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Enrich Lives. Eliminate Obstacles. Ensure Justice.



President's Message

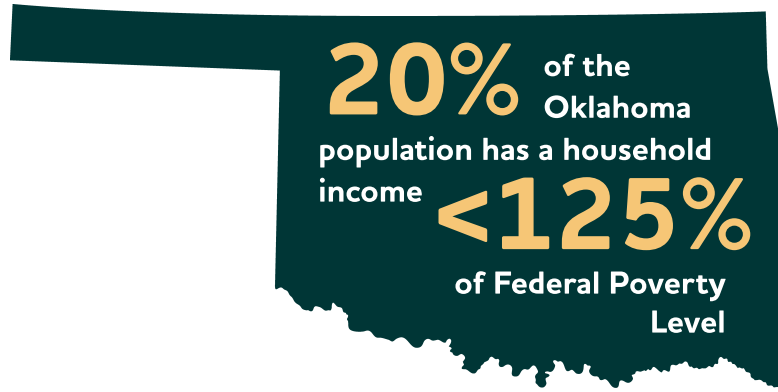
I am so honored to serve as 2023 President during my ninth year as an OBF Trustee. Service on this board has shown me the depth of legal needs that exist in our state among individuals, the philanthropic community and, most surprisingly, segments of our state justice system. As an attorney, I am motivated by problem solving and helping others. The OBF provides numerous opportunities to do both.

The OBF's vision is to enrich lives, eliminate obstacles, and ensure justice. In our day-to-day work, we support a variety of law-related programs and projects. First, we fund nonprofit legal programs assisting children in need, domestic violence victims, the homeless, refugees of war and victims of human trafficking. Second, we fund grants for technology so our county courts can expand their capacities and improve courtroom experiences for local bar members. Third, the OBF provides scholarships to Oklahoma law students and stipends to incentivize court reporters to consider careers in rural Oklahoma courts experiencing staffing difficulties. These are a few examples of how we carry out our vision and help people overcome legal barriers, so they can live better lives.

The legal needs in our state are vast, and it will take every Oklahoma lawyer to make an impact. Partnering with the OBF is one of the best ways to do that and to ensure there is adequate funding to support our communities.

Judge Deanna Hartley-Kelso

2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT



Low-Income Families NEED Legal Services

74%

of low-income families faced
at least **ONE** legal need

62%

faced **TWO OR MORE**

39%

faced **FIVE OR MORE**

Statistics from the Legal Services Corporation, The Justice Gap Report 2022 – justicegap.lsc.gov

IOLTA Grantee Partners

IOLTA GRANTEES

	GRANTEE	PROGRAM/SERVICES	AREA OF SERVICE	LIVES IMPACTED	FUNDING AMOUNT
1	CASA of Canadian County	Advocacy for Abused Children	Canadian County	131	\$10,000
2	CASA of Southern Oklahoma	Advocacy for Abused Children	Carter County	72	\$10,000
3	CASA for Kids	Advocacy for Abused Children	Kay, Logan & Payne Counties	212	\$7,500
4	CASA of Northeast Oklahoma	Advocacy for Abused Children	Rogers, Delaware & Washington Counties	202	\$10,000
5	CASA of Oklahoma County	Advocacy for Abused Children	Oklahoma County	726	\$10,000
6	CASA of Western Oklahoma	Advocacy for Abused Children	Beckham, Custer & Washita Counties	223	\$10,000
7	Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma	Immigration Legal Services	Muskogee, Osage & Tulsa Counties	890	\$25,000
8	Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City	Immigration Legal Services	Canadian, Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	624	\$35,000
9	Center for Children & Families	Court Ordered Divorce & Co-Parenting Program	Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	1,537	\$15,000
10	Citizens for Juvenile Justice	Literacy Initiative	Oklahoma County	75	\$4,399.50
11	Citizens for Juvenile Justice	Connect to Redirect Program	Oklahoma County	1,500	\$4,725
12	Community Crisis Center	County Court Advocates	Craig, Delaware & Ottawa Counties	550	\$9,000
13	Domestic Violence Intervention Services	Domestic Violence Legal Program	Tulsa & Creek Counties	3,312	\$15,000
14	Historical Society of the US District Court WD	Law-Related Educational Film	Statewide	400	\$2,500
15	Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma	Civil Legal Services for Low-Income Oklahomans	Statewide	25,000	\$85,000
16	Marie Detty Youth & Family Services	Domestic & Sexual Violence & Stalking Services	Caddo, Comanche & Cotton Counties	899	\$15,000
17	Mary Abbott Children's House	Forensic Interviews for Abused Children	Cleveland, Garvin & McClain Counties	1,000	\$5,000
18	Mental Health Association of Oklahoma	Municipal Services Docket	Tulsa County	240	\$20,000
19	Oklahoma Bar Assoc. - Young Lawyers Division	High School Mock Trial Program	Statewide	750	\$50,000
20	OCU Wills Clinic	American Indian Wills Clinic	Statewide	100	\$30,000
21	Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation	Advocacy & Support for Access to Justice Programs	Statewide	500	\$8,000
22	Oklahoma Appleseed Center for Law & Justice	Mental Illness & Criminal Law Education	Statewide	10,000	\$7,500
23	Oklahoma Guardian Ad Litem Institute	GAL Services for Low-Income Families	Statewide	235	\$50,000
24	Oklahoma Lawyers for Families	Legal Services for Abused Children and Parents	Canadian, Logan & Oklahoma Counties	1,826	\$69,000
25	ReMerge of Oklahoma County	ReMerge Diversion Program	Statewide	85	\$8,000

