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2014 Year In Review

From the President and Executive Director

For the many thousands of people living in poverty across Illinois, help can be hard to come by. Because the need far outweighs available resources, basic fundamentals like health care, housing, food, safety, and employment may be out of reach. Legal problems compound existing problems and often underlie them: things like denial of benefits, workplace discrimination, evictions or domestic violence might push an already struggling family over the edge.

At PILI, we know that being able to address legal issues can keep people housed, fed, employed, healthy, and safe, and we are working hard to expand the availability legal services for people, families, and communities in need. Through our four programs – our Law Student Internship Program, Graduate Fellowship Program, Alumni Network and Pro Bono Initiative – we not only help meet immediate legal needs, but also build a culture of service in the Illinois legal community, involving more people in pro bono service and public interest law and supporting the next generation of public interest leaders.

This annual report provides a glimpse into what PILI has been able to accomplish in the last year in pursuit of our mission. We have seen growth across all of our programs and have engaged hundreds of law students, lawyers and legal professionals from across Illinois in service to those in need.

And we could not do it without you. PILI is incredibly grateful to the many law firms, corporations, foundations, law schools, and individual donors whose generosity helps us pursue our mission. PILI is particularly thankful to the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP for their in-kind donation of office space, which for 10 years now has been our home.

Thank you once again for your support of PILI and for all you do to promote public interest law and pro bono service! Together, we are expanding and enhancing the availability of life-changing legal services for people living in poverty both now and into the future.

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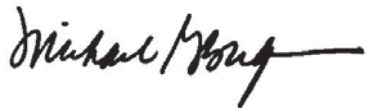

Michael G. Bergmann
PILI Executive Director

PILI's mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need.

We envision a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where law students, lawyers and legal professionals at all stages of their careers engage in public interest law or pro bono work, and remain committed to addressing the unmet legal needs of the poor and underrepresented.

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PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann with immediate past Board President Lee Ann Russo and current Board President Dick O'Malley

Law Student Internship Program

PILI's Law Student Internship Program connects law students from across the country with legal service agencies in Illinois. Interns work 400 hours full-time during the summer or 200 hours part-time during the school year, with PILI funding their stipends, ensuring quality supervision by experienced agency attorneys, and providing extra educational, networking and mentoring opportunities. Through this program, PILI helps our partner agencies increase their impact while also helping law students develop their legal and client interaction skills, build their professional networks, and strengthen their commitment to public interest law and service.

In 2014, 42 summer Interns and 13 school-year Interns served 19,400 hours at 26 Participating Agencies across the state of Illinois. They provided direct services to 726 clients and brief services to 1,150 clients for a total of 1,876 clients served by this class of PILI Interns.

On the rise » In our long range plan, we set a goal to grow our Internship Program by 25 percent in three years because of expressed community need. By 2015, we have actually grown the program by **31 percent!** PILI is now funding more Law Student Interns than ever across the state of Illinois.

"This Internship has given me invaluable insight into the need for legal services among America's most disenfranchised populations, and has solidified my desire to work at the intersection of health, law, and poverty. I have been moved by our clients' stories and the incredibly meaningful legal advocacy we are able to provide. **I am so grateful for this exposure and know that this PILI Internship will serve me well** as I progress in my legal education and throughout my career."

- Laura Russell
Lewis & Clark Law School
PILI Intern at the Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, part of the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

Graduate Fellowship Program

Through the PILI Graduate Fellowship Program, new associates at Chicago law firms spend 300 hours between graduation and joining their firm working at legal service agencies in Illinois. PILI ensures quality supervision by experienced legal aid attorneys and provides supplemental educational, networking and mentoring opportunities.

In 2014, 65 PILI Fellows sponsored by 14 law firms served 19,500 hours at Participating Agencies across the state of Illinois. They provided direct services to 310 clients and brief services to 754 clients for a total of 1,064 clients served by this class of PILI Fellows.

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Is your law firm interested in sponsoring PILI Fellows? Firms that sponsor PILI Fellows benefit from the Fellows' experience and training in law as well as their connections to legal service agencies once they start at the firm. Sponsoring firms also take an active role in encouraging their incoming associates to develop a long-term interest in pro bono practice.

Visit our website or contact PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann by e-mail at mbergmann@pili.org for more information about the benefits of sponsoring PILI Fellows and details about how your firm can get involved.

Starting out on the right foot »

New associates who participate in PILI's Fellowship Program are connected to pro bono from the very beginning of their careers, and after joining their firms, they often continue to work with their agency on pro bono matters.

"I believe in PILI's mission and thought the Fellowship Program was a great way to jump-start my career before I started at my firm. I felt good about my ability to make a difference in my community. The experience **changed how I view giving back to the community** and what is important to me in my career.

