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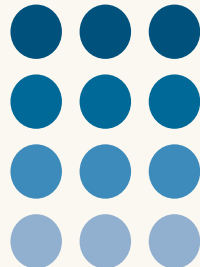
# 2025

# Impact Report



**From Commitment to Impact:**

A Comprehensive Look at PILI's Work Across Illinois



**Fiscal Year 2025**  
September 2024 to August 2025

## A Message from the President



Equal access to justice depends on a legal community willing to take responsibility for those who would otherwise face the civil legal system alone. In 2025, our theme, Stand for Justice, reflected that shared responsibility. Standing for justice is not symbolic; it is a commitment to service, leadership and collective action.

PILI's role is to bring together law students, recent law school graduates and PILI Alumni as well as pro bono volunteers and the larger public interest law community across Illinois to strengthen a culture where public interest and pro bono service are central to the profession. This year affirmed that when our community stands together, justice becomes more accessible and more durable. As you read this report, I invite you to consider how your leadership — through service, mentorship or investment — sustains this work and strengthens equal access to justice across our state. Together, justice becomes more accessible for all.

With gratitude,  
Kyle A. Petersen, President

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## A Message from the Executive Director



Standing for justice requires more than intention; it requires structure, partnership and sustained effort. In 2025, PILI continued building the systems that connect the Illinois legal community with individuals and families in need of civil legal help. Through statewide collaborations as part of our Internship,

Fellowship, and Pro Bono Programs, we worked to ensure that opportunities to serve were accessible at every stage of a legal career. This report reflects the strength of those partnerships and the steady commitment of volunteers, agencies and supporters who make this work possible. Because of that commitment, PILI remains a reliable connector and catalyst for service. Together, we are responding to immediate need and we are strengthening the long-term foundation for access to justice in Illinois.

With appreciation,  
Michael G. Bergmann, Executive Director

## About PILI

Every year, tens of thousands of Illinoisans struggle to navigate the legal system due to a lack of financial resources. While there is a constitutional guarantee for legal representation in criminal matters, no such guarantee exists for civil matters. Those facing abuse, discrimination, divorce, eviction and other civil legal problems are left to sort through those issues alone.

Through public interest law and pro bono service, the legal community plays a vital role in ensuring our legal system is fair and accessible for all by providing free legal help to those in need. Through its programs, PILI is advancing equal access to justice by connecting members of the legal community with those in need of legal assistance.



### **Mission Statement**

PILI engages, inspires and empowers those advancing equal access to justice.



### **Vision Statement**

We envision making equal access to justice a reality through a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where pro bono and public interest law engagement is optimized to best serve people, families and communities in need.



### **Values Statement**

We believe equal access to justice is a fundamental right. We believe serving those in need through public interest law and pro bono service is the key to ensuring that right. We believe the Illinois legal community should work together to provide these services, and that it is PILI's role to facilitate this collaboration. We expect our work to result in a more accessible justice system for all.

## PILI Law Student Internship Program

PILI's Law Student Internship Program connects law students from across the country with public interest law agencies in Illinois, offering paid opportunities to gain valuable experience.

The program's mission is twofold: to help partner agencies enhance their impact while supporting law students in developing legal and client interaction skills, building professional networks, and fostering a long-term commitment to public interest law and pro bono service. Internships placements are currently offered in Alton, Bloomington, Carbondale, Champaign, Chicago, East St. Louis, Peoria, Rock Island, Springfield and West Chicago, Illinois.

PILI Interns engage in a wide variety of legal work, from direct services to policy development, advocacy, impact litigation, and more. This hands-on experience equips them with a diverse skill set and a deep understanding of public interest law and the needs of client communities.

PILI also offers a range of educational, networking, and advisory opportunities to strengthen our Interns' technical skills, deepen their knowledge of key legal topics in public interest and pro bono work, and support their career growth.

"PILI opens doors for law students to help them feel more confident entering the legal field, and knowing there is a community of like-minded lawyers who have done similar work."

