Dear Fellows, Friends and Colleagues,

As we reflect on the challenges of this past year, we are grateful for our supporters, our partners and the heroic efforts of our legal aid grantees. This past year has highlighted both the inequities in our civil justice system and the opportunities for change.

The Foundation annually reviews our strategic plan and goals. Following are some goals and highlights regarding progress from 2020:

Increase Access to Justice for All - The Foundation remains committed to provide leadership and funding to increase access to justice for all through civil justice reform and increased funding for civil legal aid.

In December 2020, the Justice for All Task Force completed the strategic plan outlining a vision that Michigan’s civil justice system provides a safe, trusted and inclusive experience for addressing problems and strengthening communities. The Michigan Supreme Court created a Justice for All Commission to continue and move the work forward. The Foundation is honored to participate on the leadership team with the court and the State Bar of Michigan.

The pandemic has generated increased needs for civil legal aid and revenues to sustain and expand legal services are critical. In 2020, due to more limited court operations, filing fee awards were almost one million less than anticipated. Fortunately, the legal community support of the ATJ Campaign remained stable and the campaign received some significant one-time cy pres awards that will mitigate the other lost revenue. In addition, the Foundation experienced a 13% increase in IOLTA revenue, as a result of the Leadership Bank Program.

Build effective partnerships with the legal community and others to address emerging needs – The Foundation, through a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, administered Coronavirus Relief funding to provide legal aid grants for the Statewide Eviction Diversion Program to help households facing eviction. The legal aid programs had the infrastructure in place to quickly expand services and assist thousands of households who needed help. Please continue reading this report to see a summary of those efforts.

Promote sustainability and effectiveness of legal aid providers - The Foundation regularly meets with the network of legal aid grantees to support statewide efforts such as intake, triage and referral, impact advocacy, racial justice advocacy and services for special populations. Working with legal aid programs, in 2020, MSBF grantees began documenting universal outcomes so that statewide priorities and decisions can be driven by data.

On behalf of our trustees and staff, thank you for your ongoing commitment. We are encouraged and hopeful that together we can increase access to justice for all. Let’s keep this momentum going....
Annual Civil Legal Aid Grant Program

Legal aid offices provide a full range of legal assistance from advice to full representation in court. During 2020, the Foundation awarded annual civil legal aid grants for the following programs:

- Lakeshore Legal Aid
- Legal Aid of Western Michigan
- Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
- Legal Services of Northern Michigan
- Michigan Advocacy Program
- Center for Civil Justice
- Counsel and Advocacy Law Line
- Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
- Michigan Indian Legal Services
- Michigan Legal Services
- Michigan Poverty Law Program

MSBF also provides annual support to the Michigan Legal Help (MLH) Program, that administers an interactive website (also available in Spanish) and a number of affiliated local self-help centers. To meet the significant increase in demand for legal information and help, MLH created a COVID-19 response page that provides helpful up-to-date information and direct links to resources.

2020 Project Grants

The Foundation also provides funding for innovative projects. In 2020, the Foundation issued project grants totaling almost $110,000, including grants to the following organizations:

- **Alliance for Housing** received funding to contract with Street Democracy to implement functional sentencing. Functional sentencing turns sentencing into an opportunity to help an individual permanently exit the criminal justice system by replacing fines and costs with targeted interventions that address root causes of an individual’s offense.
- **Detroit Justice Center** received funds to support and expand their program to provide a community legal worker to help low-income Detroit residence avoid tax foreclosure, avoid water shut offs and have access to getting state/municipal identification.
- **Justice for All Task Force** received funds to help cover additional costs related to the completion of the strategic plan for the Justice for All Task Force.
- **Michigan Center for Civic Education** was awarded funds to produce virtual tutorials regarding mock trials and produce more hybrid, online and local, opportunities to run Mock Trial learning clinics.
- **Michigan Community Resources** received funds to create a COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Virtual Legal Clinic, distribute timely publications of legal alerts and toolkit related to COVID-19 and create a webinar series and toolkit packages for post-COVID 19 re-opening and moving forward for nonprofits.

Assuring housing stability

A 50-year-old woman was laid off from her job for being out sick after contracting COVID-19. She fell behind in rent payments on the apartment she had lived in for the past three years. Making matters worse, her unemployment benefits were delayed. She contacted Lakeshore Legal Aid for help. Lakeshore’s attorney met with the landlord who agreed to participate in the Eviction Diversion Program and the landlord agreed to dismiss the case. The woman eventually received her unemployment benefits and due to the rental assistance, she was able to remain safely in her home while getting back to good health.

Special Funding for the Eviction Diversion Programs

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority awarded $4,000,000 to the Foundation to administer grants to provide legal assistance for income-qualified persons facing residential evictions resulting from economic hardship due to COVID-19.

Legal Service Programs who received Eviction Diversion Program funding:

- Counsel and Advocacy Law Line
- Lakeshore Legal Aid
- Legal Aid of Western Michigan
- Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
- Legal Services of Northern Michigan
- Michigan Advocacy Program
- Michigan Legal Services
- Michigan Poverty Law Program

Total eviction cases handled from 7/1/20 – 12/31/20

- **6024** households provided advice or brief assistance
- **1235** cases settled prior to a court filing
- **3280** cases negotiated after an eviction filing in court
- **452** cases litigated in court
- **53** households provided other extensive services

Legal Cases Pending at year-end: **4,190**
Summarized Financial Information for Fiscal Year 10/1/2019 thru 9/30/2020

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The 2020 Fellows Reception was a virtual event with approximately 100 individuals participating. 2020 Fellows Program and Reception

The Michigan State Bar Foundation’s Fellows Program was established in 1984 to recognize Michigan lawyers for their professional excellence and service to the community. The Fellows Program supports the Foundation in providing leadership and grants for improvements in the administration of justice and the delivery of civil legal aid to the poor. Currently there are 1,482 Michigan attorneys that are active Fellows and, since inception the Fellows have contributed over $2 million.

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**Founders Award**

recognizes lawyers who exemplify professional excellence and outstanding community contributions.

Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack and Justice Brian K. Zahra were recognized and thanked for their significant leadership, partnerships and innovation on the court to increase justice for all.

**Access to Justice Award**

honoring persons who have significantly advanced access to justice for the low-income individuals in Michigan.

As former director of Michigan Indian Legal Services, James (Jim) Keedy devoted his career to ensuring access to justice for under-served populations.
Thank you for your support and leadership for the Foundation and its mission.
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