

**7. List the other anticipated funding sources for this project by name and amount.**

	Source	Amount Requested	Amount Committed
1	Conditional Grant from OCBF	65000	12500
2	Office Space: Provided in kind	12000	12000
3	Individual donors	5000	5000
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**8. Comments**

Please add any comments you wish to provide.

(No response)

## Administration of Justice Grant Application Assurances

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Please download and complete the [Administration of Justice Grant Application Assurances](#) form. Once completed, upload the completed copy.

### [Hohouser assurances form Justice Speaks Legal Aid](#)

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## Organizational Documents

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If not already on file with the Michigan State Bar Foundation, upload the following documents:

- IRS Exemption Letter
- List of Current Officers and Directors
- Applicant's most current operation budget
- Applicant's most current Audit and Management Letter
- Organizational Chart
- Other - documents that pertain to funding of this project

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## Other Documents

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Please upload any other documents related to your application, such as:

- Staff resumes
- Letters of support
- Letters of recommendation
- Memorandum of understanding among project participants
- Contracts for services

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**Michigan State Bar Foundation  
Administration of Justice Grant  
Assurances by Applicant**

Innovative Legal Pathways to  
Project Title

Family Preservation

ELIZABETH HOHAUSER  
Applicant Name


Applicant assures that:

1. It will restrict the use of Foundation funds to law-related activities and purposes that are charitable or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and which meet the purposes of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the proposed uses described in the grant application.
2. It will not use Foundation funds for political advocacy or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, attempt to influence action by any public officer or the courts by the carrying on of propaganda, or attempt to participate or intervene in any political campaign.
3. It will not discriminate on the basis of race, marital status, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin in administering the programs or projects supported in whole or part by this grant.
4. It will, upon request, cooperate with all data collection and evaluation activities by the Michigan State Bar Foundation and give any authorized representative of the Foundation access to any copies of all financial records, books, papers or documents.
5. If the program is an Access to Justice Fund eligible program (as determined by the Foundation), it will cooperate with the ATJ Campaign/Fund and comply with all applicable ATJ Fund/Campaign Policies/Guidelines.
6. It will provide a copy of a financial audit prepared within the previous two years if available, or, in the alternative, a financial accounting which has been certified correct by the responsible financial official of your organization.
7. It understands and agrees that the Foundation may, at its sole discretion, award a grant of greater or lesser amount and/or for greater or lesser period of time than requested in this application.
8. It understands and agrees that the application, once received by the Foundation, becomes the property of the Foundation, which may use any or all ideas and materials contained therein or resulting there from and that this application will be available for public inspection.
9. It will advise the Foundation of any substantial changes in the project or its schedule. It understands that prolonged project delay, postponement, significant schedule or project changes not approved by the Foundation, or failure to meet grant conditions required by the Foundation can result in reduction or revocation of the Foundation's grant.
10. It will provide a final written report of how the grant money was spent and the results achieved within 60 days of completing the funded project and other interim reports on the project's status as requested by the Foundation, and it will respond to other requests for information from the Foundation.
11. It will acknowledge the Foundation's funding assistance in press releases, media contacts and printed, video, Internet, or audio material resulting from the projects supported in whole or in part by any grant awarded as directed by the Foundation.
12. For publications or conferences, it will publish a disclaimer acceptable to the Foundation that the Foundation's funding does not constitute an endorsement of the project's content by the Foundation.

I have read these assurances and understand that if this application is approved for funding, the grant will be subject to these assurances. I certify the applicant will comply with these assurances if the application is approved.

ELIZABETH A. HOHAUSER  
Project/Program Director (Print)

ELIZABETH A. HOHAUSER  
Board Chairperson (Print)

  
Project/Program Director (Signature)

  
Board Chairperson (Signature)

Date: 10/10/25

Date: 10/10/25



September 11, 2025

Elizabeth Hohausler  
Justice Speaks Legal Aid  
363 W. Big Beaver  
Suite 250  
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your recent grant application to the Oakland County Bar Foundation. The Trustees greatly appreciate the meaningful impact you aim to make in Oakland County through your new initiative, *Justice Speaks Legal Aid*.