- Fall 2024 Intern

"I would absolutely recommend participation in PILI's Internship Program to others because it offers hands-on legal experience that directly impacts underserved communities. The mentorship, professional development, and meaningful client interaction helped me grow both as an advocate and as a future attorney committed to public interest work."

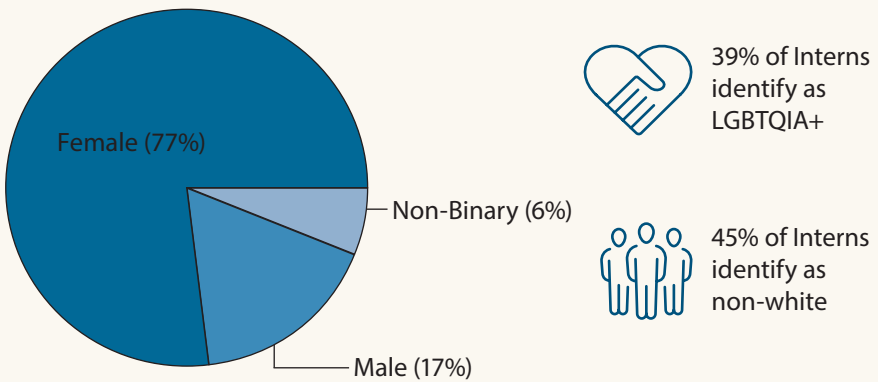
- Spring 2025 Intern

## Key Metrics



★★★★★ Interns rated the program on average 4.7 out of 5.0

## Demographics



## Top Schools

| Law School                                    | # of Interns |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Loyola University Chicago School of Law       | 16           |
| Chicago-Kent College of Law                   | 12           |
| University of Illinois College of Law         | 7            |
| University of Iowa College of Law             | 6            |
| Washington University St. Louis School of Law | 6            |
| DePaul University College of Law              | 4            |

## PILI Graduate Fellowship Program

Through its Graduate Fellowship Program, PILI partners with Chicago law firms to place new associates at public interest law agencies across Illinois. Fellows are compensated by their hiring firm for 300 hours of work between graduation and the start of their firm employment.

To ensure a high level of professional development, PILI provides quality supervision by experienced attorneys, along with additional educational, networking, and advising opportunities. Currently, we offer Fellowship placements at 60 Participating Agencies throughout Illinois.

PILI Fellows gain a competitive advantage when they begin their careers. While preparing for the bar exam, they enhance their lawyering skills, expand their professional networks, and acquire hands-on experience in the field. Additionally, PILI Fellows are introduced to pro bono work early in their careers, encouraging them to sustain a pro bono practice long after joining their firms.

"My PILI Fellowship deepened my commitment to equity and public service in the legal profession. It strengthened my ability to create programming for youth and tailor it to their needs and interests, improved my creative legal skills and program development skills, and reaffirmed my desire to advocate for systemic change."

-2025 Fellow

"I advocated for people who had the entire United States Government against them. Most of the time, these were people who had been failed by the system years before they ran into trouble with the law."

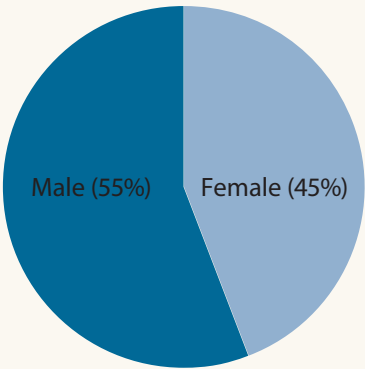
- 2025 Fellow

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## Demographics



23% of Fellows identify as LGBTQIA+



30% of Fellows identify as non-white

## 2025 Sponsoring Law Firms

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| » Chapman and Cutler LLP     | » Mayer Brown LLP              |
| » Jenner & Block LLP         | » Sidley Austin LLP            |
| » Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP | » Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP |
| » Kirkland & Ellis LLP       | » Winston & Strawn LLP         |
| » Latham & Watkins LLP       |                                |

## Sponsor a Named Law Student Intern

PILI designates a number of Named and Honorary Interns each year, thanks to special funding commitments made by the following individuals and organizations:

