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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fund, Inc.
April 30, 2009

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EXERCISES BY FUNCTION

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Dear Friends,

Many clients arrive at the City Bar Justice Center after a long and winding journey, sometimes literally, as in the case of immigrants seeking asylum. More often, the journey is through a bureaucracy, as in the case of wounded veterans seeking the benefits they deserve, or homeowners struggling to avoid foreclosure, or a homeless mother trying to feed her children.

During this recession more people than ever need your help. People like Mrs. S. and her children, who didn't get their subsistence public assistance check because the City didn't process the family's new address and then sanctioned her for not responding to their misdirected letter. People like Mr. G., an immigrant who was locked in the Varick Federal Detention Facility for six months until a volunteer attorney won a bond reduction hearing. His family was able to post the lower bond and he returned to his job while waiting for a hearing on the merits.

The City Bar Justice Center is uniquely positioned to provide these clients with something so fundamental that most of us take it for granted: access to justice. For over four decades, the New York City Bar has been a leader in making pro bono legal services available to New Yorkers who could not otherwise afford a lawyer.

With your help, our projects made a huge impact on the lives of thousands of individuals and families this year. And in the coming year, more people than ever will need help in accessing our justice system. Please join us in making it happen.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Hynes
President

Barbara Berger Opotowsky
Vice President

Austin T. Fragomen, Jr.
Chair

Lynn M. Kelly
Executive Director, City Bar Justice Center
MAKING IT HAPPEN AT THE JUSTICE CENTER

The City Bar Justice Center leverages the resources of the legal community to make pro bono assistance widely available to low-income New Yorkers with unmet legal needs. We create successful pro bono projects, screening cases for extended representation and providing expert training, mentoring, and support for busy lawyers who nevertheless find time to volunteer to help the less fortunate.

As part of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fund, Inc., the nonprofit 501(c)(3) affiliate of the New York City Bar Association, the Justice Center is unparalleled in its ability to bring together and partner with all of the critical players in the legal field, harnessing and combining each participant’s strengths to advance the interests of clients. At the same time, the Justice Center supports the work of the City Bar’s committees and legislative affairs department in educating the public and shaping public policy to benefit low-income New Yorkers. Our projects include:

- Cancer Advocacy Project
- City Bar Public Service Network
- Consumer Bankruptcy Project
- Deferred Associate Law Extern Support Project
- Elderlaw Project
- Foreclosure Project
- Housing Court Volunteer Lawyer for a Day Project
- Immigrant Women and Children Project
- Immigrant Outreach Project
- LawHelp.org/NY
- Legal Clinic for the Homeless
- Legal Hotline
- Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project
- NYC Know Your Rights Project – Varick Street
- Refugee Assistance Project
- Veterans Assistance Project

A Closer Look at the NYC Know Your Rights Project

Collaborating Organizations
City Bar Justice Center
American Immigration Lawyers Association
NY Chapter, Pro Bono Committee
The Legal Aid Society
Additional Partners
Law Firms
New York City Law School Clinics
City Bar Immigration and Nationality Law Committee
Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP Fellowship

ISSUE
In Fall 2008, the City Bar Justice Center received a mass petition from immigrant detainees seeking legal help at the Varick Federal Detention Facility.

RESPONSE
The Justice Center set out to develop a pro bono clinic within 60 days to provide free legal counsel to detainees. Here’s what we did:

1. Surveyed existing resources and forged collaborations.
   We did not want to “reinvent the wheel.” We learned that The Legal Aid Society had a small project at Varick and we partnered with them, facilitating the entrance of pro bono volunteers into Varick.

2. Overcame obstacles including the shortage of immigration experts. We extended our collaboration with AILA, NYC Chapter to include sending an expert immigration attorney to mentor our volunteers at each clinic.

3. Developed an administrative structure including scheduling, coordination, and data collection through the City Bar Justice Center. The Fragomen Fellow at the City Bar Justice Center provided important organization to launch the program and facilitation at the weekly clinic.

4. Recruited and trained over 130 pro bono lawyers from 17 firms and legal organizations. We repurposed existing resources to get the training up on short notice. We collaborated with NYU Law School, The Legal Aid Society, and AILA and held the training at the City Bar.

SUCCESS
The Know Your Rights Project has established a weekly clinic at the Varick Facility and has provided counsel to over 250 detainees since December 2008. Our analysis shows that over one-third of the detainees have possible claims for relief.
Mr. B. is a homeless veteran who served in Vietnam and has a long history of serious medical conditions.