The OCBF would be proud to support your organization at this foundational stage. However, we are unable to fund 77% of the total project budget. With the full support of our Board, the Foundation is pleased to offer a conditional pledge of up to **\$12,500**.

To receive this funding, we ask that your organization secure the remaining funds required for the project within the next **six months**. Once the additional funding has been confirmed, please submit appropriate documentation to the OCBF. Upon receipt and verification, the pledged funds will be released.

We commend your commitment to advancing access to justice and look forward to the potential of partnering with you in this important work.

Best regards,

Katie Tillinger, Deputy Director  
Oakland County Bar Foundation





Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

JUSTICE SPEAKS LEGAL AID  
C/O ELIZABETH HOHAUSER  
363 W BIG BEAVER RD 250  
TROY, MI 48084

Date:  
04/24/2025  
Employer ID number:  
33-3998917  
Person to contact:  
Name: Ms. Sorenson  
ID number: 1003702576  
Telephone: 877-829-5500  
Accounting period ending:  
December 31  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
March 18, 2025  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
26053479001245

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

# Elizabeth A. Hohausser

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Attorney licensed in Michigan. Highly effective communicator with excellent interpersonal skills. Diverse background including divorce, custody, personal injury, landlord tenant, probate, juvenile justice, child welfare, criminal and general civil litigation experience. Organized, detail oriented, and professional. Passionate about using legal skill set in holistic manner to increase access to justice and benefit community in addition to individual clients.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### **JUSTICE SPEAKS LEGAL AID**

Troy, MI

4/25 -present

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MANAGING ATTORNEY**

- Manage all phases of diverse litigation case load.
- Participate in professional committees.
- Fundraise.
- Coordinate with community partners and volunteers.
- Coordinate pro bono attorneys.
- Draft legal documents.
- Coordinate with referral sources.
- Oversight of all staff and pro bono attorneys.
- Apply for grants.
- Track outcomes.
- Ensure grant compliance.

### **ELIZABETH A. HOHAUSER, PLLC**

Troy, MI

10/18 -present

#### **MANAGING ATTORNEY**

- Manage all phases of diverse litigation case load.
- Participate in professional committees.
- Represent clients of The New Foster Care in a variety of matters including landlord tenant, divorce, custody, credit repair, misdemeanors, child welfare, and consumer disputes, see below for details.
- Represent court appointed clients in abuse, neglect, and delinquency proceedings.
- Represent court appointed clients in misdemeanor and arraignment proceedings.
- Provide pro bono legal services through Lakeshore Legal Aid and The Joseph Project.
- Draft legal pleadings and briefs.
- Draft and argue motions, including dispositive motions.
- Represent clients at evidentiary hearings and trials.
- Research legal and technical issues.
- Negotiate settlements.
- Depose witnesses.
- Serve as a neutral for District and Circuit Court Case Evaluation panels.

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## **THE NEW FOSTER CARE**

**Bloomfield Twp, MI**

**01/23 - 03/24**

### **DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES AND POLICY**

- Initiated the Legal Services Department for The New Foster Care, an existing non-profit.
- Created processes and protocols for The New Foster Care Legal Services Department.
- Drafted organization documents for the creation of a new legal non-profit.
- Reported to Executive Director and attended weekly Executive Team meetings.
- Tracked client outcomes and produced weekly and monthly reports for The New Foster Care's Executive Director.
- Represented clients of The New Foster Care in a variety of matters through Elizabeth A. Hohausner, PLLC. See above for details.
- Participated in a pilot "kinship" program by representing non-respondent fathers in child welfare matters in Wayne County.
- Identified current and impending problems facing people with lived experience in the child welfare system and collaborated with other professionals and those with lived experience to evaluate and propose solutions to those problems.
- Trained support staff and social workers on legal issues and processes.