- Judge Wayne Andersen (Ret.)
- Baker McKenzie
- Chicago Bar Foundation
- Diversity Scholarship Foundation
- GE Healthcare
- Family & Friends of Christopher J. Horsch
- Illinois State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
- LAGBAC Foundation
- Brad & Terri Lane
- Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois in honor of Justice Thomas L. Kilbride (Ret.)
- Florence Miller Endowment
- Jerome Mirza Foundation
- Justice Sheila O'Brien (Ret.)
- PILI Alumni
- Children of Mary C. Russo
- Francis Beidler Foundation in memory of Alfred Tisdahl
- Simmons Hanly Conroy
- United Airlines
- Zurich North America



Sponsoring a Named, Memorial or Honorary Internship is a sound investment that nurtures the best qualities in an emerging lawyer and creates the opportunity for healthier, safer, more prosperous futures for those benefiting from the legal assistance that an emerging lawyer provides.



## PILI's Participating Agencies

Each year, PILI partners with public interest law organizations from across Illinois to place PILI's Law Student Interns and Graduate Fellows. Our current list of Participating Agencies includes:

- Access Living
- Ascend Justice
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic
- CARPLS
- Center for Conflict Resolution
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts
- Chicago Coalition to end Homelessness
- Chicago Commission on Human Relations
- Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Citizen Advocacy Center
- Cook County Office of the Public Guardian
- Council on American-Islamic Relations
- DePaul University College of Law Clinical Programs
- Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic
- Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest
- Equip for Equality
- Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project
- Federal Defender Program
- First Defense Legal Aid
- Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
- Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission
- Illinois Legal Aid Online
- Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice
- Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission
- The Immigration Project
- Impact for Equity
- James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- John Howard Association of Illinois
- Just the Beginning - A Pipeline Organization
- Ladder Up
- Lambda Legal
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- Law Center for Better Housing
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
- Lawyers for the Creative Arts
- Legal Aid Chicago
- Legal Aid Society
- Legal Council on Health Justice
- Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy
- Loyola University Law School Clinical Programs
- LUCHA
- MacArthur Justice Center
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic
- Northwestern University Bluhm Legal Clinic
- Northern Illinois University College of Law Civil Justice Clinic
- Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.
- Resolution Systems Institute
- Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
- Translegal at Chicago House & Social Service Agency
- Triage Cancer
- UIC Law School Community Legal Clinics
- Uptown People's Law Center
- Young Center for the Rights of Immigrant Children

## Alumni Network

Over 5,000 law students and graduates have participated in PILI's Law Student Internship and Graduate Fellowship Programs. These lawyers are spread across the globe and the legal profession, including law firm and corporate attorneys, members of the judiciary and government sector, as well as professionals in public interest law and higher education.

Our goal is to keep PILI Alumni actively involved in public interest law and pro bono work throughout their careers. Led by the Alumni Network Leadership Council, PILI organizes a variety of educational, networking, leadership, and service opportunities for alumni year-round.



**5,000+**

Alumni since PILI's founding in 1977



Each summer, PILI's Alumni Network Leadership Council hosts the Alumni Reception to welcome the newest class of Law Student Interns and Graduate Fellows into PILI's Alumni Network. This annual gathering brings together Alumni, Advisors, supporters, and current program participants to celebrate the impact of the summer and to strengthen the relationships that sustain PILI's community across generations.

# Alumni Network Leadership Council

PILI's Alumni Network is led by the Alumni Network Leadership Council, a group of PILI Alumni committed to staying connected to PILI and public interest law, and to giving back to their community.

