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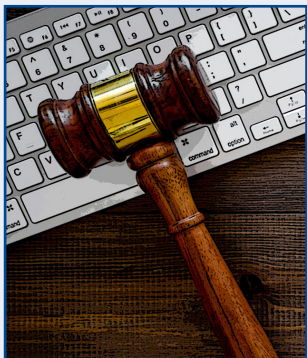
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receives for legal services, sometimes from unexpected sources. One surprise arrived in 2015 when the Foundation received funding for foreclosure prevention legal assistance and community redevelopment legal assistance.

Funds were allocated from the National Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement to each state based on the federal poverty census data, a formula used by the Legal Services Corporation. The Idaho Law Foundation's IOLTA Program initially received \$294,000 from the settlement. In 2016, the Foundation received an additional \$1,893,000 from the settlement.

At that time, the current and previous chairs of the IOLTA Fund Committee met to determine the eligible organizations and prepare a recommendation for the Board. The Board agreed that the funds would be granted over a 10 year period to five organizations: Idaho Legal Aid Services, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Intermountain Fair Housing Council, and the two Idaho law schools. Below is some specific information regarding how each organization has chosen to utilize their funding:

- \* **Idaho Legal Aid:** Funds are being used to implement a Housing Advice Line and provide extended representation to low-income housing clients statewide.
- \* **Intermountain Fair Housing Council:** Funds are being used to hire an attorney to provide case coordination, litigation, policy analysis, and outreach and education.
- \* **Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program:** Funds provide legal assistance for foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment services to small businesses, families, and children.
- \* **Concordia University School of Law:** Funds are being used to expand housing clinic efforts that provide direct representation to individuals and families for housing related issues
- \* **University of Idaho College of Law:** Funds are being used to support the Main Street Legal Clinic's housing related cases and for the Syringa Mobile Home Park on-going action.

While it may seem like our country has put the worst of the mortgage crisis behind us, it's still important to provide funding that allows our legal service organizations to address housing issues. While foreclosures may be inevitable for some, legal representation can help other homeowners save their homes and, more importantly, maintain stable communities. The Law Foundation is grateful to be able to provide sustained assistance for housing issues to our statewide network of legal service providers.



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Violence Court, IVLP, and the Women's and Children's Alliance. Its aim is to recruit and train volunteer attorneys like Justin to represent domestic violence survivors at DVPO hearings.

Prior to law school, Justin worked with individuals struggling in abusive relationships. He reveals that he saw first-hand the difficulties individuals face in seeking protection from their abusers, particularly if criminal proceedings are not initiated or pursued. In most cases, the only recourse for a survivor is a civil protection order.

Justin indicates that volunteering for the DVPO program is an opportunity to help people fighting for their safety who lack the resources to hire an attorney. He says, "In my view, clients in this program have been through extremely trying circumstances and are understandably daunted by the prospect of representing themselves against their abuser in court. It is incredibly rewarding to assist these people who have nowhere else to turn."

DVPO is seeking additional volunteers to meet the persistent and growing need for representation at DVPO hearings. On November 16, Judge Andrew Ellis and Maureen Wishkoski the WCA Court Advocate Manager will present a CLE at Concordia University School of Law. Justin encourages attorneys to take advantage of this opportunity: "This CLE is fantastic and will walk you through everything you need to know to successfully represent a DVPO client." The CLE is free with a commitment to volunteer.

If you have any questions about the DVPO Volunteer Program, contact [Rebecca Kulaga](#). For more information visit the [DVC's website](#).

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During that event, we premiered our [new video](#). More importantly we had one more opportunity to listen to Craig Meadows speak as he wrapped up his time as President of the Foundation.

As Craig said at the Luncheon, he knows that everyone has a lot of worthwhile options when it comes to making donations. He then went on to explain why he believes it's important to support the Law Foundation's general fund.

