

# Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York

*Funding civil legal assistance for low-income New Yorkers since 1984*

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### **(New York, New York) June 27, 2016- The Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York (IOLA) Awards \$26,695,838 Million in Legal Assistance Grants Through the Bank Settlement Grant**

The IOLA Fund of the State of New York, announced that at its Board meeting held on June 24, 2016, the Board of Trustees awarded \$26,695,838 in grants to support 46 programs that provide free civil legal assistance to low-income New Yorkers throughout the State. The grants awarded by the Board of Trustees will cover a two-year period, December 1, 2018-November 20, 2018. The Bank Settlement Grant arose out of a settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and Citi and Bank of America. As per the terms of the settlement, all of the grants were to provide for either “foreclosure prevention legal assistance” or “community redevelopment legal assistance”.

The Fund administers two grant programs: Civil Legal Services, which support programs that provide free legal services in housing, family law and public benefits, among others, and Administration of Justice, which supports programs that serve the elderly, the disabled, immigrants, children and victims of domestic violence as well as other programs that improve the administration of justice in New York State. The Legislature created the IOLA program in 1983. The Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. It enables interest to be earned on short term or nominal deposits held in a lawyer's pooled client trust account, with the interest remitted directly by the financial institution to the Fund for distribution in grants.

A schedule of the 2016-18 Bank Settlement Grant is attached.  
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## GRANT CERTIFICATION FOR BUSINESS UNIT IOL01

The Chairman and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York do hereby affirm that all grants to the organizations listed herein were awarded by the Trustees at a duly convened meeting on Friday, June 24, 2016 and further, do certify that all organizations were selected pursuant to the requirements of Section 97-v of the State Finance Law, the regulations of the Trustees and the Fund's published grant guidelines and procedures.

<b>CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES GRANTEE ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>BANK SETTLEMENT AWARDS</b>
1	Bronx Defenders, The	\$ 300,000
2	Brooklyn Defender Services (previously in AOJ)	\$ 375,000
3	Empire Justice Center	\$ 587,293
4	Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	\$ 600,000
5	Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo	\$ 225,000
6	Legal Aid Society (NYC)	\$ 2,500,000
7	Legal Aid Society of Mid New York	\$ 552,000
8	Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York	\$ 1,304,707
9	Legal Aid Society of Rochester	\$ 310,355
10	Legal Aid Society of Rockland County	\$ 275,000
11	Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.	\$ 700,000
12	Legal Services for New York City	\$ 4,851,697
13	Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of WNY	\$ 800,000
14	Legal Services of Central New York	\$ 550,000
15	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	\$ 1,511,586
16	MFY Legal Services	\$ 1,500,000
17	Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee	\$ 563,200
18	New York Legal Assistance Group (includes Self Help)	\$ 1,100,000
19	Urban Justice Center	\$ 1,200,000
20	Western New York Law Center	\$ 300,000
<b>Total for CLS</b>		<b>\$ 20,105,838</b>

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION		BANK SETTLEMENT AWARDS
1	Albany County Bar Association	\$ 60,000
2	Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fund, Inc.	\$ 800,000
3	Brooklyn Bar Association - Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$ 275,000
4	Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	\$ 350,000
5	CAMBA Inc.	\$ 800,000
6	Capital District Women's Bar Association Legal Project, Inc.	\$ 500,000
7	Center for Family Representation	\$ 100,000
8	Community Service Society	\$ 115,000
9	Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.	\$ 200,000
10	Family Center, The	\$ 150,000
11	Jewish Association for Services for the Aged	\$ 265,000
12	Lawyers Alliance for New York	\$ 625,000
13	Legal Action Center of the City of New York, Inc.	\$ 100,000
14	Make the Road New York	\$ 700,000
15	New Economic Project	\$ 350,000
16	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	\$ 375,000
17	Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.	\$ 325,000
18	Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.	\$ 60,000
19	Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc.	\$ 165,000
20	Volunteer Legal Services Project of Onondaga County	\$ 275,000
<b>Total for AOJ</b>		<b>\$ 6,590,000</b>