## OFFICERS

Chair: Kimberly Mills, Office of the Cook County Public Defender  
Chair-Elect: Casey J. Nelson, McGuire Woods  
Vice Chair: McKenna Deutsch, Grund & Leavitt, PC  
Immediate Past Chair: Jill E. Roberts, National Center for State Courts

## MEMBERS

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Martin Cozzola, Impact for Equity                                 | Kejai P. McNeal, Office of the Cook County Public Guardian         |
| McKenna Deutsch, Grund & Leavitt, P.C.                            | Nidhi D. Narielwala, TransUnion                                    |
| Beatriz Diaz-Pollack, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights | Natanya Pope-Sohel, Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission |
| Charlie Eisner, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company    | Dave Scriven-Young, O'Hagan Meyer LLC                              |
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| Mariah Levy, Blue River PetCare                                   |                                                                    |
| Jaylin D. McClinton, Alliance for Justice                         |                                                                    |

## REPRESENTATIVES

Ivana Bailey-Munoz, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2024 Intern Representative  
Paige Bradley, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2025 Intern Representative  
Claire Ramsey, Sidley Austin LLP, 2024 Fellow Representative  
Michael Stein, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 2025 Fellow Representative

# Pro Bono Program

Our Pro Bono Program works to increase the availability of pro bono legal help for those who cannot afford an attorney in Illinois by developing innovative pro bono opportunities, offering pro bono programming and resources, cultivating best practices, and celebrating the life-changing pro bono performed throughout the state.

Despite the best efforts of the legal aid attorneys in Illinois, there are still not enough resources to meet all of the need across our state. The only way to ensure equal access to justice is for attorneys in the private bar to join the legal aid community in providing pro bono services to those who cannot afford an attorney.

“Thank you so much for this service for us seniors that are struggling to get by. Thank you again for your help.”

- Client at the DuPage Wills & POA Clinic

“Thank your entire staff. My background is expunged and I sincerely appreciate you guys soooooo much... I can finally live my life the right way.”

- Client at Champaign Expungement Clinic

## Key Metrics



**3,293**

Civil Legal  
Questions  
Answered on  
Illinois Free Legal  
Answers



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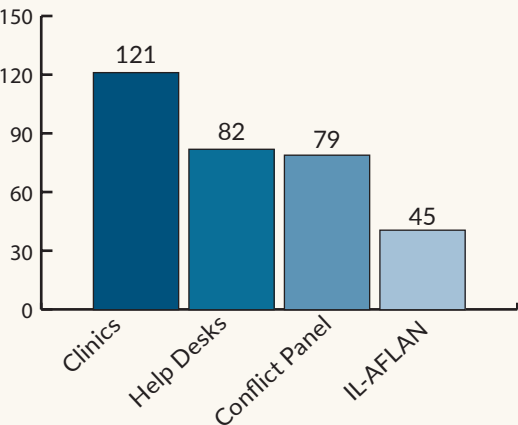
Judicial Circuit  
Pro Bono  
Committees



**571**

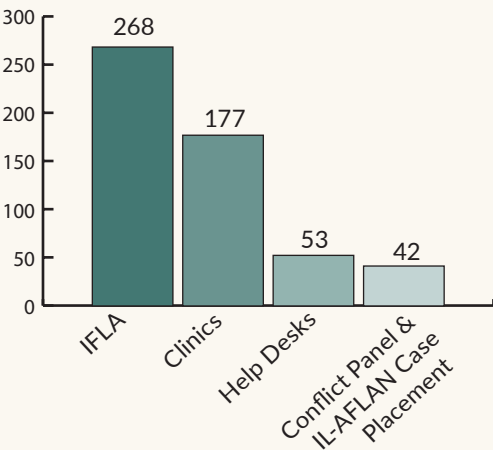
Attorneys  
Attended CLE  
Programming  
Through PILI

### Clients that Received Free Legal Help



▶ In addition to Illinois Free Legal Answers (IFLA), **327** additional clients received free legal help last fiscal year, with a significant amount of clients helped through PILI's statewide clinics

### Number of Pro Bono Volunteers



▶ **540** pro bono volunteer attorneys contributed time by volunteering at PILI clinics and help desks, or handling specific case placements



## Pro Bono Opportunities

PILI provides a variety of pro bono opportunities for lawyers, law students and legal professionals across the state of Illinois.

We focus on filling the gaps in the availability of free legal services by working closely with existing legal aid programs, bar associations and other stakeholders to develop targeted pro bono opportunities to best serve those who would not otherwise receive legal help.

