July marked the beginning of the Indiana Bar Foundation’s new fiscal year. As we turn the page to a new fiscal year, one of our annual duties is to thank our outgoing volunteer board and committee members and onboard new ones. The Foundation has been extremely fortunate to have some of the most dedicated volunteers passionate about our mission of increasing access to the civil justice system and expanding civic education opportunities for all Hoosiers. Without the work of these volunteer leaders, there literally would not be an Indiana Bar Foundation. This past year the Foundation volunteers donated more than 1,200 hours of their time to support our mission. These individuals decided that it is vital to take a few hours of their time to serve as a judge at a We the People or High School Mock Trial competition or spend time helping a fellow Hoosier through a legal issue. Other volunteers have decided that the work of the Foundation is significant enough that they are willing to be part of the governing board and committees that serve as the crucial core of the organization. Each of these volunteers embodies the noble ideals of civic virtue that our country, state, and profession cherish. If you are interested in joining this group of volunteers and demonstrating your civic virtue, we always have opportunities that can fit any schedule! Feel free to send me a note (cdunlap@inbf.org) to let us know of your interest. We will be thrilled to have you join us!

-Chuck

Foundation Allocates $2.5 Million in Grants

The Indiana Bar Foundation has announced $2.5 million in civil legal assistance grants. In addition, the Foundation has awarded the 2022 Phelps and Fara Scholarship winner. Learn more here.

Development

Again this summer, the Foundation was fortunate to have intern Deion Ziwawo return to work alongside our staff. We wish Deion all of the best as he returns to IU and continues his studies towards a legal career. Deion was kind enough to share the following thoughts on his experience.

My internship at the Indiana Bar Foundation was truly life-changing and a perfect starting point for my long-term goal of becoming a lawyer. I first interned following the summer of my freshman year at Indiana University and returned this summer because I had such a worthwhile experience the first time around. I was able to gain real-life exposure into the legal
profession with my work and with the people I was able to connect with. I had the privilege of interacting with prominent figures in the legal community, such as Indiana Supreme Court Justices and United States District Court judges, and on various committees within the Foundation. I would have never been able to immerse myself in experiences such as visiting the Indiana Statehouse to hear Oral Arguments in front of the Indiana Supreme Court or visiting the Federal Courthouse and having one on one conversations with judges had I not worked at the Foundation. At I was not just some intern who fetched coffee and did mindless tasks, but rather felt like an integral part of the team. The team brought me in and treated me like I was important; something that can be rare to find in internships at this level of my studies. I have enjoyed the friendships and connections I was able to make at the IBF and look forward to continuing them. This internship was valuable for many things, but above all, it taught me more about myself and what I wish to accomplish in my future.

Deion Ziwawo
2021 & 2022 Indiana Bar Foundation Summer Intern

Civil Legal Assistance

Foundation Director of Grant Programs Abbie Bush and Director of Indiana Legal Help Kate Guerrero presented "Connecting to Legal Services and Information for Housing and Other Legal Needs" at the Indiana Community Action Association annual conference on July 14. The well-attended session included speakers from the Foundation's partners, Indiana Legal Services, and the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Members of the Foundation's Civil Legal Assistance team will be attending the American Bar Association Commission on IOLTA 2022 Summer Workshops held in person August 4-5 in Chicago. The workshops are co-sponsored by the National Association of IOLTA Programs and will bring together IOLTA program leaders from across the country and Canada to learn about best practices in lawyers trust accounts and civil legal assistance.

Please save the date for the annual Civil Legal Assistance Conference on Friday, October 28, at Ivy Tech Conference Center. The Foundation and the Coalition for Court Access are co-hosting the event. Additional information, including registration, will be shared later this month. Follow the Foundation on social media or check our website for updates!

Check out the Indiana Legal Help Facebook page. The site has updates on a variety of resources related to IndianaLegalHelp.org. The page is the place to learn about new forms, videos, and other self-help resources. Please like the page and share it with your colleagues, family, and friends.

Civic Education

The Indiana Bar Foundation is proud to administer the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Indiana. The USSYP offers two delegates a $10,000 college scholarship and an immersive week of meeting national leaders in Washington, D.C. The application deadline is September 12. Learn more about the program here.
The 2022 We the People season is officially underway! Registration forms for schools and classes can be found on the Indiana Bar Foundation Website. Schools and classes will have until September 30 to register for this years competition. Regional dates, locations, and times will be published on our website. The questions for 2022 regional competitions are available and can be found on the Competition and Showcase info tab. This competition season will be the first in three years to be in-person. Students are excited to present in front of live audiences. We ask for your support and consider volunteering as a judge. Sign up to join us at a We the People competition this year Please contact Foundation Director of Civic Education Tim Kalgreen if you are interested.

For educators, if you have not ordered your We the People books for this school year, please do so now using this form.

Join the Indiana Bar Foundation at an Introduction to Mock Trial workshop. Attendees will learn what is mock trial, how to teach trial elements, and how to have a program at your school. Mock Trial is aligned to the Indiana Academic Content Standards for Social Studies and English Language Arts so it’s a great enhancement to what you're already teaching in the classroom. Workshops are held September 26 (Gary), September 27 (Fort Wayne), October 3 (Indianapolis), and October 6 (Evansville). Register today at [insert link] or learn more about the program at [website] or by contacting our civic education team.

News Briefs

There's a side of President & CEO Charles Dunlap that many people are not aware of. Take a moment to read this compelling article.

Foundation Comptroller Michael Tranovich celebrated his twenty-third year with the organization on July 12. Michael's commitment to the IOLTA program and supporting the financial aspects of the Foundation often go unnoticed, but are integral to the organization's short and long-term health. "Congratulations on your 23 years of dedicated service. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the years to come," said Foundation President & CEO Charles Dunlap.