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**STRENGTHENING JUSTICE.
EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY.**

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: A YEAR OF MEANINGFUL IMPACT



During the past fiscal year, the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association continued its commitment to advancing civic education and strengthening connections between the federal legal community and the broader public. Through scholarships, grants, and community initiatives, the Foundation supports programs that promote understanding of the rule of law, encourage public service, and prepare the next generation of federal practitioners.

In FY24, the Foundation distributed more than \$150,000 in scholarships, grants, and awards — a 33 percent increase over the prior year. Among the most meaningful developments this year was the continued expansion and focused support of civic education initiatives through the Foundation's grant programming. By providing resources to organizations and local leaders committed to civics outreach, the Foundation has helped bring judges and lawyers into classrooms, supported educational programming, and fostered thoughtful engagement with the federal justice system.

These efforts are both timely and essential. A well-functioning democracy requires an informed citizenry. Programs that introduce students and communities to the structure, purpose, and responsibilities of the federal courts help cultivate respect for the rule of law and confidence in our institutions. Through its dedicated grant initiatives, the Foundation is playing a meaningful role in advancing that mission nationwide.

The Foundation's scholarship programs likewise continue to expand opportunity within the legal profession, supporting students who demonstrate resilience, leadership, and commitment to federal practice. Together, these efforts reflect a broader vision: strengthening both the profession and the public it serves.

The accomplishments reflected in this report are the result of the collective dedication of the Foundation's Board of Directors, Fellows, volunteers, and supporters across the country. Their commitment affirms that service to the law extends beyond the courtroom. It includes education, outreach, and engagement with the communities we are sworn to serve.

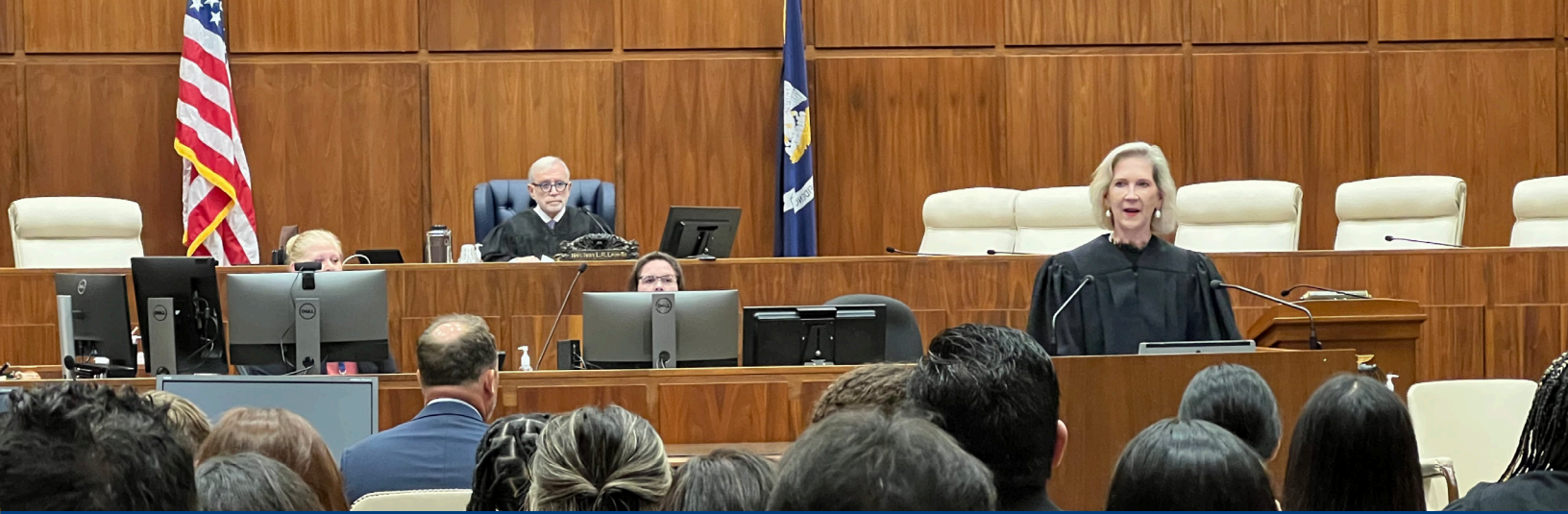
I am proud of the Foundation's work this year and of the many individuals who contribute to its mission. The continued investment in civic education and professional development helps ensure that the principles underlying our federal system remain understood, respected, and sustained.

