



NEVADA BAR  
FOUNDATION

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Brandenburg, President

Paul Matteoni, Treasurer

Mary Chapman

Patricia Halstead

Michael Hix

Kelley Jones

Kyle Morishita

Michael Morton

Will Sykes

Dave Zerhusen

Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director

Lisa McGrane, Deputy Director

## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Nevada Bar Foundation is a consistent source of financial support for statewide pro bono legal assistance programs. Building upon a solid foundation of a dedicated Board of Trustees, the generous support of our banking partners, and low administrative expenses, the Foundation has expertly directed its funding to the organizations and programs that serve community legal needs.

*IOLTA Grant Funding:* In 2024, the Foundation distributed \$12,000,000 in IOLTA grant dollars, the most funding awarded since assuming the program in 2014. These dollars provided civil legal services to more than 78,000 households statewide – almost double the services provided over the prior year.

*Foundation Grants:* For the second year in a row, the Foundation carried out a grant program serving organizations that provide legal education, support for minority attorneys, and pipeline programs providing pathways to careers in the law. This year, the Foundation awarded \$188,000 in grant funds, with up to another \$127,500 in matching funds.

*Banking Partners:* Building on solid relationships with our banking partners, the Foundation continued to meet with representatives from Nevada’s financial institutions and recognize their contributions to our community. The Leadership Banking program started in 2019 was expanded this year to recognize Platinum Partners who agree to pay 2.25% on IOLTA accounts or more. Eight banks signed on this year as Platinum Partners.

## IOLTA PROGRAM

The IOLTA grant program has provided consistent funding for the thousands of Nevadans in need of pro bono legal services. The strong support provided by our banking partners increased available funding for these programs by \$10 million since 2015.



## BANKING PARTNERS

Financial institutions voluntarily elect to offer IOLTA accounts, often at higher rates than their other product lines. We recognize the sustaining financial institutions listed here for their continued participation in the IOLTA banking program. **We offer special recognition to the Leadership banks that pay premium rates on all IOLTA accounts and to our Platinum Partners that offer rates at 2.25% or higher.**

### PLATINUM PARTNERS



Bank of Nevada  
 Clark County Credit Union  
 Enterprise Bank and Trust  
 Farm Bureau Bank  
 First Independent Bank  
 GenuBank  
 MidFirst Bank  
 Umpqua Bank

### LEADERSHIP BANKING PARTNERS

First Savings Bank	Nevada State Bank
First Security Bank of Nevada	Royal Business Bank
GBank	Silver State Schools Credit Union
Lexicon Bank	Town & Country Bank
Meadows Bank	Wells Fargo
Nevada Bank and Trust	

### SUSTAINING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

American First National Bank	First Citizens Bank
Bank of America	First Foundation Bank
BMO Bank N.A.	Heritage Bank
Cathay Bank	Icon Business Bank
Chase	Northern Trust Bank
Citibank	Pacific Premier Bank
City National Bank	Plumas Bank
East West Bank	US Bank
Financial Horizons Credit Union	Valley Bank of Nevada
	Washington Federal Bank

