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News Release

Oak Park Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 Grant from Illinois Bar Foundation

CHICAGO, IL, May 16, 2017 – The Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, has approved a grant of \$5,000 to Pro Bono Network, a nonprofit organization in Oak Park.

The grant is one of 29 grants totaling \$210,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

IBF's grant to Pro Bono Network's general operating funds will help it sustain current operations and staff who bring experienced and skilled attorneys together with 10 legal agencies seeking volunteers for pro bono work. In 2016, Pro Bono Network's 383 attorney members volunteered a total of 2,979 hours, serving 736 clients.

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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