- » Illinois Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal clinic where low- income Illinois residents can submit a question online to ask a lawyer for help with a civil legal issue.
- » Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN) provides civil legal services across Illinois to veterans, active duty military and their spouses and dependents and as an IL- AFLAN member, PILI refers pro bono matters in the 101 counties outside of Cook County.
- » Self-Represented Litigant Virtual Help Desks utilize volunteers to meet with self-represented litigants for 30-minute appointments.
- » Conflict of Interest Pro Bono Referral Panel provides a referral source for participating legal aid agencies to send potential clients who have been denied service due to a conflict of interest.

Learn more about how to participate in PILI's pro bono opportunities by scanning the QR code or go to: [www.pili.org/do-pro-bono](http://www.pili.org/do-pro-bono)



# Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees

PILI's Pro Bono Program is organized into three regions: Northern, Central and Southern. Our eleven Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees cover 52 counties across the state.

## Northern Region

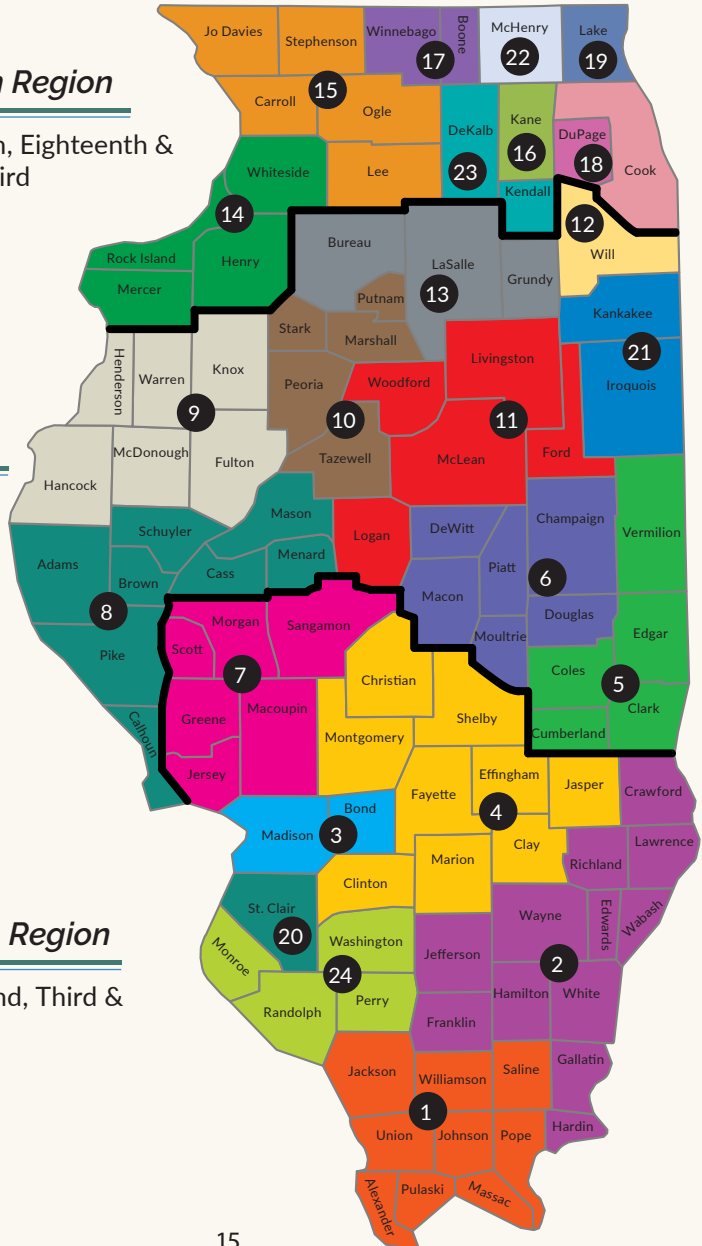
Fourteenth, Eighteenth & Twenty-Third

## Central Region

Fifth, Sixth, Tenth & Eleventh

## Southern Region

First, Second, Third & Twentieth



## Awards and Recognition

PILI believes it is important to recognize people and organizations that are advancing equal access to justice in Illinois. In recognizing their contributions, we also share their stories and impact to hopefully inspire others to help.

