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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

**Proudly supporting equal access to justice and the
civil legal aid network that makes it possible**

DC Legal Services / Private Grantees

Total Awarded..... \$615,000

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.....	\$20,000
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center.....	\$20,000
Ayuda.....	\$40,000
Bread for the City.....	\$50,000
Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition.....	\$10,000
Catholic Charities Legal Network.....	\$20,000
Children's Law Center.....	\$20,000
DC Employment Justice Center.....	\$25,000
DC Law Students in Court.....	\$25,000
DC Volunteer Lawyers Project.....	\$5,000
Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment & Appeals Project.....	\$7,500
Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.....	\$45,000
Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project.....	\$20,000
Legal Counsel for the Elderly.....	\$22,500
Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project.....	\$20,000
Neighborhood Legal Services Program.....	\$25,000
Network for Victim Recovery of DC.....	\$10,000
University Legal Services.....	\$15,000
University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law – Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic.....	\$15,000
Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs DC Prisoners' Rights Project.....	\$80,000
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.....	\$65,000
Whitman-Walker Health.....	\$55,000

Access to Justice / Public Grantees

Total Awarded..... \$3,865,000

SHARED LEGAL INTERPRETER BANK

Ayuda..... \$270,000

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

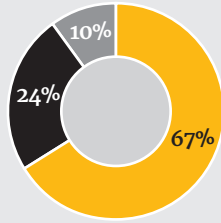
Brief Services Unit Neighborhood Legal Services Program.....	\$80,000
Child Support Community Legal Services Project Bread for the City and Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.....	\$298,500
Community Lawyering Project Bread for the City.....	\$58,000
DC Jail & Prison Advocacy Project University Legal Services.....	\$140,000
Direct Legal Representation & Advocacy Project School Justice Project.....	\$40,000
Domestic Violence Community Legal Services Project Bread for the City.....	\$140,000
Domestic Violence Underserved Communities Representation Project Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.....	\$140,000
Expanded Representation to Domestic Violence Victims in Custody, Child Support & Divorce DC Volunteer Lawyers Project.....	\$40,000
Healthy Together Children's Law Center.....	\$270,000
Healthy Together – Generations Project Children's Law Center.....	\$25,000
Homebound Elderly Project (Project HELP) Legal Counsel for the Elderly.....	\$95,000
Max Robinson Center Legal Services Whitman-Walker Health.....	\$170,000
Polk Street NE Office Neighborhood Legal Services Program.....	\$325,000
Pro Bono Asylum Program Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition.....	\$40,000
Project Eradicating Notario Deceit (Project END) Ayuda.....	\$75,000
School Discipline / Office of Administrative Hearings Extended Project Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.....	\$115,000
Southeast Neighborhood Access Project Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.....	\$404,000
Transgender Legal Services Project Whitman-Walker Health.....	\$69,500
Workers' Rights Clinic Collaboration DC Employment Justice Center.....	\$30,000
HOUSING	
Court-based Legal Services: Landlord / Tenant Court Bread for the City and Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.....	\$587,500
Housing and Community Development Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center.....	\$45,000
Housing Right to Counsel Pilot Project Bread for the City, Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia and Legal Counsel for the Elderly.....	\$310,000
Landlord / Tenant Court Attorney of the Day DC Law Students in Court.....	\$97,500

Summary of DCBF's Audited Financial Statements / FY15

A complete audited financial statement is available upon request.

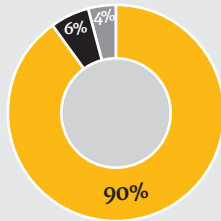
REVENUES

Government Grants (67%)	\$4,107,979
Contributions (24%)	\$1,462,430
IOLTA (10%)	\$605,367
Total	\$6,175,776



EXPENSES

Program (90%)	\$5,116,563
General and Administrative (6%)	\$340,308
Fundraising (4%)	\$218,739
Total	\$5,675,610



ASSETS

Cash	\$1,506,814
Investments	\$454,957
Other	\$195,201
Total	\$2,156,972

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$98,107
Grants Payable	\$120,000
Amounts held on behalf of others	\$181,205
Total	\$399,312

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LRAP: A Win for Clients, Attorneys and Providers

Kelly Thompson always wanted a career in public interest law. Without help from the DC Bar Foundation's loan repayment assistance program (LRAP), it might not have been possible.

Today, thanks in part to LRAP, Kelly works at the Catholic Charities Legal Network with a team of pro bono attorneys who represent low-income and at-risk clients for civil issues, such as landlord/tenant disputes and domestic violence cases. Without Kelly, her clients could not afford representation. Without Kelly's LRAP funding, Catholic Charities Legal Network would not have been able to recruit her.

Kelly is grateful for LRAP. She said that the financial assistance allows her to continue her work and demonstrates that members of the legal community support her efforts to provide equal access to justice.

Correcting Civil Injustices

In 1984, Kevin Martin, a 20-year-old African-American, was convicted of a heinous crime he did not commit. At the time, hair-comparison evidence used to convict Martin was considered irrefutable, and for this reason, he was forced to take an "Alford Plea" deal which allowed him to maintain his innocence while acknowledging that the prosecutor had strong enough evidence to convict him. Through taking this plea, Martin was able to avoid a life sentence. But more importantly, he could continue his fight to prove his innocence.

In 2009, after 26 years in prison, Martin was released on parole. Then in 2014, new DNA analysis technology proved his innocence when it matched the DNA evidence at the crime scene to the true perpetrator. After the DNA results came back, one of DCBF's grantees led the fight to clear his name. On July 21, 2014, Martin regained his freedom when a DC Superior Court judge granted Martin's Certificate of Actual Innocence, the utmost form and highest level of criminal record expungement.

Keeping DC's Elderly in their Homes

DC Bar Foundation grants fund a vast number of vital civil legal aid for the poor. Our focus is always on the issues that matter most for residents in need, with housing being a top priority for the District.

In July 2014, one of our grantees' clients, a 71-year-old woman, was notified that her rent would increase from \$550 to \$1,960 per month. Living on a fixed income of \$1,157 per month (a combination of pension and social security), she was unable to afford the dramatic increase, let alone an attorney to assist her in the matter.

She also had just begun in-home hospice care with a six-month prognosis. Since she had been living in her apartment for more than 10 years, she was extremely distressed at the prospect of having to search for a new apartment at this time. She wanted to spend her remaining time living comfortably in her home.

The attorney of a DCBF grantee organization provided brief services to the client by contacting the property owner to renegotiate the lease. Ultimately, the property owner agreed to allow her to remain in her home at the current rent of \$550 per month. Not surprisingly, she was relieved with the outcome and was able to live in her home until she passed away in October 2014.

\$332,905

in loan repayment assistance awards to 72 civil legal aid lawyers who represent low-income DC residents

\$615,000

in private grants to 22 legal aid providers for critical legal assistance to thousands of underserved DC residents

\$3.865 million

in public grants to 24 collaborative projects for free legal aid throughout the District

Call to Action Volunteer Solicitors

The continued success of our annual Call to Action campaign would not be possible without the hard work of our Volunteer Solicitors. Their experience, guidance and dedication to the Foundation are invaluable and greatly impact the scope of the work we do.

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