- Suzanne Alton
PILI Fellow at the Federal Defender Program
sponsored by Dykema Gossett PLCC

Alumni Network

Over 3,600 law students and graduates have participated in PILI's Internship and Fellowship Programs. These public interest lawyers span the globe and the profession: from firm and corporate attorneys, to members of the government sector and the judiciary, to members of the higher education and public interest law sectors. PILI's Alumni Network builds and maintains the connection between past PILI Interns and Fellows and the public interest law community through educational, networking, service, and leadership opportunities.

PILI Alumni activities are driven by the **PILI Alumni Network Leadership Council**, a group of Alumni leaders from all different sectors of the legal profession who are committed to staying connected to PILI and to public interest law. The Council plans CLE programs, organizes service opportunities, raises money to support PILI's programs, and promotes involvement with PILI to the broader legal community.

Are you a PILI Alum interested in getting involved? Visit our website or contact us at info@pili.org to learn more!

Continuing the commitment »

PILI regularly profiles Intern & Fellow Alumni in our e-newsletter. Want to know what some of our 3,600 Alumni are up to, and how they've been making a difference in their communities? Visit pili.org/alumni/alumni-spotlights for more!

"My Fellowship made it quite clear to me that pro bono is an essential component of my day to day life and that it is possible to balance pro bono in an otherwise busy schedule."

Elizabeth Lewis

2006 PILI Fellow
Partner at McDermott Will & Emery
PILI Alumni Network Leadership Council Chair

"My first opportunity to work at the Public Guardian's Office was through my PILI Fellowship. It's fair to say that I owe my career to PILI."

Charles Golbert

1990 PILI Fellow
Deputy Public Guardian, Cook County Public Guardian
PILI Alumni Network Leadership Council Member and Liaison to the PILI Board of Directors

"PILI created a solid foundation and direction for my passion for service."

Cheryl Lawrence

2007 PILI Intern
Executive Director at the Lawyers' Committee for Better Houseing

Pro Bono Initiative

PILI works collaboratively with law firms, corporations, legal service agencies, law schools, and members of the bar and bench to expand the availability of pro bono legal services across Illinois. Through our Pro Bono Initiative, we offer a wide range of pro bono programming and resources, we develop innovative projects and cultivate best practices, and we celebrate ongoing pro bono service to enhance the scope and quantity of pro bono legal assistance in Illinois.

PRO BONO ROUNDTABLES AND FORUMS:

PILI organizes distinct roundtables for law firms, corporations, law schools, and legal service agencies to share strategies and promote best practices in pro bono. Our annual PILI Illinois Forum on Pro Bono brings all of these groups together to discuss important pro bono issues.

PRO BONO RESOURCES:

PILI's resources offer information and guidance on creating pro bono programs, expanding existing pro bono programs, learning about pro bono opportunities, engaging volunteers, taking advantage of existing relationships within the legal and public interest community, and more.

CELEBRATING PRO BONO:

PILI firmly believes in the importance of honoring the pro bono contributions of law students, lawyers and legal professionals who are making a difference for low-income people with legal needs. Through a variety of awards nominations and recognition events, PILI raises the profile of pro bono across Illinois.

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO BONO COMMITTEES:

PILI has launched Pro Bono Committees in 6 of Illinois' judicial circuits in partnership with Prairie State Legal Services and Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation. These committees bring together the judiciary and the local bar to raise awareness of the need for legal services, to recruit more attorneys to do pro bono, and to recognize each circuit's pro bono champions. In 2014, our Pro Bono Committees created new pro bono opportunities, held pro bono CLE programs and trainings, celebrated their local pro bono heroes, and explored new ideas to address specific community needs. Together, PILI's six Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees are engaging hundreds of lawyers and legal professionals across the state in an innovative approach to expanding pro bono.

Pledging to make a difference »

Over 75 law firms, corporations, and individual attorneys and mediators across Illionis have signed on to **PILI's Pro Bono Pledge**, a brand new project that launched through our Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees in 2014. These signatories acknowledge the responsibility of all members of the legal profession to increase access to our legal system by expanding pro bono legal services to address the significant unmet need for legal assistance among the low-income underrepresented individuals and families in Illinois.

Annual Awards Luncheon

Each year PILI hosts our Annual Awards Luncheon to celebrate the best aspects of the legal profession: the skill, commitment, and generosity of the lawyers, law students, law firms and corporations dedicating countless hours each year to public interest work. Our FY 2014 Annual Awards Luncheon was held on December 5. With nearly 500 people in attendance from law firms, corporations, law schools, and our partner legal service organizations across the state, we were pleased to recognize our four award recipients, whose remarkable service has inspired us and made us proud.

