

About the DC Bar Foundation

We make strategic investments to strengthen and advance our civil legal aid network, addressing critical needs and improving our community. We are a steadfast community partner, committed to protecting access to justice in life's most pivotal moments.

“As stewards of some of the most important investments this city can make in social justice, we're helping to build a better community that reflects the values we share. By providing funding and resources to civil legal aid programs, we improve lives, protect families, and strengthen communities across the District.”

—KIRRA L. JARRATT,
Executive Director DC Bar Foundation



Engaging DC's Young Lawyers

The DC Bar Foundation Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council members serve as ambassadors to young lawyers in the DC community promote the DC Bar Foundation's mission and help raise additional resources to support civil legal aid.

Leadership Council members are under 40, committed to legal services, serve two-year terms, and live or work in the District.

Members have the opportunity to engage in the core work of the DC Bar Foundation, network with peers, help their community, and advance their careers. Learn more about this opportunity on our website.

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ABOUT THE DC BAR FOUNDATION

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The DC Bar Foundation is the largest funder of civil legal aid in the District of Columbia.

Our support of transformational civil legal aid programs makes it possible to:

- » prevent wrongful evictions
- » recover stolen wages
- » protect victims against domestic abuse
- » restore disability benefits
- » provide access to special education
- » ensure access to medical care
- » protect the elderly against predatory lenders

Stewarding Civil Legal Aid Funds through IOLTA

Through the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program, we manage and bolster the pool of funds available for civil legal aid at no cost to taxpayers, lawyers, or their clients.

To learn more, visit:

www.dcbarfoundation.org/iolta

Providing 360 Degrees of Support

We work hand-in-hand with DC's civil legal aid community to understand and address the legal issues facing people living in poverty.

We are at the center of a comprehensive network of service providers for whom we provide grants, oversight, financial monitoring, and training and technical assistance.

We also support two important online resources:

- » probono.net/dc
(resources for pro bono attorneys)
- » lawhelp.org/dc
(resources for pro se representation)

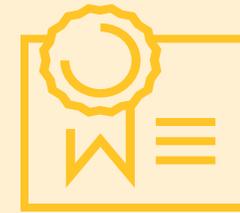
Honoring Exceptional Civil Legal Aid Lawyers



The DC Bar Foundation administers the prestigious Jerrold Scoutt Award, established by Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger LLP, in honor of the public

interest commitment of one of its founding partners, Jerrold Scoutt, Jr. This annual award recognizes a full-time legal services lawyer who has worked for a significant portion of his or her career at a nonprofit organization providing direct, hands-on legal services with demonstrated passion and concern.

Making Civil Legal Aid Careers Possible



A key element of our work involves offering annual loan repayment assistance to help legal aid attorneys pay off their educational debt.

Our annual Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) enables DC legal aid organizations to recruit and retain qualified staff attorneys who might otherwise be unable to continue their critical work.

“The DC Bar Foundation’s loan repayment funding provides me with the ability to continue representing vulnerable, underrepresented youth in the District without worrying about how I will make my next loan payment. In turn, I am able to use my salary to afford the basics—the ability to purchase food, maintain a home, and lead a basic and simple lifestyle in the District of Columbia.”

—STAFF ATTORNEY RECEIVING LRAP FUNDING

Attorneys working on behalf of low-income DC residents at an eligible employer can receive a forgivable, one-year loan from the DC Bar Foundation to help pay off their student loans.