
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Academy Foundation,

In 2025, we witnessed the unimaginable. The Rule of Law came under direct attack in the United States, driven by actions and rhetoric from the highest levels of government. Each week brought new shocks, and week after week, the most vulnerable communities, along with those sworn to uphold the Rule of Law, were targeted. The urgency of our mission was undeniable. But a silver lining shone through. There was work to do, and the Fellows of the Academy, along with our friends and supporters, showed up in extraordinary ways.

This year, the Foundation received more grant requests than ever before, totaling more than \$680,000. However, we were limited to awarding only half of that amount due to our annual spending policy and our commitment to responsible, long-term stewardship of Foundation resources.

Selecting recipients was difficult, but necessary. At our 2025 Annual Meeting, the Foundation Board of Trustees approached this responsibility with care, rigor, and deep commitment. I am grateful for their time and judgment. If we had more to give, we would have.

So, we asked for more. And you answered.

A fundraising blitz at the Annual Meeting raised nearly \$290,000 in minutes. Momentum continued with \$13,000 raised at the Mid-Year Meeting auction. Additional gifts poured in from targeted campaigns and our new Foundation website, and a remarkable \$500,000 donation from the Academy itself pushed Foundation donations to over \$1 million!

Together, we reached a milestone many years in the making. Total Foundation assets surpassed \$10 million. With a stronger corpus, we are positioned to fund more grants and support more organizations in 2026 and beyond.

There is still much more work to do. We hope this report reminds us of where we have been, and inspires us to keep going, advancing justice, and strengthening the Rule of Law.

If you are reading this letter, you are a force multiplier for good. Thank you for making this work possible.



Roman Silberfeld
PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
OF TRIAL LAWYERS FOUNDATION



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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3). The Foundation operates independently of the Academy, is self-governing, and provides the opportunity for tax-deductible contributions.

The purpose of the Foundation is to engage in charitable and educational activities relating to the law and legal education in the United States, throughout the international legal community, and nations of the world.

We support nonprofit organizations and initiatives that:

- Cultivate of the Rule of Law and the science of jurisprudence
- Promote reforms to improve the administration and quality of justice
- Elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession
- Promote public awareness of the essential services performed by legal professionals in protecting and preserving legal rights

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ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2025 TOTAL FOUNDATION ASSETS:

\$10,283,509.95

TOTAL 2025 REVENUE:

\$2,417,715.75

TOTAL DONATIONS:

\$1,006,880.08

2025 TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME:

\$1,410,835.67

TOTAL 2025 EXPENSES:

\$449,532.01

EXPENSES BREAKDOWN:

- 2025 Grant Funding: \$295,000.00
- Total Administration Expenses: \$79,896.01
- Trustee Meeting Expenses: \$3,807.50
- Investment Expenses: \$70,828.50

2025 NET INCOME:

\$1,968,183.74

2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Foundation **awarded \$295,000 in grants** to nonprofits dedicated to:

- Advancing justice
- Protecting the Rule of Law
- Supporting vulnerable communities worldwide



A Sense of Home

A Sense of Home (ASOH) prevents homelessness by creating first-ever homes and a community for youth aging out of foster care. The Foundation grant funded ASOH's exclusive pilot program in partnership with L.A. County DCFS, which ensures that every youth issued a federally funded Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Housing Voucher receives timely, essential support through their Home Creations and wraparound services. ASOH has received referrals for 102 youth with FYI vouchers and has already housed and provided Home Creations to 23 of them, allowing them to start their new chapter in a fully furnished, dignified living space along with critical services to support long-term stability.

For more information, visit ASenseOfHome.org



2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS



The Alfred Friendly Press Partners' Journalists in Exile Program

Alfred Friendly Press Partners (AFPP) helps journalists in danger become journalists in demand by rebuilding careers that oppressive regimes tried to erase. In June 2025, AFPP offered a 30-day fellowship to a dozen journalists in exile, including a dedicated week of training, during which 15 Academy Fellows volunteered as faculty. AFPP Fellows are already achieving significant milestones, including international recognition, new academic roles, and expanded reach of their reporting. This program is proof that protecting truth-tellers protects the Rule of Law itself.

For more information, visit [PressPartners.org](https://www.PressPartners.org)



Alfred Friendly
PRESS PARTNERS



Eden Centers

Eden Centers provides trauma-informed, comprehensive recovery services, including legal advocacy, for adult survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation. With support from the Academy Foundation, Eden significantly expanded legal support and wraparound care, providing legal aid to 17 survivors. Eden supported survivors in high-stakes matters, including ongoing federal cases, state-level human trafficking prosecutions, and civil actions. The team also helped clients obtain restraining orders, resolve outstanding warrants, report traffickers, and prepare victim impact statements. This strengthened legal advocacy advances safety, accountability, and long-term stability for survivors.

For more information, visit [Eden-Centers.org](https://www.Eden-Centers.org)



EDEN CENTERS
for Hope and Healing



Homeboy Industries

Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to formerly incarcerated and previously gang-involved people so they can redirect their lives and return as contributing community members. Foundation funding helped Homeboy's legal team deliver direct, practical access to justice, including three expungement clinics and ongoing family law clinics. One hundred expungements have been filed since the grant was awarded. This is what second chances look like when the legal system is made reachable again.

