



SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA INTEREST ON  
LAWYERS TRUST ACCOUNT BOARD

To: IOLTA Grant Applicants for Pro Bono Funds  
From: Stephanie Libhart  
Date: June 23, 2011  
Subject: IOLTA Grants, 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has approved the IOLTA grants for pro bono initiatives (schedule enclosed) for the fiscal year 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012. These grants are funded with voluntary contributions from attorneys for the purposes of establishing and expanding locally organized pro bono efforts. The solicitation for contributions to this initiative is included in the annual attorney registration packet mailed to all Pennsylvania attorneys from the Disciplinary Board of Pennsylvania. This effort has resulted in about \$50,000 annually.

Grant agreements for the 2011-2012 grant cycle will be sent to the successful applicants shortly and the payment of the grant funds released in accordance with the payment schedule contained in the grant agreement. The IOLTA Board is pleased to support the initiation and expansion of pro bono efforts.

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Administering Pennsylvania's Interest On Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) Program

Grant Awards for Pro Bono Initiatives  
7/01/2011 to 6/30/2012

	<u>Previous Pro Bono Program</u>	<u>2011-2012 Proposal</u>	<u>Other Sources</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Award</u>	
<b><u>Butler County Bar Association</u></b>	23 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Voluntee Total Program	30 \$883 \$26,500	\$14,500	\$12,000	\$12,000

IOLTA funds would support the position of the Pro Bono Coordinator and enhancements to their website that will allow for live help and video with the goal of better engaging and educating the community about the program. The Pro Bono Coordinator's primary functions will be to assist with the communication and coordinating needs associated with the Butler County Consumer Credit and Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, and to facilitate the activities of the pro bono lawyers and law students who provide debtor representation at semi-monthly credit conciliation conferences of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas.

<b><u>Cumberland County Bar Association</u></b>	99 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Voluntee Total Program	130 \$246 \$31,946	\$18,946	\$13,000	\$13,000
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In 2010, the Cumberland County Bar Association and Cumberland County Bar Foundation hired a Pro Bono Coordinator to administer the CCBA Pro Bono Program. The CCBA membership participates in pro bono representation for financially eligible residents of Cumberland County. MidPenn Legal Services initially interviews all clients and determines financial eligibility. The Pro Bono Coordinator arranges for representation to be provided by a volunteer attorney. Penn State University Dickinson School of Law's Miller Center for Public Interest Advocacy provides pro bono student research

<b><u>Face to Face Legal Center</u></b>	10 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Voluntee Total Program	20 \$2,010 \$40,197	\$25,197	\$15,000	\$10,000
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Face to Face Legal Center, which for 20 years has served the Germantown section of Philadelphia, seeks an IOLTA pro bono grant to assure sufficient funding for the Legal Center director to devote sufficient time to (1) add to the Legal Center's current core of ten volunteer pro bono lawyers, and thus to increase the number of matters that the Legal Center is capable of handling, and (2) adequately supervise the volunteer pro bono lawyers

<b><u>Washington County Bar Association</u></b>	18 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Voluntee Total Program	40 \$1,718 \$68,700	\$52,400	\$16,300	\$9,500
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WCBA will increase the number of active pro bono panelists, train additional attorney-volunteers in family law and civil law areas through CLE/seminar development, administer and monitor the Direct Service Pro Bono program and initiate a new Referral Program for Military Veterans.

<b><u>Westmoreland Bar Foundation</u></b>	13 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Voluntee Total Program	50 \$220 \$11,000	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
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WBF has experienced a significant increase in requests for tenant representation in Landlord/Tenant disputes. A limited number of attorneys volunteer for tenant representation. WBF will hold an educational program titled: "A Primer in Landlord/Tenant Representation - Representing the indigent in tenant issues." Attorneys who attend the one-hour session will receive one free CLE in exchange for their promise to handle at least one tenant issue by way of brief advice or through the hearing before the Magisterial District Judge.

\$59,300                      \$47,500