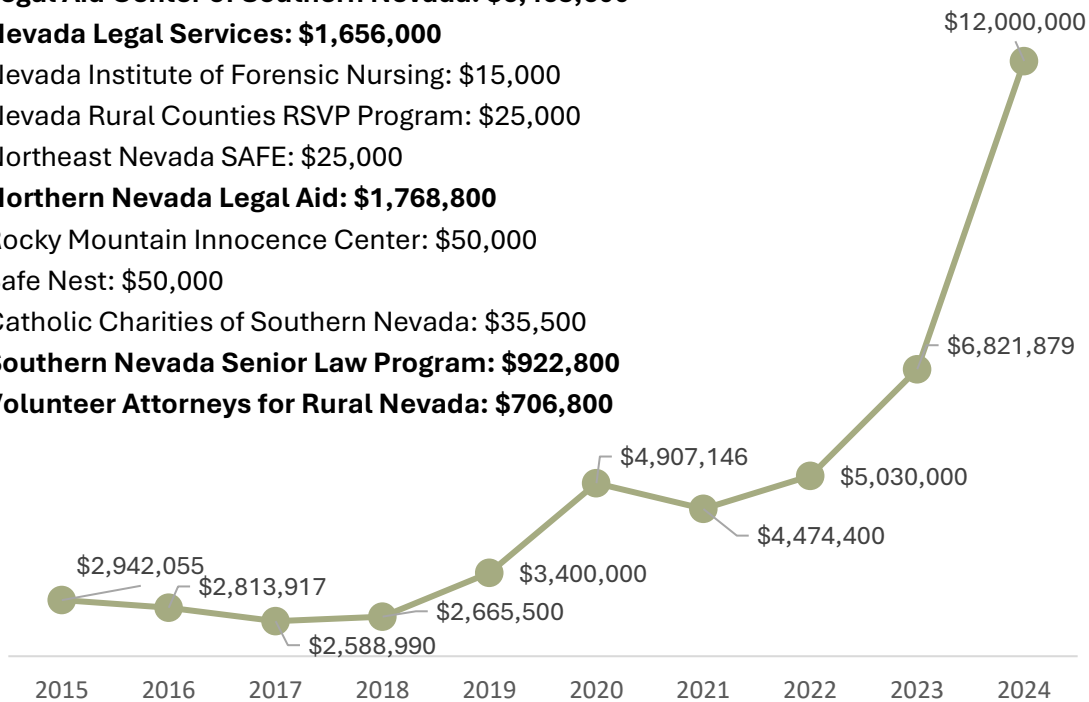
# IOLTA GRANTS

The Nevada Bar Foundation provided IOLTA Grants totaling \$12,000,000 in 2024. The availability of funding for Nevada legal aid organizations has steadily increased over the past five years, due largely to the commitment from Nevada’s Leadership Financial Institutions offering premium rates on IOLTA accounts. **The Foundation grants 96% of all available dollars to five legal aid organizations identified by the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission;** these organizations provide the greatest number of legal aid services throughout the state.

## 2024 IOLTA Grant Awards

- CASA – Carson City: \$30,000
- CASA – Lyon County: \$30,000
- CASA – Pioneer Territory: \$40,000
- CASA – Northeastern Nevada: \$30,000
- CASA – Washoe County: \$24,000
- Domestic Violence Resource Center: \$40,000
- Elevate Change - \$25,000
- Immigrant Home Foundation: \$35,500
- Kairos For Life Foundation: \$25,000
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada: \$6,465,600**
- Nevada Legal Services: \$1,656,000**
- Nevada Institute of Forensic Nursing: \$15,000
- Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program: \$25,000
- Northeast Nevada SAFE: \$25,000
- Northern Nevada Legal Aid: \$1,768,800**
- Rocky Mountain Innocence Center: \$50,000
- Safe Nest: \$50,000
- Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada: \$35,500
- Southern Nevada Senior Law Program: \$922,800**
- Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada: \$706,800**

IOLTA Grants by Year



## WHO IOLTA SERVES

The Nevada Bar Foundation grants IOLTA funding to statewide legal aid organizations using a formula that distributes grant dollars to statewide programs delivering legal services in areas of greatest need. The number of households served increased this year, primarily due to the newly opened Washoe County Self Help Center.

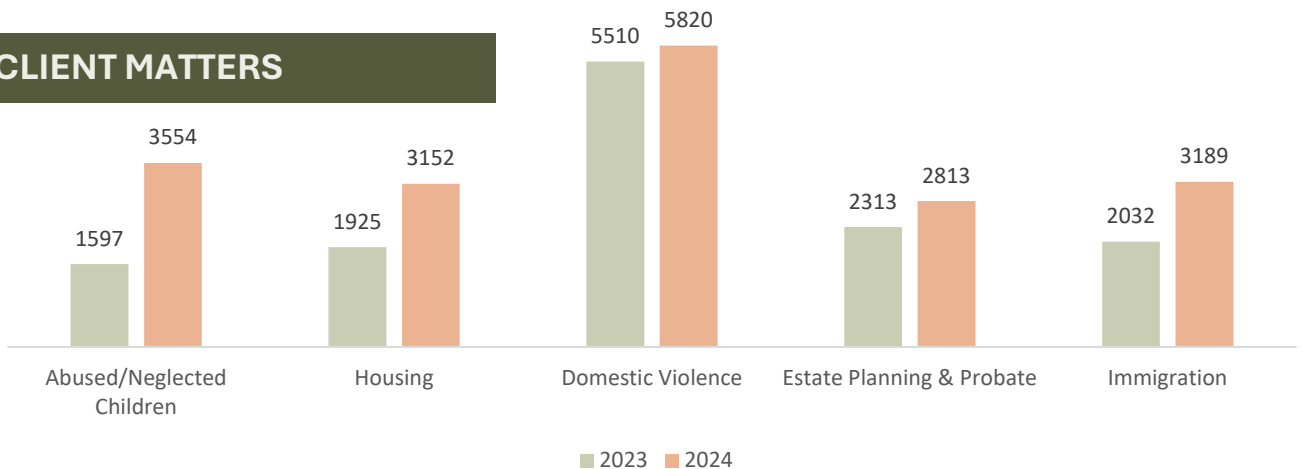
### SERVICES DELIVERED

Dollars granted through the IOLTA grant program served more than 78,000 Nevada households in 2024. The form of representation depends on client needs. Annually, service through self-help centers run by legal aid organizations, provide representation to the greatest number of people.

