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A donation of just $70 provides one hour of legal services to someone who can’t afford it.

Embracing our duty to improve the legal system and ensure access to justice for all North Dakotans.

The North Dakota Bar Foundation

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What We Do

Legal Services for Low-Income North Dakotans
The North Dakota Bar Foundation (NDBF) helps hundreds of low-income people gain access to justice. These people represent the diversity of North Dakota and encompass all races, ethnicities and ages. They range from family farmers to the elderly, domestic abuse victims to victims of natural disasters. The NDBF has helped open the doors of justice to North Dakotans through its support of organizations such as Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND), Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services for the Red River Valley, SBAND Volunteer Lawyer Program, and North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services. As lawyers, we have a professional responsibility to ensure that civil legal aid organizations are adequately funded. Support of the NDBF fulfills that responsibility.

Law-Related Education
Law-related education is a vital component of the North Dakota Bar Foundation. Our educational projects teach young people and the public about the legal and political systems and how they fit in; how law and government affects them; and how the justice system is central to a democratic society. Examples of projects central to our law-related education program include: the People's Law School; publication of the *Graduating into an Adult World* booklet aimed at high school students; public education about the Constitution and judicial terms of office; and sponsorship of a First Amendment symposium. Through law-related education, we improve the public image of our profession and educate a new generation about the profession's importance in North Dakota.

Educational Assistance
The North Dakota Bar Foundation supports the reduction of barriers to those interested and eager to enter the legal profession. To that end, the NDBF supports scholarships and a professorship at the University of North Dakota School of Law.

How You Can Help

The ability of the North Dakota Bar Foundation to adequately fund legal services to the poor, law-related education projects, and other access to justice programs is directly attributable to your involvement. NDBF, the charitable arm of the State Bar Association, is a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

The first way you can help is to become a member of the North Dakota Bar Foundation. Your involvement is directly linked to the ability of the North Dakota Bar Foundation to provide legal services to low-income people and adequately fund law-related education projects.

The second way you can help is to donate to the Pro Bono Fund. We are appealing to attorneys to consider contributing $70/month or $700/year to help provide legal services to the needy. The dollars contributed to the Pro Bono Fund are awarded to Legal Services of North Dakota and other programs providing legal services.

Because of your generosity, we are able to continue making justice accessible to low-income North Dakotans.

Become a member today!

- **Sustaining Member**
  - (annual) $25
- **Donor**
  - ($500 total or $50 annual) $50
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**Pro Bono Fund**

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