### 2024 Annual Awards Recipients

The following award recipients were recognized for their commitment to pro bono and public interest law service on December 11, 2024 at PILI's Annual Awards Luncheon:

PILI Intern Alumni Award: *Martin H. Cozzola*

PILI Fellow Alumni Award: *Priya Desai*

Pro Bono Initiative Award: *Chapman and Cutler LLP*

Distinguished Public Service Award: *Barry C. Taylor*

### 2024 Pro Bono Week Award Recipients

The following individuals were recognized for their service by PILI's Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees as part of Pro Bono Week 2024:

Third Judicial Circuit Judge Barbara Crowder Pro Bono Champion Award: *Stephanie McSparin*

Fifth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Service Award: *Billie Constant*

Sixth Judicial Circuit Community Legal Service Awards: *Lauren Aronson, Marie Casteel, and Mia Hernandez*

Tenth Judicial Circuit Joseph A. Dailing Pro Bono Service Award: *Judge Michael Brandt (Ret.)*

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Service Award: *Jim Ryan*

Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Service Awards: *Nicole Sartori and Rick Turner*



## 2025 Annual Pro Bono Reception

PILI's Annual Pro Bono Reception celebrates the inspiring and life-changing pro bono work being done in Illinois through effective pro bono programs, innovative partnerships, and the unwavering dedication of individual attorneys and legal professionals. At this event we also unveil our Pro Bono Recognition Roster and our Pro Bono Volunteer Honor Roll.

### 2025 Pro Bono Recognition Roster

Recognizing law firms and corporations that have made significant commitments and contributions to pro bono in Illinois.

Baker McKenzie  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
BP Products North America Inc.  
Butler, Giraudo & Meister, P.C.  
Chapman and Cutler LLP  
Charles River Associates  
Cooley LLP  
Crowell & Moring LLP  
Dentons US LLP  
Eversheds Sutherland  
Exelon  
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP  
Jenner & Block  
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
King & Spalding  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
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Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP  
Nixon Peabody LLP  
Pepping, Balk, Kincaid & Olson, Ltd.  
Perkins Coie  
Reed Smith LLP  
Relativity  
Ropes & Gray LLP  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
Sidley Austin LLP  
State Farm  
Winston & Strawn  
Zurich North America

### 2025 Pro Bono Volunteer Honor Roll

Recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary volunteer contributions through PILI's Pro Bono Program.

Gregory B. Jumbeck, Reich, Jumbeck, Stole & Reeb, LLP  
Karen Kapela, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance  
Paul Wieck, Bennett, Schroeder & Wieck  
Angela Wille, Madison County Law Library

# How to Get Involved with PILI

While PILI works to engage, inspire and empower, you play a key role in increasing access to justice by volunteering, donating and supporting.



## ***Become a Pro Bono Volunteer***

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From brief services and limited scope representation to representing those in need of legal assistance in court, PILI has a variety of pro bono opportunities across Illinois.



## ***Provide Financial Support***

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Individuals, law firms, corporations and foundations provide the critical support that PILI needs. Donations to PILI are an investment in the long-term stability of public interest law and pro bono. We take your trust in us to use your financial support very seriously. In fact, **83% of the funds PILI raised** in PILI's most recently completed fiscal year were used to support its programs.



## ***Attend a Program or Event***

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PILI offers a wide array of educational programming as well as networking and fundraising events across the state for law students, lawyers and others interested in our work.





## ***Join One of PILI's Leadership Groups***

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PILI thrives thanks to the guidance and support of our Board of Directors, Young Professionals Board, Alumni Network Leadership Council, and Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees. Comprised of individuals from across the state and various sectors of the legal community, their leadership is essential to our continued success.



## ***Apply to be a Law Student Intern or Graduate Fellow***

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Current law students can apply for PILI Law Student Internships and those joining a law firm after graduation can apply for Graduate Fellowships to jump start their pro bono and public interest careers.