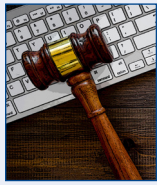
"A donation to our general fund is practical support that helps underwrite our entire operation. It keeps the lights on and helps us stay fully staffed. And it ensures that our wonderful staff can continue to represent us, the attorneys of Idaho, as they go out into communities all over Idaho to offer civic and legal education and access to legal services. We need you to help us continue this important work."

We had set a goal to raise \$5,000 that day. Instead, because of the generosity of [71 people in attendance](#), who donated and pledged, we raised \$9,000. Thank you to our Annual Luncheon donors and all those who support the work of the Foundation. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the public on behalf of all of you!

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Each year, Mobile Monday sessions are offered in November from 12:30 to 1:30 PM MT (11:30 AM to 12:30 PM PT). This time frame splits the lunch hour between Idaho's two time zones. The classes are 100% telephonic. All participants need is an hour of time and a phone or a mobile device with phone service. This means participants don't need to be in an office to attend presentations. You can be anywhere to attend – on the road, in a hotel or restaurant, at the airport, on a golf course, or at home.

Over the past 7 years the Mobile Monday series has offered 30 presentations covering diverse topics including: family law, environmental law, bankruptcy law, criminal law, legal writing, law practice management, trial advocacy, corporate relationsm, and the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct.

Presenters have included judges and justices, law school deans, executives, and elected officials. At the end of each session presenters take time to answer questions from participants, tailoring the class to the people in attendance.

The 2018 Mobile Monday series will continue to offer interesting topics from distinguished speakers:

- \* **James Alderman** has been an Idaho attorney for 17 years and is the current Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary for the J.R. Simplot Company. Mr. Alderman will offer *A General Counsel's Perspective: Operationalizing the Practice of Law*. (November 5)
- \* **Barry McHugh** has been the Kootenai County Prosecutor since 2009. Mr. McHugh will present *Evolutions of Criminal Prosecution*. (November 12)
- \* **Hon. G. Richard Bevan** is an Idaho Supreme Court Justice appointed in August 2017. He is formerly a Fifth Judicial District Judge and currently chairs the Idaho Supreme Court's Drug and Mental Health Court. Justice Bevan will provide *A View from the Bench—A Judicial Perspective on Litigation and the Appellate Process*. (November 19)
- \* **Zoe Ann Olson** is the Executive Director for the Intermountain Fair Housing Council and previously spent 14 years as an attorney with Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. Ms. Olson will present *Fair Housing 101 – Just the Basics*. (November 26)

Each session has been approved for 1.0 CLE credit. Attorneys interested in attending Mobile Monday sessions can attend individual sessions or purchase a packet for the full series at a discounted rate. Look for an e-mail announcement for the 2018 Mobile Monday series soon. More information will be posted on the [Idaho Law Foundation's website](#).

## CELEBRATE PRO BONO WEEK!



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Idaho attorneys recognize the important role pro bono work plays in bridging the [justice gap](#). Last year, through IVLP, 630 volunteer attorneys worked on more than 600 cases and donated more than 11,000 hours. Although there is no question that Idaho attorneys are committed to pro bono work, the need for free civil legal services continues to grow while funding is constantly threatened. More volunteers are needed and the goal of Idaho's participation in the National Pro Bono Celebration Week is to generate increased attorney participation in pro bono work, resulting in more lives changed for the better.

Pro Bono Celebration Week launches with a celebration from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, October 22 at the Owyhee penthouse hosted by IVLP, the Idaho Military Legal Alliance, and the Idaho Pro Bono Commission. In addition to stunning city views, there will be delicious appetizers, a no-host bar, and music by *Drifters Still*, featuring Idaho attorneys Ted Tollefson, Eric Vehlow, and Sarah Davis.

On Tuesday, October 23, the IVLP *Soundstart* project will offer a CLE from 8:30 to 10:00 AM at Concordia University School of Law. *Soundstart* works to address the civil legal needs of low-income and incarcerated parents by educating them about common legal issues before they become legal problems. *Soundstart* participants attend classes taught by volunteer attorneys that focus on family law issues such as custody, child support, and guardianship. The CLE will provide free training to attorneys interested in volunteering to teach *Soundstart* classes. Contact [Elena Becker](#) to register.

