

## **News from IOLA**

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### **IOLA Awards More Than \$21 Million in Legal Assistance Grants**

Benito Romano, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the IOLA Fund of the State of New York, announced that at its annual grants meeting held on May 11, 2011, the Board awarded over \$21 million in grants to support programs that provide free civil legal assistance to low-income New Yorkers throughout the State.

Mr. Romano stated that "The Board is extremely grateful to Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman and the Office of Court Administration whose emergency support of IOLA, coupled with the revenue generated from IOLA accounts held by New York attorneys, allowed the Fund to maintain the same level of grant making as last year."

Christopher B. O'Malley, Executive Director of the Fund said "We know from our grantees across the State that they are facing reduced support at a time when the demand for civil legal services has increased. That makes IOLA's funding that much more crucial to our grantees, and so we are pleased to be a source of funding stability during a very difficult time for civil legal services providers."

The Fund administers two grant programs: Civil Legal Services, which supports programs that provide free legal services in housing, family law and public benefits, among others, and Administration of Justice, which supports programs that serve the elderly, the disabled, immigrants, children, and victims of domestic violence as well as other programs that improve the administration of justice in New York State.

The Legislature created the IOLA program in 1983. The Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. It enables interest to be earned on short term or nominal deposits held in a lawyer's pooled client trust account, with the interest remitted directly by the financial institution to the Fund for distribution in grants.

A schedule of the 2011-12 grants is attached.

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# Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York

**Funding civil legal assistance for low-income New Yorkers since 1984**

On May 11, 2011, the Trustees of the IOLA Fund awarded grants for 2011 to organizations which provide free civil legal services to low-income persons and organizations which improve the administration of justice in New York.

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES GRANTEE ORGANIZATION		2011 AWARDS
1	Bronx Defenders (The) - Civil Action Practice	\$ 100,000
2	Empire Justice Center	\$ 500,000
3	Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	\$ 320,000
4	Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo	\$ 250,000
5	Legal Aid Society (NYC)	\$ 3,360,000
6	Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York	\$ 970,000
7	Legal Aid Society of Rochester	\$ 550,000
8	Legal Aid Society of Rockland County	\$ 165,000
9	Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.	\$ 725,000
10	Legal Services for New York City	\$ 3,360,000
11	Legal Services of Central New York	\$ 880,000
12	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	\$ 1,050,000
13	MFY Legal Services	\$ 320,000
14	Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee	\$ 860,000
15	Neighborhood Legal Services	\$ 750,000
16	New York Legal Assistance Group	\$ 615,000
17	Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation	\$ 630,000
18	Rural Law Center	\$ 200,000
19	Urban Justice Center	\$ 340,000
20	Western New York Law Center	\$ 350,000
<b>Total for CLS</b>		<b>\$ 16,295,000</b>

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION		2011 AWARDS
1	Advocates For Children	\$ 70,000
2	Albany County Bar Association	\$ 40,000
3	Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund	\$ 40,000
4	Brooklyn Bar Association - Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$ 110,000
5	CAMBA Legal Services - Coalition for the Working Poor	\$ 200,000
6	Capitol District Women's Bar Association Legal Project	\$ 140,000
7	Catholic Charities Community Services of the Archdiocese of New York	\$ 100,000
8	Center for Disability Advocacy Rights (CeDAR)	\$ 45,000
9	Center for Family Representation	\$ 70,000
10	Central American Legal Assistance (CALA)	\$ 40,000
11	Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN NY)	\$ 60,000
12	City Bar Justice Center	\$ 185,000
13	Disability Advocates	\$ 50,000
14	Erie County Bar Association - Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$ 220,000

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION		2011 AWARDS
15	Farmworkers Legal Services of New York	\$ 210,000
16	Fund for New Citizens at the New York Community Trust	\$ 275,000
17	Housing Conservation Coordinators	\$ 100,000
18	inMotion	\$ 140,000
19	LatinoJustice PRLDEF	\$ 100,000
20	LawHelp NY Consortium	\$ 200,000
21	Lawyers Alliance for New York	\$ 125,000
22	Legal Action Center	\$ 75,000
23	Legal Aid Society of Mid New York	\$ 100,000
24	Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)	\$ 75,000
25	Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of WNY	\$ 200,000
26	Lenox Hill	\$ 75,000
27	Long Island Advocacy Center	\$ 85,000
28	Lutheran Social Services of New York	\$ 40,000
29	Make the Road	\$ 100,000
30	My Sisters' Place	\$ 50,000
31	National Center for Law and Economic Justice	\$ 50,000
32	New York County Lawyers Association	\$ 40,000
33	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	\$ 185,000
34	New York State CASA Association	\$ 120,000
35	New York State Dispute Resolution Center	\$ 95,000
36	NYSARC	\$ 100,000
37	Onondaga County Bar Association	\$ 40,000
38	Partnership for Children's Rights	\$ 120,000
39	Partnership for the Homeless	\$ 75,000
40	Pro Bono Net	\$ 75,000
41	Pro Bono Partnership	\$ 60,000
42	Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$ 50,000
43	Safe Horizon	\$ 150,000
44	Sanctuary for Families	\$ 150,000
45	The Door	\$ 75,000
46	Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County	\$ 95,000
47	Volunteers of Legal Services	\$ 120,000
48	Westchester Hispanic Coalition	\$ 60,000
49	Workers' Rights Law Center of New York	\$ 70,000
<b>Total for AOJ</b>		<b>\$ 5,050,000</b>