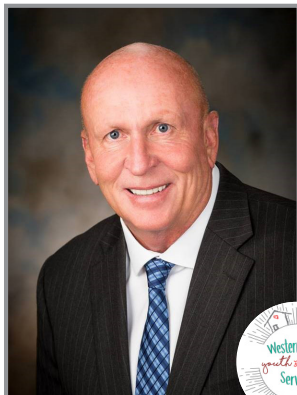
26	Teen Court
27	The Care Center
28	The Spero Project
29	The Spring Shelter
30	Trinity Legal Clinic
31	Tulsa Lawyers for Children
32	University of Tulsa Legal Clinic
33	Western Plains Youth & Family Services
34	YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City
35	YWCA Tulsa
36	Youth & Family Resource Center
37	Youth Services of Tulsa

First-Time Juvenile Offender Peer Court
Victim Legal Services & Forensic Interviews
Immigration Legal Services
Human Sex Trafficking & Domestic Violence Support
Community Justice Initiative
Legal Services for Abused Children
Immigrant Rights Project
Counseling Services for Juveniles in Detention
Youth & Government Program
Immigration Legal Services
Advocacy for Abused Children
First-Time Juvenile Offender Peer Court

Comanche County	1,050	\$15,000
Statewide	1,000	\$10,000
Canadian, Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	350	\$23,000
Statewide	2,259	\$10,000
Canadian, Cleveland & Oklahoma Counties	300	\$50,000
Tulsa County	275	\$50,000
Statewide	400	\$20,000
Ellis, Harper & Woodward Counties	49	\$15,000
Oklahoma County	789	\$5,000
Rogers, Tulsa & Wagoner Counties	668	\$15,000
Lincoln & Pottawatomie Counties	56	\$5,000
Tulsa County	400	\$10,000

Total Lives Impacted: **58,685**

Total Funding Amount: **\$743,624.50**



"The funding from OBF directly impacts children who are in our juvenile detention program. This funding allows us to change the perception children have of juvenile detention. Instead of being a form of punishment, it can be a real opportunity to receive training and rehabilitation that will lead to a productive life. We are deeply grateful for the OBF because their help and financial assistance are invaluable as we make every effort to improve the lives of our young people."

- *Kevin Evans*

Executive Director
Western Plains Youth & Family Services
Ellis, Harper & Woodward Counties

HOUSING PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT GRANTS

GRANTEE	AREA OF SERVICE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Community Action Agency (LASO)* <i>Community Legal Counsel Center</i>	<i>Canadian & Oklahoma Counties</i>	\$23,000
Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma <i>Mortgage Foreclosure Defense</i>	<i>Comanche, Cotton, Pittsburg & Tillman Counties</i>	\$29,000
OCU Law School <i>Pro Bono Housing Foreclosure & Eviction Assistance Program</i>	<i>Oklahoma County</i>	\$50,000
Safe Center (LASO)* <i>Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking Services</i>	<i>Stephens & Jefferson Counties</i>	\$48,000
Tulsa Co. Public Defender <i>Project Commutation</i>	<i>Tulsa County</i>	\$51,500
Tulsa County Bar Association <i>Courtroom Assistance Program for low-income citizens facing eviction</i>	<i>Tulsa County</i>	\$6,000
<small>*Indicates an embedded attorney from Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (LASO)</small>		TOTAL: \$207,500



"The Oklahoma Bar Foundation Grant and partnership with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma is instrumental in Safe Center's ability to provide free and direct legal services to victims trying to escape abusive situations. Our clients need protective orders, divorces, paternity actions, emergency custody or guardianships, and some need legal assistance with civil suits and evictions. It is a huge advantage for a victim to have an attorney, and I am proud to be the one guiding our clients through the legal process."

