



SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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## **PBF-IOLTA Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)**

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The PBF-IOLTA LRAP is funded by admission fees paid by out-of-state attorneys who will petition a Pennsylvania court to make an appearance *pro hac vice*. The *pro hac vice* admission fee of \$100 per attorney per case became effective September 4, 2007, pursuant to Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Order No. 62 Disciplinary Rules Docket No. 1, dated June 29, 2007. Since then the PA IOLTA Board has been accumulating these fees while administering the *pro hac vice* admission process. After two years of developing an LRAP structure with a committee of professionals from the legal services community, the IOLTA Board proposed to the Supreme Court that the fees be dedicated to funding a loan repayment assistance program benefiting attorneys employed by IOLTA-funded legal services organizations. In June 2010, the Supreme Court unanimously approved the use of the *pro hac vice* fees for this program. In August 2010, the Supreme Court reinforced their support of the LRAP by increasing the *pro hac vice* fee from \$100 per attorney per case to \$200 per attorney per case, doubling the expected funding available for this program.

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation (PBF) was awarded a 3-year, \$510,000 grant to administer the LRAP. For each of the three years, \$170,000 will be available to assist eligible attorneys in managing their student loan debt. The goal of the LRAP is to assist IOLTA-funded legal services organizations in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest attorneys to serve the civil legal needs of poor Pennsylvanians.

As a result of the increase in the *pro hac vice* fee, the IOLTA Board will consider a possible increase in the LRAP grant to the PBF in the future. The first year of the LRAP will proceed as had been originally planned. The information received during the first year about the number of eligible attorneys, their compensation, and the amount of eligible debt will help inform how the LRAP can best use the additional funding. Initial planning for the LRAP considered possible forgivable loans of about \$2,000 to 85 eligible attorneys.

For LRAP eligibility requirements and other program details, visit the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's website, [www.pabarfoundation.org](http://www.pabarfoundation.org), or contact PBF's Executive Director, E. Marie Queen at 888-238-3036.

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