



February 10, 2015

Chief Justice James W. Hardesty
Nevada Supreme Court
201 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4702

RE: ADKT 0479: Annual Statement of the Nevada Bar Foundation

Dear Chief Justice Hardesty:

The Nevada Bar Foundation hereby submits its Annual Statement of the Nevada Bar Foundation (NBF) pursuant to SCR 216(5) and 220.5.

The Annual Statement outlines the transition of the SCR 216 IOLTA program to the NBF, its distribution of more than \$2.9 million in IOLTA grant funds, and a report on 2014 grant recipient activities.

It has been our pleasure working with this Court to undertake this important program. I am available to provide additional information to the Court as requested.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly K. Farmer', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kimberly K. Farmer
Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada
Secretary, Nevada Bar Foundation

cc: Tracie Lindeman

1 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

2 IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNUAL)
3 STATEMENT OF THE NEVADA)
4 BAR FOUNDATION)
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9 **REPORT PURSUANT TO SCR 216(5) AND 220.5**

10 Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 216(5)¹ and 220.5², the Nevada Bar
11 Foundation (NBF) hereby submits its annual report of activities and grant
12 recipients.

13 Effective August 31, 2014, the NBF became the designated SCR 216 IOLTA
14 foundation responsible for managing the IOLTA program and distributing IOLTA
15 grants.

16 In preparation for the IOLTA program management, the NBF:

17 - Established a Board of Trustees appointed by the State Bar of Nevada
18 Board of Governors and the Court in accordance with SCR 216;

19 - Filed its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary
20 of State's Office

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22 ¹ **Rule 216. Creation of foundation.**

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24 5. The bar foundation shall provide, at least annually, to the board of governors and to the court, a report of its
25 activities.

26 ² **Rule 220.5. Annual statements.**

27 1. The bar foundation shall submit annually to the supreme court an audited financial statement in sufficient detail
28 to analyze expenditures, and shall cause the financial statement to be published annually in the state bar publication.
29 2. The bar foundation shall provide the supreme court with an annual statement concerning the performance of the
30 recipients of grants, including a declaration of how the recipients have expended the funds.

1 - Amended its Bylaws, to among other things, carry out its duties as the SCR
2 216 designated IOLTA foundation, including filing with the Internal Revenue
3 Service a notice to terminate its private foundation status as of December 31, 2014
4 and operate as a Section 509(a)(2) public charity for a 60-month period beginning
5 January 1, 2015;

6 - Accepted transfer of the IOLTA program assets and responsibilities from
7 the Nevada Law Foundation dba Justice League of Nevada; and

8 - Implemented policies and procedures for program management and
9 operation.

10 **2015 IOLTA Grant Recipients**

11 In September 2014, the NBF solicited IOLTA grant applications from those
12 organizations that received funding over the past three years. Notice of the grant
13 application process was also posted on the NBF website.

14 The NBF Board of Trustees distributed 2015 IOLTA grants totaling
15 \$2,942,055 to the following organizations deemed eligible to receive IOLTA
16 funds under SCR 216 in the amounts indicated:

17 CASA of Carson City: \$16,000

18 Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada: \$1,572,630

19 Nevada Legal Services: \$427,025

20 Northeastern Nevada CASA: \$15,000

21 Pioneer Territory CASA: \$21,000

22 RSVP: \$29,000

23 S.A.F.E. House: \$12,800

24 Safe Nest: \$24,000

25 Southern Nevada Senior Law Program: \$223,820

Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada: \$170,810

Washoe County Legal Services: \$323,950

Washoe County Legal Services – Rural Legal Services: \$106,020

1 **2014 IOLTA Grant Recipient Activities**

2 In 2014, IOLTA grants funded organizations that serve the legal needs of
3 disadvantaged Nevadans, with the majority of funding providing direct, legally-
4 related services to the poor, victims of domestic violence, senior citizens, to
5 children protected by or in need of protection of the juvenile court, and other
6 persons denied access to justice. In 2014, IOLTA grant funding:

7 **(1) Served the following number of households in each of these counties:**

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9 Carson City:	752	Lincoln County:	16
10 Churchill County:	158	Lyon County:	250
11 Clark County:	19,701	Mineral County:	299
12 Douglas County:	124	Nye County:	93
13 Elko County:	145	Pershing County:	74
14 Esmeralda County:	26	Storey County:	5
15 Eureka County:	0	Washoe County:	1,696
16 Humboldt County:	296	White Pine County:	8
Lander County:	17	TOTAL:	23,660

17 **(2) Statewide, served the following number of clients as follows:**

18 *Overall*

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20 Assisted without litigation:	2,652
21 Represented in litigation:	1,233
22 Participants in classes, clinics and hotline clinics:	1,673
23 Participants at Ask-a-Lawyer, Lawyer in the Library, and Lawyer in the Lobby events:	859
24 Assisted clients at self-help centers:	17,676

25 *Pro Bono*

Placed with pro bono attorneys:	91
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1 Represented by pro bono attorneys: 1,105

2 Assisted by pro bono attorneys with hotline
3 programs or brief consultations: 1,202

4 **(3) Statewide, addressed this many of the following client matters:**

5 Guardianship Matters: 218

6 TPR/Adoption: 45

7 Consumer/Finance Matters: 859

8 Civil Litigation: 199

9 Housing/Foreclosure: 407

10 Abused/Neglected Children: 791

11 Family Law: 342

12 Domestic Violence: 8,842

13 Real Property: 1,273

14 Estate Planning & Probate: 3,449

15 Employment: 11

16 Income Maintenance/Public Benefits: 382

17 Immigration: 71

18 Other: 657

19 Respectfully submitted this 10th day of February 2015.

20 NEVADA BAR FOUNDATION

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