For more information, visit HomeboyIndustries.org



Innocence & Justice Louisiana

Innocence & Justice Louisiana is the only nonprofit law firm in the state focused on post-conviction relief, long-term reentry support, and systemic reform in the most incarcerated place on Earth. Their work has helped free or exonerate 76 people who served 1,600+ years collectively. With Foundation support, the team has screened 200+ women seeking representation and identified clear patterns that will drive targeted litigation, public education, and legislative advocacy for those unjustly incarcerated.

For more information, visit JusticeLouisiana.org



2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS



The Academy's Ireland Program

The Ireland Program strengthens transatlantic professional bonds and deepens shared commitment to the Rule of Law through an immersive exchange with Irish delegates and Academy Fellows. In 2025, four delegates stayed with U.S. hosts and participated in the Annual Meeting in Austin. They built relationships and gained a real-world understanding of the American legal system. 2025 was the 18th year of the Ireland program, making it the Academy's longest-standing initiative.

For more information, visit IATL.net

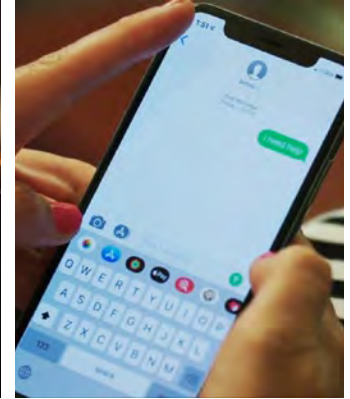
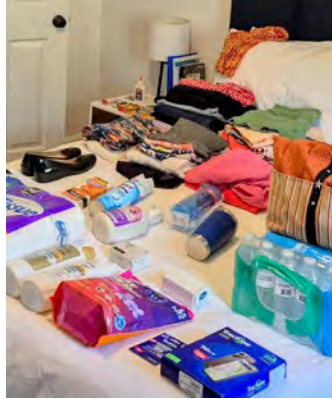


The Academy's Restorative Justice Research Project

With the Foundation grant, the Academy hired a graduate researcher and launched its first comprehensive survey to establish a baseline of Fellow knowledge, needs, and areas of opportunity. Findings revealed the appetite for continued work in this field. Fellows asked for education, practical tools they can use, and partners who could help them drive change in their communities. The research directly informed partner review and selection, positioning the Academy to build training, resources, and a stronger network in the year ahead.

For more information, visit IATL.net





Polaris

Polaris supports victims and survivors of human trafficking and strengthens anti-trafficking efforts nationwide through frontline response, survivor-informed research, and policy advocacy. With Foundation support, Polaris assisted more than 3,500 victim and survivor contacts. It delivered nearly 5,000 referrals to legal and social services, helping keep a national safety net in motion for people seeking a way out. The grant also funded the Trafficking Hotline, which expanded access to legal services, law enforcement assistance, and pathways to pursue justice, while ensuring trained experts stay on the front lines when federal funding falls short of covering survivor-centered operations.

For more information, visit PolarisProject.org



Survivor Ventures

Survivor Ventures creates pathways to economic independence for survivors of human trafficking through housing stability, employment, entrepreneurship support, and intensive case management. With Foundation support, Survivor Ventures has significantly expanded the reach and impact of its Survivors to Entrepreneurs (S2E) program across Virginia, Delaware, and the National Capital Region. 113 survivors received direct services, a 40% increase from last year. 62 survivors received 2,246 housing-related services, including rental assistance, advocacy, and emergency shelter. Ten survivors received crisis housing through short-term placements, 92% successfully transitioned to stable housing.

For more information, visit SurvivorVentures.org



2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS



The National Institute for Trial Advocacy & The NITA Foundation

The National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) advances justice by improving courtroom advocacy, so the system functions more fairly for everyone, not just those with resources. With Foundation support, the NITA Foundation awarded 25 scholarships to public service lawyers for advocacy skills programs across the country. This expanded access to high-quality trial training where it is needed most. Early participant feedback reflects an immediate, confidence-building impact, including readiness to take on first-time representation in high-stakes immigration matters.

For more information, visit [NITA.org](https://www.NITA.org)



Trócaire

Trócaire Zimbabwe supports vulnerable communities through a rights-based method that includes protecting human rights defenders and providing legal aid to marginalized communities. With Foundation support, Trócaire helped ensure constitutional and procedural protections for those targeted for exercising their fundamental rights. Legal representation in two criminal cases resulted in a significant win: 11 beneficiaries were acquitted, including a journalist facing charges related to criticism of the president and political activists arrested for peaceful assembly.

For more information, visit Trocaire.org





World Justice Project

The World Justice Project advances the Rule of Law worldwide by generating actionable knowledge, building coalitions, and supporting justice champions amid a global Rule of Law decline. Foundation support helped fund the 2025 World Justice Forum in Warsaw, convening leaders on urgent priorities such as judicial independence, accountable governance, human rights, and environmental Rule Of Law. The Forum’s reach and engagement were substantial, with 541 social posts, 9.5 million reach, and 30 news articles reaching 96 million, amplifying reform efforts far beyond the room.