## ***Remain Connected to PILI as a Former Intern or Fellow***

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It's never too late to engage with the PILI Alumni Network! Become an advisor, join a planning team or attend an event to get involved.



## Become a Partner

PILI's impact is built on long-term relationships and sustained investment. When supporters commit to partnering with us, they provide the stability that allows our programs to grow, innovate, and serve more communities in need. Your partnership ensures that future generations of public interest lawyers and pro bono advocates can continue expanding access to justice statewide.



### *Join a PILI Giving Circle*

Giving Circle members commit to give one of the following amounts annually for five years with a variety of payment options available such as monthly or quarterly payments.

- » \$2,500: Supreme Court Giving Circle
- » \$1,000: Presiding Giving Circle
- » \$750: Justice Giving Circle
- » \$500: Magistrate Giving Circle
- » \$250: Counselor Giving Circle
- » \$100: Advocate Giving Circle

You can help more people in need by becoming a Giving Circle Member. PILI's programs are successful because they are stable. Our partner agencies and client communities depend on our long-term commitment. Giving Circle Members ensure that stability by pledging to give a specific amount each year for five years. When we know how much funding we will have years in advance, we can start new projects sooner and help more people now.



### *Cornerstone Society*

The Cornerstone Society is reserved for major donors who want to make a significant five year commitment of \$3,000 or more to fund a specific project, support our general operations or contribute to our Endowment.



## ***See If Your Company Will Match Your Gift***

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Many companies will match employees' charitable contributions to eligible nonprofit organizations. This is a great way to extend the impact of your gift to PILI. Check with your human resources department to see whether your company will match your gift and what the procedure is for doing so.



## ***Join PILI's Legacy Society***

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Join your legacy to PILI's by pledging to include us as part of your estate planning. Specific details are not required, but an earnest commitment to include PILI in your estate plan is necessary to be a Legacy Society Member.



## ***Cy Pres & Residual Fund Awards***

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PILI is eligible to receive cy pres and residual fund awards. Please consider designating PILI as a recipient of cy pres or residual funds in any class action settlement or judgment with which you are involved.



## ***Gifts of Stock or Securities***

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Gifts of appreciated stock or securities can provide potentially significant tax benefits.

PILI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and contributions are tax-deductible as allowable by law. All contributions to PILI also qualify under the Illinois Supreme Court's Pro Bono Reporting Rule.

Contact PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann at 312-832-5129 or [mbergmann@pili.org](mailto:mbergmann@pili.org) to discuss any of these options.

## Donors

Because of the incredible generosity of the individuals and organizations listed below, PILI continues to expand access to justice across Illinois. Thank you!

### **\$150,000+**

Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois

### **\$50,000-\$149,999**

Illinois Acces to Justice  
Illinois Equal Justice Foundation

### **\$40,000-\$49,999**

Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
Polk Bros Foundation  
The Sidley Austin Foundation

### **\$30,000-\$39,999**

The Jerome Mirza Foundation

### **\$20,000-\$29,999**

Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts  
Chicago Bar Foundation  
Illinois Bar Foundation  
LAGBAC Foundation  
Robert E. Gallagher Charitable Trust

### **\$10,000-\$19,999**

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Baker McKenzie LLP  
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Chapman and Cutler LLP  
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### **\$5,000-\$9,999**

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Sahara Enterprises  
Steptoe LLP  
Troutman Pepper Locke  
United Airlines  
Vedder  
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### **\$2,500-\$4,999**

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## **\$1,000-\$2,499**

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University of Illinois College of Law  
Joshua Vincent  
Washington University School of Law  
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Nikki Will Stein & Fred Stein  
Hon. Lisa Y. Wilson & Louis Milot  
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## **\$500-\$999**

