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News Release

**Illinois Bar Foundation Distributes ‘Access to Justice’
Grants among 29 Illinois Legal Aid Non-Profits**

CHICAGO, IL, May 16, 2017 – At the Illinois Bar Foundation’s (IBF) March 16 meeting, the board of directors of the IBF, the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, approved 29 grants* totaling \$210,000 which will be distributed this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide.

In 2016, the Illinois Bar Foundation received a generous gift of \$345,000 from the national consumer rights law firm Edelson PC, of Chicago, which has enabled the IBF to supplement its “Access to Justice” grants budget by \$35,000 this year.

*The 2017 Illinois Bar Foundation grant recipients are as follows:

Chicago

Cabrini Green Legal Aid - \$10,000
CARPLS - \$10,000
Center for Disability and Elder Law - \$5,000
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation - \$5,000
Chicago Law and Education Foundation - \$5,000
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services - \$10,000
Community Activism Law Alliance - \$5,000
Domestic Violence Legal Clinic - \$10,000
Equip for Equality - \$5,000
Farmworker & Lanscaper Advocacy Project - \$5,000
Illinois Equal Justice Foundation - \$5,000
Illinois Legal Aid Online - \$15,000
Lawndale Christian Legal Center - \$2,500
Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing - \$7,500
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services - \$5,000
Legal Council for Health Justice - \$5,000
Life Span - \$5,000
National Immigrant Justice Center - \$10,000
Public Interest Law Initiative - \$15,000
Resolution Systems Institute - \$5,000
The Chicago Lighthouse - \$2,500
Uptown People’s Law Center - \$5,000

Outside of Chicago

Administer Justice, Elgin, Ill. - \$5,000
Immigration Project, Normal, Ill. - \$5,000
Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, East St. Louis, Ill. - \$15,000
Neighborhood Law Office, East St. Louis, Ill. - \$7,500
Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors, Rockford, Ill. - \$5,000
Prairie State Legal Services, Rockford, Ill. - \$15,000
Pro Bono Network, Oak Park, Ill. - \$5,000
Riverview Center, Galena, Ill. - \$5,000

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 \$750,000 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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