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***DC Bar Foundation Awards Record \$2.2 Million to Support Civil  
Legal Services in the District of Columbia***

The DC Bar Foundation announced awards of more than \$2.2 million to support direct civil legal services for the poor in the District. These grants are in addition to the \$2.79 million the Foundation awarded in April 2008 with funding from the District government.

“The generosity of our legal community and our collaboration with local financial institutions on IOLTA made it possible for the Bar Foundation to continue funding our city’s legal services providers,” said Robert N. Weiner, President of the D.C. Bar Foundation. “But we still meet only a fraction of the legal needs of the poor. We hope lawyers and law firms in DC will redouble their efforts to close this gap and to fulfill their unique obligation to fund legal services for the poor. Nothing less will protect the basic human rights of the most vulnerable among us.”

This year, the Foundation’s grants funded 30 organizations that make legal representation available to the homeless, the disabled, and the elderly, as well as to children, victims of domestic violence, and many more of the less fortunate in our community. The grants fund legal services across the city, and help lawyers reach those most at risk to identify and provide critical legal services. The Foundation also awarded a cross-cutting grant to support web-based resources for legal services.

The Foundation awards grants annually, after a rigorous process requiring detailed applications, interviews, and site reviews. The Foundation supports its grantees throughout the year with a range of technical assistance and programming. A list of the grantees for Fiscal Year 2008 is attached and is available on the Foundation’s website.

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*The DC Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1977 to provide a vehicle for members of the bar to contribute to legal services providers. Since 1985, the Foundation has also administered the District of Columbia’s IOLTA program.*

**DC Bar Foundation  
FY2008 IOLTA/Private Grantees**

**Legal Services**

- Advocates for Justice and Education
- Archdiocesan Legal Network
- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Ayuda
- Bread for the City Legal Clinic
- Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition
- Central American Resource Center
- Children's Law Center
- Columbus Community Legal Services
- Disability Rights Project – Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs
- D.C. Employment Justice Center
- D.C. Law Students in Court Program
- D.C. Prisoners' Project - Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs
- DV LEAP
- EEO Intake Project – Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs
- Human Rights First – DC Asylum Project
- Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project – Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs
- Legal Aid Society of D.C. – General Support
- Legal Aid Society of D.C. – Appellate Litigation Project
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly – General Support
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly – Alternatives to Eviction Project
- Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program
- Our Place, D.C.
- SAFE
- US Committee for Refugee & Immigrant Children – DC Refugee Project
- University of the District of Columbia School of Law - Housing Clinic
- University of the District of Columbia School of Law – Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless – Homeless Access to Employment Project
- Whitman-Walker Clinic Legal Services Program
- Women Empowered Against Violence

**Cross-cutting Grant**

- *probono.net/dc - LawHelp.org*