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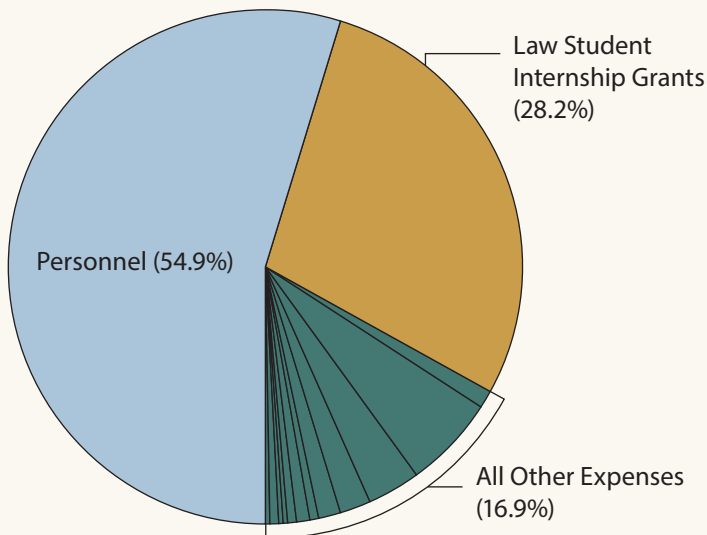
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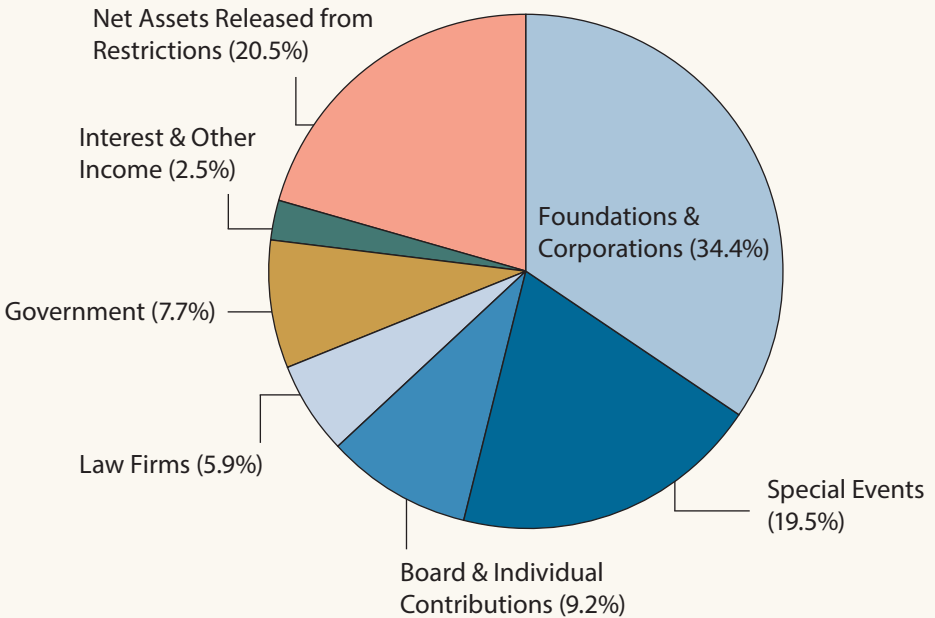
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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
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| Program Events & Meetings            | \$17,337           |
| Professional Fees                    | \$87,865           |
| Occupancy & Utilities                | \$49,500           |
| Conferences, Meetings & Travel       | \$31,805           |
| Due & Subscriptions                  | \$19,394           |
| Telephone & Internet                 | \$10,036           |
| Insurance                            | \$14,748           |
| Miscellaneous                        | \$7,032            |
| Printing & Publications              | \$5,004            |
| Depreciation                         | \$4,490            |
| Postage & Shipping                   | \$6,479            |
| Supplies                             | \$2,764            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$1,529,213</b> |



| Revenue                               |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Foundations & Corporations            | \$533,552          |
| Special Events                        | \$302,120          |
| Board & Individual Contributions      | \$142,174          |
| Law Firms                             | \$92,353           |
| Government                            | \$120,673          |
| Interest & Other Income               | \$38,783           |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions | \$317,675          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$1,547,330</b> |



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