Respectfully,



Stephen R. Jackson

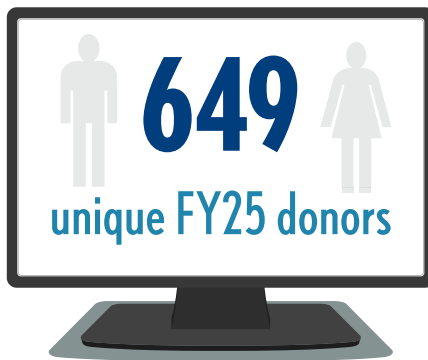
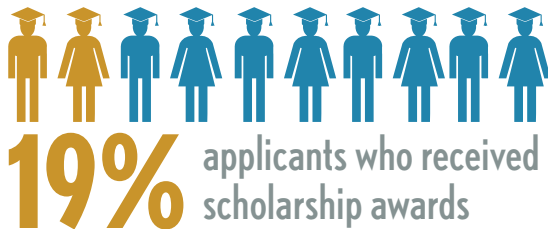
FY26 President, Foundation of the Federal Bar Association



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\$180K

**TOTAL
DISBURSED
THROUGH
IMPACT
PROGRAMS
IN FY2025**



\$72,000



25
recipients



318

Foundation
Fellows

Thank you for the continued support that makes this impact possible!

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION



Dr. J. Clay Smith Scholarship for the Advancement of the Legal Profession

Featured Recipient: Sorangel Liriano, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University



Earl W. Kintner Public Service Scholarship

Featured Recipient: Sean Connolly, Salisbury School, Salisbury, Connecticut



Robert A. McNew Law Student Scholarship

Featured Recipient: Aparajita (PJ) Das, University of San Diego School of Law

"I am honored to receive the Robert A. McNew Law Student Scholarship and grateful for the Foundation's support of future lawyers interested in practicing federal law. I am excited to start my journey in federal law next year as a judicial clerk and aspire to uphold the values the Foundation embodies throughout my career."

Together, these scholars reflect the Foundation's commitment to expanding opportunity and strengthening the future of federal law. To learn more about these scholarship programs, visit www.foundationofthefba.org/scholarships.



COMMUNITY IMPACT IN ACTION



Civics Education Grant

Featured Recipient: FBA Northern/Eastern District of Oklahoma Chapter

Program: High School Civil Discourse Program

The Civil Discourse program brings high school students from the Tulsa and Muskogee areas into federal courtrooms for an interactive, hands-on introduction to civil argumentation and the federal legal system, led by FBA attorney volunteers and U.S. magistrate judges. Centered on a mock trial and jury deliberations based on Supreme Court cases involving student rights, the program also includes discussions of federal criminal procedures, jury service, and legal career paths, emphasizing both the accessibility of the profession and the importance of respectful discourse. With support from a Foundation grant, the program expanded from two events in 2023–2024 to four in 2024–2025, adding a new courthouse location in the Eastern District of Oklahoma, engaging new attorney volunteers and court staff, and reaching approximately 120 students with the help of 30 attorneys and two judges. Feedback from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive—consistently ranking the experience among their favorite field trips—while post-program evaluations and volunteer debriefs continue to inform improvements. The program operates with minimal cost, with the courthouse providing space and meals sourced from a mission-driven local caterer that supports women reentering the workforce after incarceration, further reinforcing the program’s broader community impact.

Pathways to the Profession Grant

Featured Recipient: University of Buffalo
Program: Discover Law Program

Supported in part by a grant from the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, the University at Buffalo's Discover Law Program delivered a transformative four-week Summer 2025 experience for 20 high-achieving undergraduate students from 10 institutions, each with an average GPA of 3.74. The program combined rigorous academic coursework in Contracts and Intellectual Property with legal writing instruction, LSAT preparation, and professional development, while also connecting students with attorney mentors, bar associations, and legal leaders from firms including Hodgson Russ LLP and Lippes Mathias LLP. Cultural experiences, such as visits to Niagara Falls and Buffalo's Juneteenth Festival, further enriched participants' perspectives and sense of community. The program's impact was evident at its closing ceremony, where student speakers reflected on how the experience reshaped their aspirations, and faculty emphasized the importance of pursuing meaningful work in the law. By covering essential costs such as housing, meals, stipends, and professional attire, the Foundation's support helped remove financial barriers and expand access to legal education, reinforcing its broader mission to promote understanding of the Constitution, citizenship, and the rule of law while investing in the next generation of legal professionals.

Across the country, Foundation grants empower federal practitioners to strengthen their communities and inspire the next generation. For more information on these grant programs, visit www.foundationofthefba.org/grants.



THE FOUNDATION FELLOWS PROGRAM



Founded in 2002, the Fellows program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to and leadership within both the FBA and the legal community. Fellows provide financial and volunteer service in support of the Foundation.



“Volunteering with the Foundation is incredibly rewarding. It is inspiring to review applications from organizations across the country that are running truly exceptional programs—each one dedicated to strengthening the federal bar and enriching our communities. Seeing the tangible impact of our efforts and the breadth of the Foundation’s reach is amazing. I’m proud to be part of this work, giving back while collaborating with such thoughtful and dedicated members of the legal community.”