For more information, visit WorldJusticeProject.org



VECINA

VECINA strengthens access to counsel in immigration matters by equipping advocates and immigrants with practical tools, mentorship, training, and hands-on technical assistance. With Foundation funding, VECINA rapidly shifted to address a changing political landscape. They created a removal-defense mini-pilot program and laid the groundwork for a scalable national model. They also expanded training through a platform with 7,500+ learners, including a “Habeas 101” session attended by 200+ participants.

For more information, visit VECINA.org



TESTIMONIALS

Alfred Friendly Press Partners: Journalists in Exile Program

"Being a journalist in a country that is not your own is tough, downright difficult. Opportunities are scarce, and you feel like all your effort, work, and accumulated experience have become invisible. The Alfred Friendly Press Partners program at the University of Missouri-Columbia restored my hope and desire to make my voice heard. It gave me tools to continue my path and a family of colleagues."

— MARIANNA BELLOSO,
2025 PROGRAM FELLOW FROM EL SALVADOR

Survivor Ventures

"Since receiving funding from the Academy Foundation, we have been able to support over 4,000 service interactions across housing and employment. We are helping survivors move from instability and criminalization toward independence, empowerment, and restored dignity."

— TIFFANY MCGEE
FOUNDER

The NITA Foundation & The National Institute for Trial Advocacy

"I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to learn and practice new skills that help me serve my clients better. I was honored to be surrounded by many brave and compassionate immigration attorneys during such a contentious time. Most importantly, you gave me the confidence to represent my first detained asylum-seeker."

— 2025 AIMP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Academy's Ireland Program

"I will forever be indebted to the Academy, the Trustees, and the Fellows who have put the infrastructure in place to allow for such a valuable exchange of experience, knowledge, and skill, as well as Finn for being the perfect delegate."

— BARRY DONOVAN,
2025 IRELAND PROGRAM DELEGATE

Innocence Project Louisiana

"The Academy Foundation was the first foundation to believe in and support our Women's Justice Initiative. That early backing helped us secure a \$25,000 match and, eventually, a larger three-year grant. While funding is crucial, it's also about what this initial support represents: belief in us. Thank you!"

— MEREDITH ANGELSON,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Trócaire Zimbabwe

"This partnership is instrumental in enabling us to foster a culture of human rights in Zimbabwe and encourage the growth and strengthening of human rights at all levels of Zimbabwean society through observance of the Rule Of Law."

— TAFADZWA MUNYAKA,
CEO

RECOGNITION OF OUR 2025 DONORS

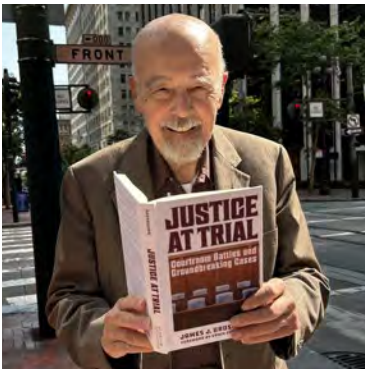
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GLENNA GOODACRE CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

The Academy Foundation has presented the Glenna Goodacre Award since 2022 to honor members of the Academy Family for achievement in the creative arts.

Named in memory of world-renowned artist and sculptor Glenna Goodacre, wife of Academy Fellow C.L. Mike Schmidt, the award reflects the connection between artistry and the legal profession.

The award celebrates the Academy Family’s diverse talents and the shared pursuit of vision, expression, and impact.



2025
**JAMES
 BROSNAHAN**
 GLENNA GOODACRE
 AWARD WINNER



2025
**PATRICK
 KELLY**
 GLENNA GOODACRE
 AWARD WINNER

PAST RECIPIENTS

- Jim Bostwick
- Val Cleary
- Corinna Clendenen
- Robert Neil Cohen
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Posthumously Awarded
- Larry Stewart
- Jensen Sutta
- Skip Walker
- William Whitehurst



MAKE A LASTING COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE

Join the Academy Foundation Legacy Circle

The Academy Foundation has long stood as a pillar of excellence, integrity, and dedication to the Rule of Law. As we look to the future, we invite you to help sustain this mission through the Legacy Circle, a community of Fellows committed to leaving a lasting impact by including the Academy Foundation in their estate plans.

WHAT IS THE LEGACY CIRCLE?

The Legacy Circle is a distinguished group of benefactors who have pledged a planned gift to the Academy Foundation.

No minimum is required, though past gifts range from \$15,000 to \$1 million, including a transformational donation from Academy Fellow Al Abramson that helped shape the Foundation as it exists today. Gifts are confidential unless otherwise specified.

HOW TO JOIN

- Include the Academy Foundation in your estate plans
- Inform the Academy Foundation Executive Office in writing
- Provide your executor/trustee contact information

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

You can support the Academy Foundation's work through gifts of stock or IRA charitable rollovers.

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