For years, his sole source of income was a pension from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, supporting him through many difficulties. This all changed when his pension was suddenly terminated and the V.A. claimed that he owed more than $13,000 in overpayments. Mr. B. contacted the Veterans Assistance Project and was assigned a team of attorneys. Within a week, the attorneys filed a claim to reinstate Mr. B.’s benefits retroactively and a request to waive his indebtedness to the V.A. Prompt action with the reinstatement request was crucial, as filing a brand new claim could have taken a year or more to be processed. Instead, two months later, Mr. B. began receiving his pension again, and his alleged overpayment debt was reduced from $13,476 to $920. This desperately needed income has helped Mr. B. in his struggle to regain control of his life in the wake of homelessness and numerous health problems.

“If we live by the rule of law, then right to counsel should be seen as a fundamental right.”
— Patricia M. Hynes, President, New York City Bar
A Brooklyn-based fitness business, Punk Rope, helps underserved communities with assistance from the Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project.

A recent study from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has shown that residents of neighborhoods with high levels of poverty are much less likely to exercise, which can lead to a higher rate of health problems. Tim Haft, the owner of an innovative fitness program called Punk Rope, had donated his services to underserved communities through partnerships with YMCAs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the American Cancer Society, and other nonprofit organizations, but had not yet found a way to sustain his business. However, interest from a production company and record label in creating a DVD presented an opportunity for Mr. Haft to make enough money to continue focusing on his charitable efforts. In order to move forward, Punk Rope needed pro bono legal guidance to license the soundtrack music and make sure all the necessary legal disclaimers were in place. With the help of a Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project volunteer, Mr. Haft was able to produce and sell his DVD through his Web site and Netflix. Through these efforts, Punk Rope has been able to continue its mission and create a curriculum for The After-School Corporation’s Building Healthy Communities and for the Food Bank for New York City’s SHAKE, two programs that help children lead healthier lives.

“I didn’t have anyone to turn to for firm, positive advice. I thought I wasn’t going to get through it, but I did, thanks to the City Bar Justice Center.”

— Justice Center Client
CITY BAR FUND

In addition to the City Bar Justice Center, the City Bar Fund supports the research, educational, and public service activities of the following New York City Bar programs:

OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY

Created to affirm the commitment of New York City law firms and corporate legal departments to diversity goals that have specific time targets and milestones, the Office for Diversity annually tracks the progress of its 126 signatories to the Association’s Statement of Diversity Principles, adopted in 2003. The Office hosts a broad range of programs designed to foster a more diverse and inclusive legal profession, including the Annual Diversity Conference.

NEW YORK CITY LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Lawyers Assistance Program provides free, confidential assistance to attorneys, judges, law students, and their families who are experiencing problems with alcohol, drugs, depression and stress, as well as other addictions and mental health issues. Evaluation, intervention, referral, outreach, and education are provided by professional staff and peers based on the concept of “lawyers helping lawyers.”

CYRUS R. VANCE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Working with law firms, bar associations, educational institutions, and NGOs around the globe, the Vance Center seeks to expand access to justice in young democracies and developing economies. Collaborating across borders, the Center’s ongoing work includes recruiting and supporting volunteer lawyers to work on international public interest projects; creating a network of justice reform advocates in Africa and Latin America; and building VanceNet.org, a Web-based, global community of advocates to promote access to social justice.

AWARDS

• Bernard Botein Medal, recognizing employees of the courts of the First Judicial Department
• Legal Services Award, honoring lawyers providing full time, pro bono legal services to the needy
• Municipal Affairs Award, recognizing outstanding young lawyers in the New York City Law Department
• Henry L. Stimson Award, recognizing Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
• Kathryn A. McDonald Award, for service to the New York City Family Court
• Thomas E. Dewey Award, recognizing outstanding Assistant District Attorneys in each of the five boroughs and in the Special Narcotics Prosecutor’s Office
• Diversity Champion Award, recognizing individuals who play a critical role initiating and sustaining change in their organizations and the New York legal community
• Jeremy G. Epstein Award for Pro Bono Service, recognizing outstanding volunteer attorneys at the City Bar Justice Center

LECTURES

• Milton Handler Antitrust Review, Herman Goldman and Mortimer H. Hess Lectures on trusts, estates and taxation
• Leslie H. Arps, Benjamin N. Cardozo, Hon. George Bundy Smith, Barbara Paul Robinson and Orison S. Marden Lectures
• Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Distinguished Lecture on Women and the Law
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