



DuPage Bar Foundation

Supporting Justice in Our Community

2020 Annual Report



I am truly honored to serve as President of the DuPage County Bar Foundation and humbled by the confidence placed in me by the Board, made all the more significant as we face an unprecedented and wildly unpredictable year ahead. We are a small but mighty charitable organization giving back to our community by way of law student scholarships, and grants to organizations that directly impact and support residents throughout DuPage County. Our tireless fundraising efforts are evidenced by the steady growth of our endowment each year.

My term on the Foundation Board of Directors began three years ago, and I was inspired to see first-hand the workings of this well-oiled, steady earning benevolent machine. While I freely admit to feelings of worry and concern that 2020 would hit our organization in a devastating way, I am proud to say that it has only inspired our Foundation to do better. As the Judicial Center closed down and our phones stopped ringing, our work world came to a screeching halt. We were struggling to pay office rent, pay our beloved employees, pay ourselves, and in many instances, provide support for our families. Our world was hit with something unimaginable and we all just stopped.

Our Foundation in partnership with the DuPage County Bar Association established the COVID-19 Lawyers Assistance Fund. Through the swift and joint efforts of our mutual Boards, we have been able to provide thousands of dollars to DuPage County attorneys who found themselves struggling financially as a result of the pandemic. This dedicated charitable endeavor continues, and our website at www.dcba.org/dbf provides information regarding the criteria and application process.

Though the ability to give is the greatest gift, what inspires me the most is the selfless generosity of our colleagues and friends who have given to this relief effort. In a time when a staggering number within the legal community are facing adversity and hardship, those amongst our members who were able, GAVE to help those in need. It was heartwarming to say the least.

I grew up in a small town in southern Indiana. I was surrounded by familiarity where everyone knew everyone, and people took care of one another. DuPage County has been my "small town" now for over 20 years, and while the world seems to be at odds on every issue, it is uplifting to be a part of our DuPage County legal community, where people continue to take care of each other.

Let's continue to take care of one another.

Mia S. McPherson
DBF President 2020-2021

Mission Statement

To support justice in our DuPage community by maintaining the integrity of the legal profession, contributing to the education of future lawyers, and improving the facilitation of justice through charitable acts.

History

DuPage Bar Foundation was established in 1997 as the charitable 501(c)(3) arm of the DuPage County Bar Association. The DBF is governed by a Board of Directors of up to nineteen distinguished DCBA members.

Purpose

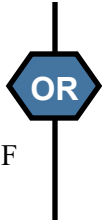
- To foster and maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of law;
- To improve and facilitate the administration of justice;
- To promote the study of law;
- To acquire, preserve and exhibit rare books and documents, subjects of art and items of historical interest having legal significance; and
- To assist deserving members of the DuPage County Bar Association and their dependents who are ill, incapacitated or superannuated.

\$12,500 was awarded in scholarships in 2020

Better law students make better lawyers. Three ways you can help:

Contribute Now

Contribute charitable tax-deductible funds to one of several existing law school DBF scholarships.



Host a Scholarship

Sponsor your own charitable scholarship in your law firms name. Let the DBF administer and handle all the “red tape.”



Leave a Legacy

Give through your personal estate, will or make a memorial gift in a loved one’s name.

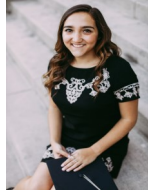
William J. Bauer Scholarship: Winners of this scholarship embody the qualities of the Hon. William J. Bauer, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. These qualities include unquestioned integrity; a passion for finding legal solutions to human problems that are fair and just; and a profound understanding of the need for professional civility.

Ambassador Scholarship: Winners must show a financial need, demonstrate academic achievement, have a connection to DuPage County and have completed one full semester of law school.

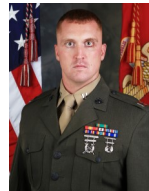
Memorial Scholarship - The Elsie Lemmen Memorial Scholarship recognizes a law student who demonstrates pro bono experience or a desire to offer legal aid to the needy as an attorney or volunteer.



Joseph Upchurch
2020 Ambassador Scholar



Michele Boveri
2020 Ambassador Scholar



Nicholas Pecoraro
2020 Bauer Scholar



Krystsina Kananchuk
2020 Lemmen Scholar

How can I Host a Scholarship?

As a 501(c)3 organization, the DBF can assist DCBA members in setting up a scholarship in memory or honor of an individual or firm. As the sponsor of the scholarship, you can provide some direction as to the qualifications of student(s) you would like to recognize and the DBF takes it from there. Hosted Scholarships can be a way for your firm to give back as well as increase your visibility in the community.



\$6,000 was awarded to local non-profits through DBF Grants



2019/2020 Program Highlights

COVID 19 Lawyers Assistance Fund — During these unprecedented times, in conjunction with the DuPage County Bar Association, the DuPage County Bar Foundation established an emergency grant fund for its legal professional members. We have been able to support our colleagues in need with grants totaling \$19,000 to date.



2019 Holiday Fund — Our annual holiday campaign raised \$14,730 through member contributions and holiday raffle ticket sales. Our annual Holiday Breakfast took place in December recognizing all donors to the fund. Special thanks to **Mirabella Kincaid Frederick and Mirabella, A. Traub & Associates**, and **OVC Online Lawyer Marketing** for supporting the 2019 Holiday Raffle.

DCBA/DBF Memorial Program — Thirty-one DCBA members who passed away from 2017-2019 were remembered by their colleagues at a January event in the Attorney Resource Center. A number of families placed new plates for their loved ones on the DBF sponsored Hon. Carl Henninger Memorial Plaque located on the third floor of the courthouse.



2019 Golf Outing Raffle — We raised \$1,990.00 at the DuPage County Bar Association's annual golf outing. Thirty-one donors provided items used in 17 raffle baskets.

DCBA Member Contributions— We raised over \$10,000 through DCBA membership renewal contributions. Each member is asked to donate \$5 during their renewal. Thank you to all our generous members donating through DCBA's membership renewal process, especially to those who increased their donations.



How we manage the funds entrusted to us.

Assets as of 6/30/2020:

Cash	\$76,164.08
Investments	\$66,626.00
Total 2020	\$142,790.08
Increase from 2019	\$8,440.13

Liabilities & Equity as of 6/30 2020:

Liabilities	\$0
Retained Earnings	\$134,020.16
Net Income	\$8,769.92
Total	\$142,790.08

2019-20 Revenue:

Fundraisers	\$13,151.51
Int. Inc.	\$5,700.36
Member Contributions	\$17,874.69
Hosted Scholarship	\$2,100.00
Memorial	\$2,500.00
COVID Fund Donations	\$8,340.00
Total	\$49,666.56

2019-2020 Expenses:

Fundraisers	\$1,428.80
Community Grants	\$6,000.00
Scholarships	\$12,500.00
COVID Support	\$19,000.00
Meetings	\$930.34
Marketing	\$100.00
Administration	\$937.50
Total	\$40,896.64

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