

Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York

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

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(New York, New York) December 6, 2023- The Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York (IOLA) Announces the Launch of its Justice Infrastructure Project

Due to recent historic revenue growth, the NYS IOLA Fund finds itself with a generational opportunity to enhance the delivery system of civil legal aid in New York. The IOLA Board of Trustees approved the development of a plan that would increase coordination, innovation, and capacity in the sector, known as the **Justice Infrastructure Project**.

Consistent with the IOLA Fund's mission, this Project seeks to ensure that every New Yorker with a legal problem has clear and timely access to high quality legal information, advice, and representation. The IOLA Fund, with the assistance of its project management firm Stout Risius Ross and technical advisor JustTech, will work to more fully define the steps necessary to achieve this goal. The Justice Infrastructure Project is expected to evolve over several years.

In the coming months, the IOLA Fund will reach out to client community groups, grantee organizations, and others as part of a broad stakeholder engagement plan. We look forward to hearing from the community during this initial stage and as the project progresses.

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