The marquee event for Pro Bono Week will be held on Wednesday October 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM to at the Concordia University School of Law. Presenters include Idaho Supreme Court Justice and Chair of the Idaho Pro Bono Commission, Robyn Brody, Retired Idaho Supreme Court Justice Jim Jones, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, and IVLP Legal Director Sue Pierson. They will present a CLE titled: Make the Time. Make a Difference: How the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct and Civil Procedure Encourage Pro Bono. The CLE is free to attorneys who sign up on the [Idaho Pro Bono Opportunities website](#) and agree to take on a pro bono matter. This CLE includes three ethics credits. Contact [Sue Pierson](#) to register.

Every year, Idaho's pro bono attorneys volunteer countless hours to provide critical legal services to our most vulnerable citizens. But we need even more pro bono heroes! Please join the Idaho pro bono movement by participating in Idaho Pro Bono Celebration Week. For more information, contact [Sue Pierson](#).

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outlined in the [2017 Year in Review](#) recently published by the Idaho Law Foundation.

Our Year in Review report highlights these accomplishments that Idaho attorneys helped make possible and provides a brief snapshot of what the dedicated staff of the Idaho Law Foundation has accomplished with donations and volunteer assistance from our legal community. Some highlights include:

- \* Over the past five seasons, Idaho Mock Trial has doubled in size, growing from 18 to 35 teams.
- \* Idaho Volunteer Lawyers organized over 190 legal clinics in all parts of Idaho, providing over 1,000 individuals with free legal advice and counsel.
- \* Continuing Legal Education revenue rose by \$19,439.

The Law Foundation Board and staff appreciate the ongoing support of Idaho attorneys and others all across Idaho. We are grateful that so many helped create the success our organization has experienced.

As we move forward, we ask you to continue showing your support for the Idaho Law Foundation. You can [donate](#) or [sign up to volunteer](#) from the Law Foundation's website. If you have any questions about the Foundation or our programs, contact [Carey Shoufler](#).

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A Civility in America survey conducted in 2016 found that 75% of Americans thought incivility had reached crisis levels. The Civility & Ethics Award, developed in partnership with the Law Related Education Program and the Idaho State Bar Professionalism & Ethics Section, was created to highlight the importance of civility and professionalism among teams with the hope of encouraging a culture of civility as part of the mock trial program and beyond.

The Civility & Ethics Award will be piloted at the 2019 state competition. Each team will be given a nomination ballot and, during the two evenings of the state competition, will observe other participating teams. At the end of the competition, teams will fill out and submit their ballots with their team choice for the award. Teams are not allowed to nominate their own team or any other team from their same school.

In making a nomination, teams will look for other teams that follow the rules of competition as well as the Idaho Mock Trial Code of Civility & Ethics. This code includes standards such as speaking and acting in a courteous manner, playing fair, being gracious in both victory and defeat, and being fully honest in all communications. A team may take into account the behavior of students, coaches, spectators, and others associated with a team when making a nomination for this award.

In addition to the team ballots, the award will also include input from judging panels. At the end of each round of competition, judging panels will fill out a brief form indicating whether or not the teams they saw during the round met the standards of civility and ethics and are qualified for consideration for the award.

Civility is an important tenet of a healthy society. When so many people in our communities see civility as being in decline, educational programs like Idaho Mock Trial must be willing to step in and ensure they put a focus on behavior that helps young people have a higher regard for civility and the effects their actions have on themselves and others. It's the hope of the Idaho Mock Trial Program that the Civility & Ethics Award contributes to preparing students to be good citizens both in the mock trial program and in other parts of their lives.

For more information about the mock trial program and the Civility & Ethics Award, contact [Carey Shoufler](#).