Distinguished Public Service Award:

Ann Hilton Fisher
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

Distinguished PILI Alumni Awards:

Max A. Stein
2001 PILI Fellow
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Marjie M. Nielsen
2001 PILI Intern
Chicago Legal Clinic

Pro Bono Initiative Award:

DLA Piper LLP (US)

"It was because of PILI, lunches like this, and people like all of you, that I am the lawyer I am today. And so today **I especially want to thank PILI and all of you, its supporters**, for the role you have played."

- Max Stein
Distinguished PILI Alumni Award Recipient
(pictured above with PILI Board Vice President Brad Lane)

Annual Pro Bono Reception

On June 18, over 250 attorneys from across the state and across the legal profession came to the Ivy Room at Tree Studios in Chicago for PILI's Annual Pro Bono Reception. This event celebrates the pro bono contributions of the many law firms and corporate legal departments named to PILI's Pro Bono Recognition Roster.

2014 Pro Bono Recognition Roster

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Ways to Support PILI

Donations to PILI are an investment in the long-term stability of public interest law and pro bono. Our programs not only help meet immediate legal aid needs, but also provide the building blocks for participants in our programs to become leaders in public interest law and pro bono, expanding and enhancing the availability of quality legal services for people living in poverty both now and into the future.

MAKE A DONATION:

Online at **pili.org/donate**

Or by mail: Public Interest Law Initiative
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321 North Clark Street, 28th Floor
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ATTEND OR SPONSOR ONE OF OUR EVENTS:

The Annual Awards Luncheon is held every year in December and celebrates the legal profession at its best - **pili.org/annual-awards-luncheon**.

The Annual Pro Bono Reception is held every year in June and celebrates the significant pro bono contributions of law firms and corporations - **pili.org/pro-bono-reception**.

LAW FIRMS CAN SPONSOR PILI GRADUATE FELLOWS:

Over two dozen major Chicago law firms have sponsored PILI Fellows in the past. Visit our website at **pili.org/fellowships/sponsoring-pili-fellows** to learn more about how your firm can join this program too.

MAKE A TESTAMENTARY GIFT OR BEQUEST:

Contact PILI's Executive Director, Michael Bergmann, at mbergmann@pili.org or by phone at 312-832-5129 to learn more.

Ways to Support PILI: Giving Circles

Members of PILI Giving Circles are a special group of supporters who embrace our mission and take a personal interest in our success. Giving Circle members pledge a specific amount to PILI each year for five years. Their gift goes farther than a simple donation - it allows PILI to better anticipate revenue in our budgeting, to better attract new donors, and to better recognize our core supporters.

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Having an impact » the 47 members of PILI's Giving Circles have together pledged nearly $30,000. Their commitment to PILI helps us cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service.

Ways to Support PILI: Named Internships

In addition to the dozens of Law Student Interns that PILI is able to fund out of our general fundraising from law firms, foundations, individuals and corporations, PILI also is able to designate a number of Named and Honorary Interns each year, thanks to special funding commitments made by individual and organizational champions for public interest law.

ALFRED C. TISDAHL MEMORIAL INTERN

Joseph Furlett from The John Marshall Law School was the Alfred C. Tisdahl Memorial Intern at CARPLS. The Alfred C. Tisdahl Memorial Internship is funded by the Francis Beidler Foundation to honor the memory of prominent Chicago litigator Alfred C. Tisdahl, who died in 2000.

CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION INTERNS

The Chicago Bar Foundation generously funds 3 summer and 2 school-year PILI Interns each year. This summer, they funded Ashley Varnado from St. John's University School of Law, Patrick Etchingham from Chicago-Kent College of Law and Lauren Schroeder from Loyola University Chicago School of Law at the Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, the Chicago Legal Clinic and the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, respectively. The Chicago Bar Foundation also sponsored Ariel Johnson from Loyola University Chicago School of Law at Chicago Volunteer Legal Services in the fall of 2013, and Kate Galbraith from DePaul University College of Law at Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing in the spring of 2014. Learn more about the CBF's support of PILI's Internship Program on their website at www.chicagobarfoundation.org/fellowships/pili.

FLORENCE MILLER MEMORIAL INTERNS

Liz Tracy from Chicago-Kent College of Law and Marlow Svatek from the University of Chicago School of Law were the 2013 Florence Miller Memorial Interns at Equip for Equality and the National Immigrant Justice Center, respectively. Florence Miller, who passed away in 2008, was well-known in the internal trademark law community and a strong advocate for women in the profession. Through Florence Miller's generosity, PILI was able to establish the Florence E. Miller Endowment Fund to provide much-needed funding for Interns.

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION INTERN

Alexandra Hunstein from Loyola University School of Law was the Illinois State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Intern at Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. This Named Internship provides direct legal services to, or on behalf of, poor, disenfranchised and under-represented children.

