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## **Evanston Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 Grant from Illinois Bar Foundation**

**CHICAGO, IL, July 18, 2018** – The Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, has approved a grant of \$5,000 to James B. Moran Center for Youth, a nonprofit organization in Evanston.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

The Moran Center provides low-income Evanston youth and their families with integrated legal and social work services to improve their quality of life at home, at school, and in the community. Their unique programmatic approach focuses on legal representation integrated with social work services, youth advocacy, and restorative justice practices. IBF's grant to the Moran Center will assist in expanding the high demand for its Special Education Legal Advocacy (SELA) program which helps stem the school-to-prison pipeline for children with disabilities.

The mission of the Illinois Bar Foundation is to ensure meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means, and to assist lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity. This fiscal year, the Foundation will distribute over \$820,000 in funding to help those without attorneys receive the legal assistance they need, support attorneys and their families who have fallen on hard times, and provide navigational and procedural guidance inside courthouses across the state.

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