

# 2023

# Joint Report



Arizona Foundation for  
**LEGAL SERVICES  
& EDUCATION**  
THE ARIZONA BAR FOUNDATION



## OVERVIEW

The State Bar of Arizona and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education have a long history of collaboration. The State Bar created the Foundation in 1978 as a separate charitable corporation to focus on access to justice matters including, but not limited to, legal education and legal services. Over the years, the State Bar and Foundation initiatives have evolved ensuring maximum leveraging between the two organizations, utilizing each of their strengths for the greatest impact. The benefit to the people of the State of Arizona has been significant. The State Bar and Foundation are committed to continuing efforts in helping provide resources for legal assistance to those in need, provide legal education for the public, and to support access to justice for all Arizonans.

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# Legal Services

## MODEST MEANS & MILITARY LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

ATTORNEYS SIGN UP TO GIVE 1-HOUR CONSULTATIONS TO THOSE MEETING 250% OF THE POVERTY GUIDELINES AT A FLAT RATE OF \$75.

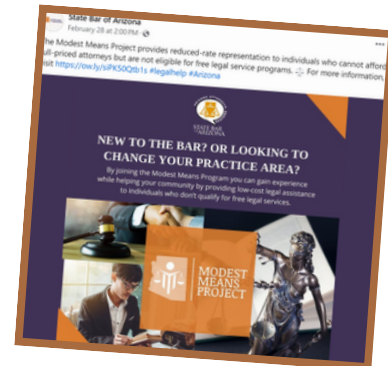
**6,955** INDIVIDUALS APPLIED TO RECEIVE LISTS OF PARTICIPATING ATTORNEYS

**70** ACTIVE MODEST MEANS ATTORNEYS

**22** APPLIED TO BE A MODEST MEANS ATTORNEY

### DID YOU KNOW...

PARTICIPATING ATTORNEYS RECEIVED REDUCED RATE CLE'S TO BETTER EDUCATE THEM ON SERVING DIFFERENT AREAS OF LAW AND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS.



## LEGAL LEARN CENTER

MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AIMED AT ASSISTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH LEGAL QUESTIONS AND ATTORNEY SUPPORT.

**40,176** APPLICATIONS FOR FREE OR REDUCED SERVICES RECEIVED ON AZLAWHELP PORTAL

**26,271** APPLICATIONS FOR FREE OR REDUCED SERVICES RECEIVED ON TELEPHONE PORTAL

**3,570** INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED THROUGH THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

**12,359** INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED THROUGH THE RESOURCE CENTER

**1,792** INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED THROUGH ABC15 ARIZONA/LET JOE KNOW

**559** QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON AZ.FREELEGALANSWERS.ORG



## BANKRUPTCY HOTLINE

PHONE LINE SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE WITH BANKRUPTCY QUESTIONS.

**586** CALLS WERE RECEIVED FOR BANKRUPTCY SUPPORT

**21** ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS RETURNED THOSE CALLS

## WILLS FOR HEROES

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS, NOTARIES AND WITNESSES PROVIDE FREE WILLS TO FIRST RESPONDERS.

**35** ATTORNEYS DONATED **487** HOURS

**327** FIRST RESPONDERS RECEIVED FREE WILLS

**300** HOURS WERE DONATED BY NOTARIES AND WITNESSES



# Law Related Education

## MOCK TRIAL AND DIVERSITY PIPELINE

PROGRAM TEACHES STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 ABOUT THE LAW AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM BY PARTICIPATING IN A SIMULATED TRIAL