## **COLLINS EINHORN FARRELL**

**Southfield, MI**

**10/17 - 09/18**

### **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

- Personal injury and attorney grievance defense.
- Reported to corporate clients.

## **HOHAUSER KUCHON**

**Troy, MI**

**03/15 - 09/17**

### **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

- Managed all aspects of Plaintiff personal injury case load.
- Drafted and argued motions, including dispositive motions.
- Drafted summaries for and attended case evaluations, mediations, and facilitations.
- Drafted medical malpractice notices of intent.
- Retained qualified expert witnesses/physicians for medical malpractice affidavits of merit.
- Initiated decedent's estates for litigation pursuant to the Wrongful Death Act as creditor or with client as Personal Representative.
- Researched legal and technical issues.
- Conducted all phases of discovery.
- Developed trial strategy.
- Negotiated settlements.
- Deposed physicians, police officers, claims adjusters and other adverse witnesses.
- Represented our clients in criminal, traffic, or family court proceedings to protect their interests in any related personal injury litigation.

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## **EAGLE AUTOMATION SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGER/IN HOUSE COUNSEL**

Oakland Twp, MI

08/10 - 07/16

- Negotiated and drafted employment, service, and non-disclosure agreements.
- Ensured the company's insurances were active, up to date and adequate.
- Filed claim against former customer in bankruptcy proceedings, including defending claims of preferential payments.
- Applied for and secured funding and lines of credit.
- Oversight and management of bookkeeper, accountant, office assistant and field service technicians.
- Researched and drafted business plan and revisions of business plan.
- Developed and implemented short- and long-term marketing strategies.

## **MEMBERSHIPS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS**

**STATE BAR REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY** - Member 2024- present. Unsung Hero Award recipient, 2024.

**WAYNE COUNTY** - Collaborative for Fostering Youth Success – A Wayne County Partnership, member 2023-2024.

### **OAKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:**

- Mock Trial group leader, 2024.
- Law Related Education Committee, Member 2017-present; Chair 2020-2021; Vice-Chair 2019-2020; Chair 2018-2019; Vice-Chair 2017-2018.
- Juvenile Law Committee, member 2023-present.
- District and Circuit Court Case Evaluator, No Fault Neutral
- Youth Law Conference, host 2018-2024, presenter 2022.
- **Professionalism Award, 2020.**
- Lawyer v Judges Culinary Challenge, 2015.
- *Finding Meaning Through Giving Back; or, How Tequila Leads to Law School* OCBA Laches, November-December 2021. <http://www.digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?m=62405&i=725670&p=16&ver=html5> 2021

**PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES** provided through Joseph Project, Lakeshore Legal Aid, and The New Foster Care.

**POVERTY SIMULATION TRAINING** through Lakeshore Legal Aid, Southfield, MI 2023.

**UPLAND HILLS SCHOOL** fundraising board member 2016-2017 and volunteer 2008-present.

## **EDUCATION**

### **OAKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:**

- The Role of the LGAL, how statutory duties translate to practice. January 2025.
- Bench Bar Conference, yearly.
- *Oakland County Juvenile Brown Bag series 2023-2024*

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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS** – Michigan Chapter – *Children Are Our Future: Mastering Advanced Concepts of Custody, Parenting Time & Support*, May 2024.

## **SCAO-CWS:**

- *The 10 Commandments of Parent Representation*, February, 2023.
- *Child Sexual Abuse: Identification, Intervention, Safety and Healing*, August 2019.
- *Child Welfare Essentials and Reasonable Efforts Advocacy*, July 2019.

**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY**, Doctor of Juris Prudence, 1999.

- 1<sup>st</sup> in class
- Academic scholarship

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, Bachelor of Arts, 1993.

- English and theater education, certification to teach 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade in Michigan.
- German Club.
- Dean's list