Alexandra Dattilo

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: FY2025

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

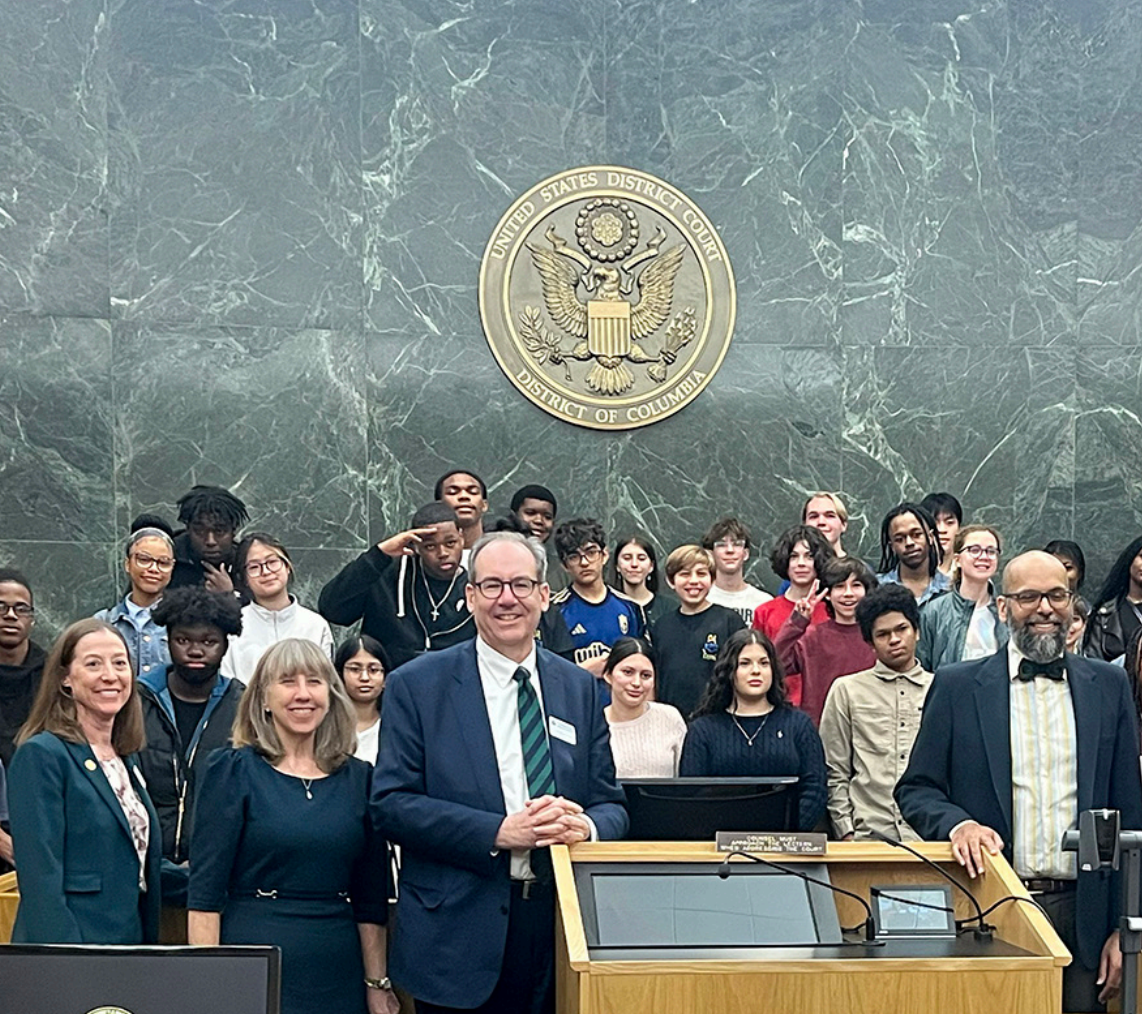
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,799,726
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$68,715
NET ASSETS	
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTION	\$754,672
WITH DONOR RESTRICTION	\$4,976,339
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$5,731,011
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$5,799,726

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES: FY2025

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$169,594
FISCAL AGENT FUND	\$338,847
INVESTMENT RETURN, NET	\$451,771
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$960,212
EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$229,054
SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$107,953
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$337,007

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translate financial
strength into
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THE YEAR AHEAD

The need for civic understanding, professional development, and meaningful engagement with the federal legal system remains as important as ever. The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association will continue to support programs that expand access to legal education, strengthen connections between the courts and the communities they serve, and encourage public service within the profession.

Building on the progress of the past year, the Foundation will sustain its investment in scholarships that open doors for aspiring attorneys and in grant programs that bring civics education and outreach initiatives to communities across the country. These efforts help ensure that individuals at all stages—from students to experienced practitioners—have opportunities to learn, engage, and contribute to the federal legal system.

At a time when understanding of our institutions is essential, the Foundation's work remains focused on promoting respect for the rule of law and fostering informed participation in our democracy. Through continued collaboration with judges, lawyers, educators, and community leaders, the Foundation will carry forward its mission of strengthening both the profession and the public it serves.



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