Project	The Common - Refugee Legal Services	Canadian, Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	270	\$20,000	
27	University of Tulsa Law School	Immigrant Rights Project	Statewide	400	\$20,000	
28	YWCA Tulsa	Immigration Legal Services	Rogers, Tulsa & Wagoner Counties	1,250	\$15,000	



"My favorite thing about my position is making a difference in the lives of the youth who enter the program. Increasing literacy skills can help youth to perform better in school and become life-long learners, as well as marketable employees. To know that our youth are developing the literacy skills they need to help them be successful individuals of society is what is most fulfilling about this program. Thank you, OBF Donors, for your unwavering gifts. Because of your generosity, the program is able to remain a successful and meaningful resource for the youth of the OCJB."

– *Niki Morgan*

Literacy Instructor
Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau

29	Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau	Connect to Redirect Program	Oklahoma County	1,500	\$4,725	
30	Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau	Court Ordered Literacy Program	Oklahoma County	100	\$5,775	
31	Teen Court	First-Time Juvenile Offender Peer Court	Comanche County	1,000	\$25,000	
32	Youth Services of Tulsa	First-Time Juvenile Offender Peer Court	Tulsa County	502	\$10,000	
33	Autism Foundation of Oklahoma	Law-Related Education/Training Program	Statewide	5,000	\$10,000	New
34	Oklahoma Bar Assoc. - Young Lawyers Division	High School Mock Trial Program	Statewide	800	\$50,000	
35	YMCA of Greater OKC	Youth & Government Program	Statewide	800	\$8,000	

GRANTEE SERVICE CATEGORIES

■ Children & Families	■ Domestic Violence	■ Law-Related Education
■ Civil Legal Aid	■ Immigrant Legal Services	
■ Court-Ordered Diversion	■ Juveniles	

Total Lives Impacted: **56,870**

2022 Total Funding Amount: **\$785,858**

HOUSING PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT GRANTS

GRANTEE	AREA OF SERVICE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Community Action Agency (LASO)*	Canadian & Oklahoma Counties	\$20,000
Mortgage Foreclosure Defense (LASO)*	Comanche, Cotton, Pittsburg & Tillman Counties	\$25,000
OCU Law School Pro Bono Housing Foreclosure & Eviction Assistance Program	Oklahoma County	\$45,250
Safe Center (LASO)*	Stephens & Jefferson Counties	\$45,000
South Tulsa Community House (LASO)*	Tulsa	\$22,500
Tulsa Co. Public Defender Project Commutation	Tulsa County	\$45,250
*Indicates an embedded attorney from Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (LASO)		TOTAL: \$203,000



"In 2018, a grant from the Oklahoma Bar Foundation allowed the OCU School of Law to launch its Housing Eviction Legal Assistance Program (HELP). HELP provides legal representation for clients both in eviction proceedings and subsidized housing administrative proceedings. HELP advises clients on how to understand and exercise their tenant rights whether they arise under statutory, contractual, agency, tort, constitutional or other applicable legal principles."

- *Dick Klinge*

Director of Pro-Bono at HELP

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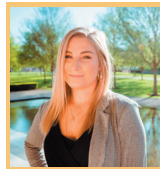
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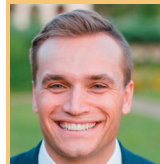
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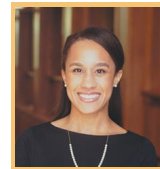
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formerly known as the Fellows Scholarship.

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PARTNERS ADVANCING JUSTICE

Partners Advancing Justice is a community of donors who make access to justice a priority in their charitable giving.

Partners for Justice (formerly known as Fellows)

Personal annual giving program

\$100/year or \$10/month	<i>Sustaining Partner</i>
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\$1,000/year or \$100/month	<i>Governing Partner</i>

Legacy Partners for Justice

Leave a legacy by making a planned gift to the OBF. Joining as a Legacy Partner is one of the most powerful actions you can take to ensure justice is possible for all.

Contact Candice Pace at 405-416-7081 or candicej@okbar.org for more info.

Community Partners for Justice (formerly known as Community Fellows)

Group annual giving program

\$1,000/year–	Community Partner
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\$5,000/year–	Community Champion
\$7,500/year–	Community Pillar
\$10,000/year–	Community Cornerstone

Other Ways To Support The OBF

Cy Pres Awards

Leftover monies from class action cases can be designated to the OBF's Court Grant Fund or General Fund.

Memorials & Tributes

Make a gift in honor of someone — OBF will send a handwritten card to the honoree or their family.

Unclaimed Trust Funds

Direct funds to the OBF by mailing a check with this information on your law firm letterhead: client name, case number, and any other info.

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