

# NEVADA BAR FOUNDATION

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT** 

### WHERE WE ARE NOW

Since 2015, the Nevada Bar Foundation has granted more than \$14 million to statewide legal service organizations, benefitting more than 161,500 Nevada households.

### *IOLTA*

The Nevada Bar Foundation and its Board of Trustees are stewards of a program that funds direct legal services to Nevadans most in need. Since assuming the Interest on Lawyer Trust Account (IOLTA) program in 2015, the Foundation has built a program – supported by its banking partners and operating with low overhead – that has resulted in necessary funding to meet the legal needs of more than 161,500 Nevada households.

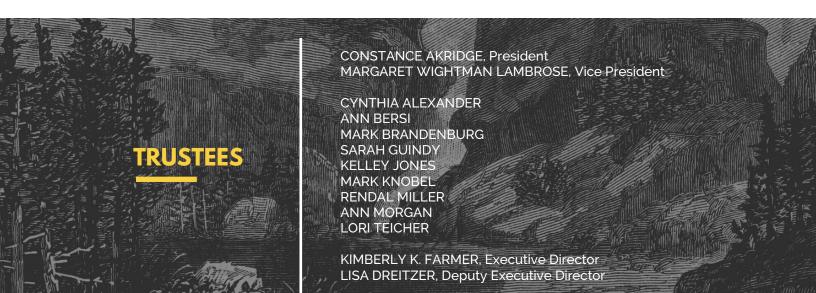
### Bank of America Grants

This year marked the end of a four-year grant program funded by settlement proceeds between the U.S. Department of Justice and Bank of America. This year, the Nevada Bar Foundation granted the remaining funds from the nearly \$3.6 million dollars received to provide direct legal services to Nevadans impacted by the Great Recession.

More than 10,800 individuals were served with the total grant dollars, including 141 veterans, 394 children and 2,852 elderly. The grant program also prevented 303 foreclosures, assisted 1,401 clients facing foreclosure, and benefitted 2,506 small businesses and 448 non-profit organizations. Bank of America grant dollars also provided funding for a statewide civil legal needs assessment and provided resources to start Nevada's first medical-legal partnership in Reno.

### Legal Community Support

The Foundation continues to receive strong support in the legal community. Nevada attorneys donated more than \$12,000 during the 2019 dues check off period, directly supporting the Foundation's non-IOLTA program including law related education. A raffle at the State Bar of Nevada's 2019 Annual Meeting provided attendees with another opportunity to show their support and bring awareness to the work of this organization.



## **IOLTA**

The Nevada Bar Foundation has benefitted from a solid relationship with Nevada's participating IOLTA institutions. Last year, a **Leadership Institution** program was created for those banking partners who committed to paying premium rates on all IOLTA accounts. The number Leadership Institutions has continued to grow and their commitment to IOLTA has provided significant funding for legal aid in Nevada. A **Financial Heroes** advertising campaign was launched to recognize the Leadership Institutions that have paved the way for increased giving to Nevadans in need of pro bono legal services.

### LEADERSHIP INSTITUTIONS

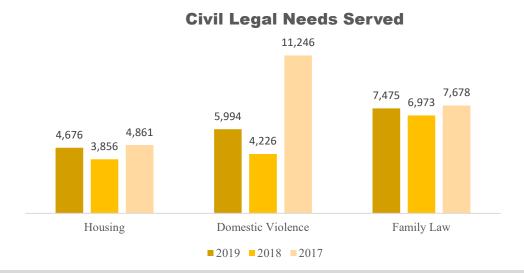
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### **SUSTAINING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

American First National Bank Bank of America Bank of George Bank of the West **BMO Harris Bank** Chase Citibank City National Bank East West Bank Financial Horizons Credit Union First Savings Bank First Security Bank of Nevada Heritage Bank Kirkwood Bank of Nevada Lexicon Bank Mutual of Omaha Nevada State Bank Northern Trust Bank Pacific Premier Bank Plumas Bank Silver State Schools Credit Union Town & Country Bank Umpqua Bank **US Bank** Valley Bank of Nevada (BNLV) Washington Federal Wells Fargo