JEROME GILSON HONORARY INTERN

Militza Pagan from Chicago-Kent College of Law was the Jerome Gilson Honorary Intern at BPI (Business and Professional People for the Public Interest). This Internship is generously funded by the law firm of Brinks Gilson & Lione in honor of one of the firm's named partners and longstanding member of PILI's Board of Directors, Jerome Gilson.

KIMBALL & KAREN ANDERSON INTERN

Adam Motz from Loyola University School of Law was the Kimball & Karen Anderson Intern at the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago. Recognizing the important work of the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, the Andersons generously provide funding for an annual Internship at this agency.

LAGBAC INTERN

The LAGBAC (Lesbian And Gay Bar Association of Chicago) Foundation sponsored Sergio Cueva Flores from The John Marshall Law School in the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014 at the National Immigrant Justice Center. The LAGBAC Foundation's mission is to improve access to the legal and judicial system for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed and questioning persons by giving law students the opportunity to learn valuable, practical legal skills while giving back to our community.

More Named Interns »

Ways to Support PILI: Named Internships (continued)

NIKKI WILL STEIN HONORARY INTERN

Kiya Jones from the University of Mississippi School of Law was the Nikki Will Stein Honorary Intern at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law. This Internship is generously funded by the Polk Bros. Foundation in honor of its long-serving immediate past Executive Director and member of PILI's Board of Directors, Nikki Will Stein.

PILI ALUMNI NAMED INTERN

Travis Gasper from Texas A&M University School of Law was this year's PILI Alumni Named Intern at Lambda Legal. Now in its fourth year, the PILI Alumni Named Internship is funded by the collective efforts of PILI's Alumni across the country.

POLK BROS. FOUNDATION INTERN

Sarah Tunney from Chicago-Kent College of Law was the Polk Bros. Foundation Intern at the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU. This Internship is sponsored by the Polk Bros. Foundation, the largest supporter of PILI's Law Student Internship Program.

ROSLYN C. LIEB HONORARY INTERN

Anna Mangia from DePaul University College of Law was the Roslyn C. Lieb Honorary Intern at Cabrini Green Legal Aid. Funded by individual donors as well as PILI board members, the Roslyn C. Lieb Honorary Internship Fund honors the work and career of Roslyn C. Lieb, a former PILI Executive Director.

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"I've seen the summer Interns grow into committed pro bono lawyers throughout their career. I've seen our own Graduate Fellows at Sidley become involved in pro bono. And **I've seen the investment that I make in PILI come back multiple times** in helping Illinois' neediest with their legal services."

- Dick O'Malley
Sidley Austin LLP
PILI Board President

Financials

Expenses

Personnel (Salary, Tax, Benefits).....297,457
Grants & Education.....222,205
Professional Fees (Audit, Payroll).....7,535
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Office Supplies & Equipment.....1,979
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Occupancy.....44,000
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Insurance.....4,347
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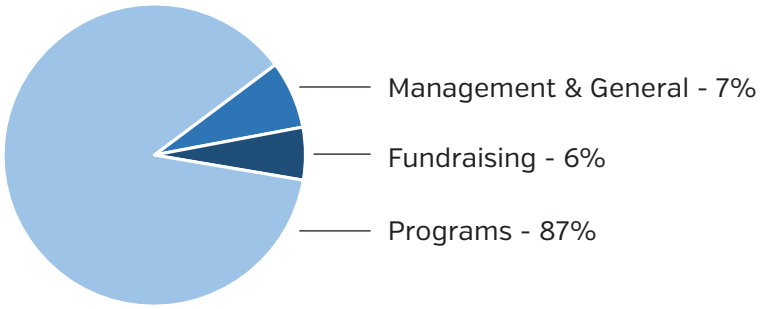
Depreciation.....1,007
Miscellaneous.....5,192

Total: $663,039



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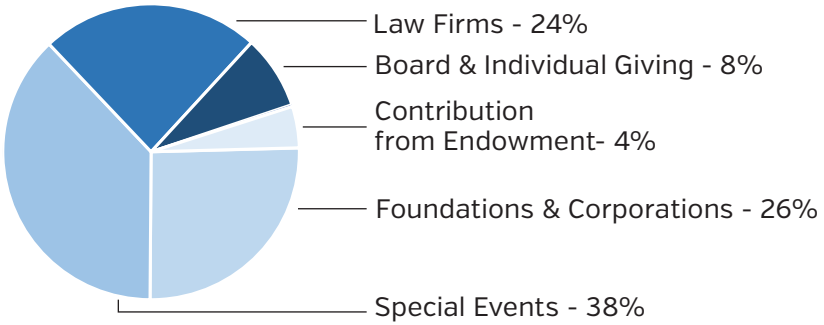

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