- 4,906 represented with litigation
- 9,965 represented without litigation
- 4,263 attended classes and clinics
- 9,359 attended ask-a-lawyer events
- 46,436 served at self-help centers
- 529 placed with pro bono attorneys
- 1,218 represented pro bono
- 1,945 helped by pro bono attorney hotlines or brief consultations

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED		
NEVADA COUNTIES	2023	2024
Carson City	1,034	1,770
Churchill	94	115
Clark	40,881	55,298
Douglas	193	476
Elko	153	272
Esmeralda	3	1
Eureka	15	15
Humboldt	137	124
Lander	17	31
Lincoln	23	10
Lyon	360	664
Mineral	163	195
Nye	163	189
Pershing	14	26
Storey	15	28
Washoe	2,169	18,970
White Pine	12	15
	<b>40,648</b>	<b>78,199</b>

### CLIENT MATTERS





## FOUNDATION GRANTS

Funded through late fees assessed on MCLE non-compliance, the Foundation Grant program provides funding for organizations that support educational programs for lawyers, pipeline programs for Nevada children, support for Nevada's minority bar associations, and the delivery of pro bono legal services to under-served populations.

The Foundation Grant program calls upon grant recipients to leverage available funds by obtaining matching funds through their community support partners. **In 2024 the Nevada Bar Foundation authorized \$188,000 in direct grants and up to another \$127,500 in matching funds.** Programs receiving funding fell within one of four general categories. We have highlighted the services provided by some of the grant recipients below.

### Law Related Education Programs That Promote Interest in and Understanding of the Law.

- *Bill of Rights Institute*: \$10,500 grant for civics education in Nevada classrooms.
- *Northeastern Nevada SAFE*: \$30,000 grant for guardianship and elder law training.
- *Our Nevada Judges*: \$10,000 grant and \$15,000 match for camera operations in Nevada courtrooms.
- *UNLV Foundation*: \$15,000 match for the Michael Douglas Pre-Law Fellowship.

### Direct Support for Delivery of Legal Services to Underserved Populations

*ACLU of Nevada*: \$10,000 grant and \$5,000 match will fund the Engaged Communities Initiative that surveys and addresses the legal needs of those living in public housing.

*Center for Access to QDROs*: \$25,000 grant and \$10,000 match to provide support services and technical assistance to legal aid and self-help center staff drafting QDROs on behalf of clients.

*Nevada Institute of Forensic Nursing*: \$10,000 grant and \$10,000 match for statewide training to attorneys, law enforcement, and community members on sexual and violent assault and court procedures for victims.

*Nevada Rural Counties RSVP*: \$30,000 grant to provide pro bono legal services to seniors (age 60 or older) in Nevada's rural counties.

## FOUNDATION GRANTS (continued)

### Activities and Initiatives of Affinity Bar Associations that Serve Minority Lawyers.

- *¡Ándale! Foundation*: \$10,000 grant and \$10,000 match for LSAT Prep scholarships.
- *Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association*: \$15,000 grant and \$15,000 match for the LVNBA prelaw and law school scholarship program.
- *Nevada Latino Bar Association*: \$7,500 grant and \$7,500 match for bar prep scholarships.
- *South Asian Bar Association*: \$20,000 grant and \$20,000 match for LSAT prep scholarships.
- *UNLV Foundation*: \$20,000 match for the Bar Success Program.

### Other

*FEAT of Southern Nevada*: \$10,000 awarded to provide advocacy for families of school-age children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) so that students with ASD are included in the classroom with their typical peers and have access to the general curriculum.

## DON CHRISTENSEN HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

This year, the Foundation expanded its charitable giving through the establishment of the Don Christensen High School Mock Trial Endowment. The endowment honors the legacy of Don Christensen, the “Godfather of Nevada Mock Trial,” and stalwart proponent of high school mock trial.

Using funds raised from private donations and a \$15,000 donation from the State Bar of Nevada, the Endowment will provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a college-bound high school senior securing top scores at the state high school mock trial competition.

The 2024 scholarship was awarded to a student from Canyon Springs High School in Las Vegas.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Nevada Bar Foundation Trustees provide responsible stewardship for the dollars remitted through the IOLTA program and grants for delivery of legal services. Trustees also manage non-IOLTA operations, such as the Check YES campaign to raise money through annual license fee donations, and the Charles Deaner Living Trust, which supports Nevada's high school mock trial program.

The Foundation operates under an agreement with the State Bar of Nevada for program administration, alleviating the need for dedicated staffing and overhead.

This year, the Foundation authorized funding for the administration of the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice program, beginning in 2025. Funding of this program represents the Foundation's commitment to supporting legal aid and strengthening our banking relationships.

### Financial Information as of 12.31.24 (Unaudited)

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$16,755,149</b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	
IOLTA	\$15,437,323
IOLTA Reserves	\$800,000
Non-IOLTA	\$517,827
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$1,901,891</b>
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,516</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$18,658,556</u></b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	
Flagpole & Podium	\$11,513
Accumulated Depreciation (\$9,536)	
<b>Net Property &amp; Equip.</b>	<b>\$1,977</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$18,660,533</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$32,152
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$18,243,844</b>
Colleagues Funds	\$2,500
Restricted MCLE	\$382,037
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$18,660,533</b>