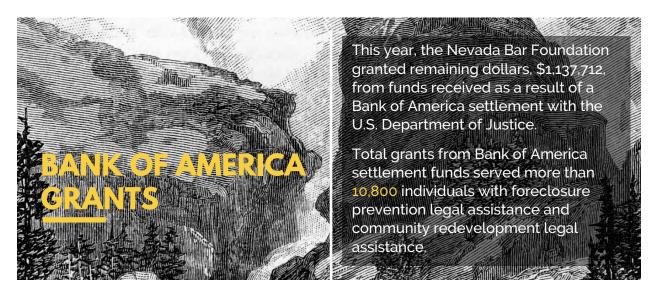




Civil legal needs can vary greatly. However, trends have developed, such as consistent needs related to housing and family law matters and estate planning and probate issues affecting our older citizens. These trends are consistent with the findings of the 2018 Civil Legal Needs Assessment.

The Nevada Bar Foundation adopted an IOLTA grant funding formula developed by the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission. This formula helps to ensure services are delivered to areas of the state demonstrating the highest need.

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED					
NEVADA COUNTIES	2019	2018			
CARSON CITY	797	733			
CHURCHILL	129 53				
CLARK	25,378 22,542				
DOUGLAS	181 100				
ELKO	186	184			
ESMERALDA	7	2			
EUREKA	5	7			
HUMBOLDT	301	265			
LANDER	28	62			
LINCOLN	5	8			
LYON	369 156				
MINERAL	219 203				
NYE	124	17			
PERSHING	37	15			
STOREY	12	27			
WASHOE	1,538	1,424			
WHITE PINE	14	5			
	29,330	25,803			



This year marked the end of a four-year grant program designed to directly benefit communities affected by the Great Recession. The Nevada Bar Foundation received nearly \$3.6 million dollars resulting from a settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and Bank of America. Grant dollars were earmarked specifically for foreclosure prevention legal assistance and community redevelopment legal assistance.

The Nevada Bar Foundation used these funds to support programs that benefitted Nevadans, including veterans, children and the elderly. Grant dollars provided much needed funding to launch Nevada's first medical-legal partnership. Funding was also provided to conduct a statewide legal needs assessment; the finding from this report have helped to identify where legal services should be directed and shape future legal service delivery.

					TOTAL
	2019	2018	2017	2016	TOTAL
FORECLOSURE PREVENTION					
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED	182	408	150	1,168	1,908
ELDERLY	182	204	150	764	1,300
CHILDREN	0	0	0	14	14
VETERANS	0	0	0	85	85
FORECLOSURES PREVENTED	27	39	27	210	303
FORECLOSURE CLIENTS BENEFITTED IN OTHER WAYS	155	165	123	958	1,401
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT					
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED	2,276	4,736	1,698	256	8,966
ELDERLY	360	576	369	247	1,552
CHILDREN	69	222	89	0	380
VETERANS	33	19	3	1	56
NON-PROFITS ASSISTED	113	169	130	36	448
SMALL BUSINESSES ASSISTED	0	1,262	1,242	2	2,506

### **FINANCIALS**

# Financial Information as of 12.31.19 (Unaudited)

CURRENT ASSETS	\$6,054,503
Cash & Cash Equivalents	
IOLTA	\$4,903,681
IOLTA Reserves	\$800,000
Bank of America Settlement	\$7,146
Non-IOLTA	\$341,175
Restricted Colleagues Funds	\$2,500

Accounts Receivable \$326,780 Prepaid Expenses (\$0)

Total Current Assets \$6,381,283

**PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT** 

Flagpole & Podium \$11,513 (Accumulated Depreciation) (\$7,616)

Net Property & Equip. \$3,897

TOTAL ASSETS: \$6,385,180

**CURRENT LIABILITIES** 

Accounts Payable \$0

FUND BALANCE \$6,385,180

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND** 

BALANCES \$6,385,180