-Jamie Phipps Attorney at Safe Center, Stephens & Jefferson Counties

Court Grant Recipients

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS - \$12,075

Design and Development for Case Management Software

KINGFISHER COUNTY COURT - \$5,192.66

Courtroom Sound System

MURRAY COUNTY COURT - \$20,474.91

Courtroom Audio Improvement Project

OKLAHOMA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY - \$12,698.52

Courtroom Audio System

PONTOTOC COUNTY DISTRICT COURT - \$5,571

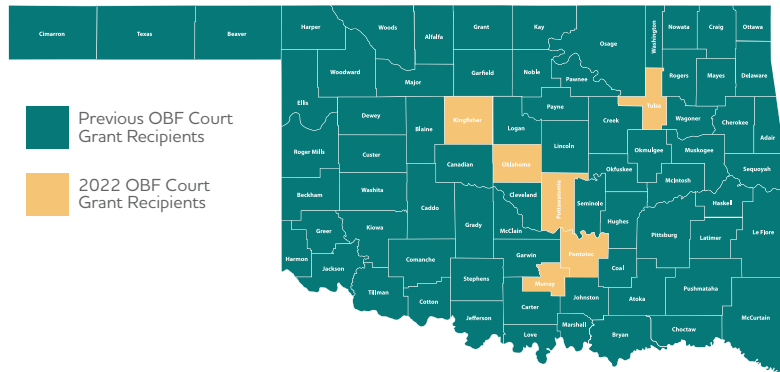
New Court Reporting System

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY COURT- \$72,578.70

Courtroom Audio Improvement Project

TULSA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT - \$19,775.25

Two Smartboards and Accessories



Awards Total: \$148,366.04

Court Reporter Educational Scholarships



Toni Swayze, Court Reporting Student at OSU-OKC and OBF Scholarship Recipient

“My court reporting journey started a few months after I lost my job of 10 years. I dove right into school. The OBF scholarships lifted my spirits and renewed my motivation and drive. I look forward to joining the judicial process, thanks to the generosity of the OBF during my journey.”

– Toni Swayze

The Court Reporter Rural Service Grant Program aims to increase the availability of court reporters in rural Oklahoma courts by providing educational grants to court reporting schools for scholarships and equipment. The program also funds stipends for qualified court reporters committed to working in rural counties.



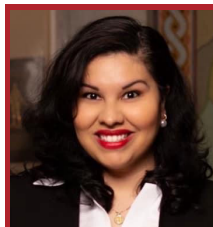
Amy Hernandez

TU College of Law



Sidney Jones

OU College of Law



Luciana Perez

OCU School of Law

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Seth Marler

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Sydney Scott

OCU School of Law



Anna C. Bookout

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Gavin Boone

TU College of Law



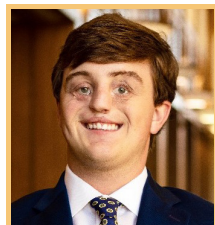
Jordan Clapp

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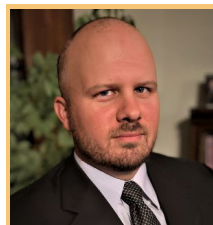
Alyssa Sloan

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Maurice H. Merrill Award*



Nicholas Rinehart

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Phillips Allen Porta Award*



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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

Personal annual giving program

\$100/year or \$10/month	<i>Sustaining Partner</i>
\$200/year or \$20/month	<i>Contributing Partner</i>
\$300/year or \$30/month	<i>Benefactor Partner</i>
\$500/year or \$50/month	<i>Leadership Partner</i>
\$750/year or \$75/month	<i>Investing Partner</i>
\$1,000/year or \$100/month	<i>Governing Partner</i>

Community Partners for Justice

Group annual giving program

\$1,000/year – Community Partner
\$2,500/year – Community Supporter
\$5,000/year – Community Champion
\$7,500/year – Community Pillar
\$10,000/year – Community Cornerstone

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.

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 – the OBF will send a handwritten card to the honoree or their family.

Unclaimed Trust Funds

Contact the OBF for information on how to donate unlocated or unclaimed client trust funds to the Foundation (405-416-7070 or foundation@okbar.org).

Partner with us to advance justice.

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