**538** STUDENTS PARTICIPATED FROM **31** SCHOOLS IN THE MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

**193** ATTORNEYS VOLUNTEERED AS JUDGES AT REGIONAL AND STATE COMPETITIONS

MORE THAN **40** ATTORNEYS VOLUNTEERED AS MOCK TRIAL COACHES TO SPECIFIC TEAMS

### DEMOGRAPHICS

**62%** FEMALE

**35%** MALE

**8%** AFRICAN AMERICAN

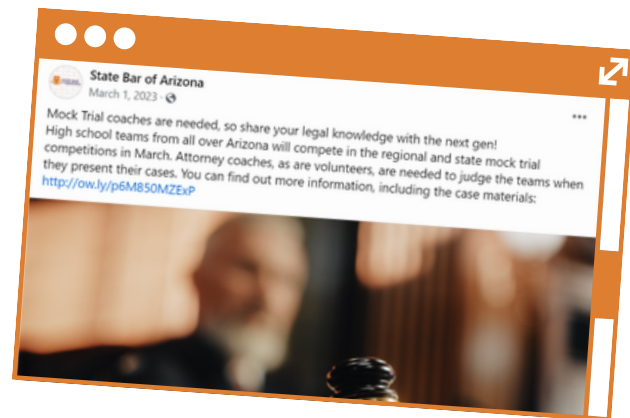
**16%** OTHER

**26%** ASIAN

**50%** CAUCASIAN

**20%** HISPANIC

**80%** NON-HISPANIC



## WE THE PEOPLE: CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

PROGRAM TEACHES THE INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY WITH A SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AS THE CULMINATING ACTIVITY.

**397** STUDENTS PARTICIPATED FROM **18** SCHOOLS IN THE WE THE PEOPLE COMPETITION

**78** ATTORNEYS AND EXPERTS VOLUNTEERED AS JUDGES AT REGIONAL & STATE COMPETITIONS

## CONNECTING WITH CLASSROOMS

PROGRAM CONNECTS JUDGES AND ATTORNEYS WITH TEACHERS ACROSS THE STATE TO PROVIDE CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS.

**3,517** STUDENTS PARTICIPATED FROM **51** SCHOOLS IN THE CONNECTING WITH CLASSROOMS PROGRAM

**49** ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES SPOKE TO STUDENTS ACROSS ARIZONA ABOUT THE LAW AND CONSTITUTION.

### DID YOU KNOW...

ARIZONA SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACTIVITY REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION DURING THE WEEK OF CONSTITUTION DAY - SEPTEMBER 17TH.



# Support of Access to Justice

## IOLTA

INTEREST ON LAWYERS' TRUST ACCOUNTS.

**73** PARTICIPATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CHARGING NO FEES

**5,165** ATTORNEY AND FIRM ACCOUNTS

**4** FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE JUSTICE COMMUNITY



## DID YOU KNOW...

INTEREST ON LAWYERS' TRUST ACCOUNTS HELP FUND LAW RELATED EDUCATION AND LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAMS IN ARIZONA.

## PRO BONO EFFORTS

**50** ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY PRO BONO EFFORTS

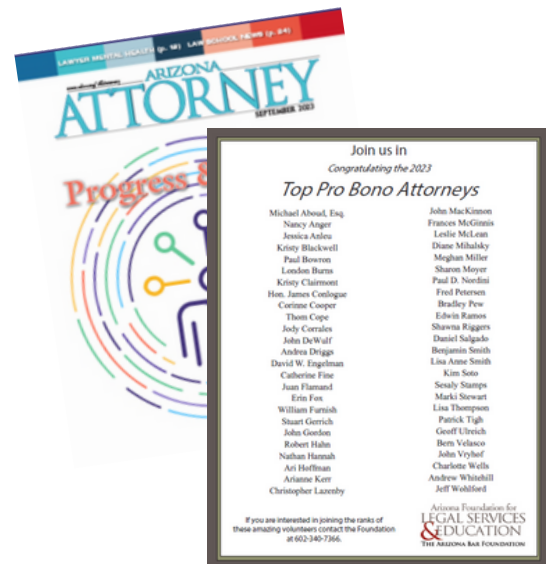
**681** ATTORNEYS LEARNED ABOUT PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE PROFESSIONALISM COURSE REQUIRED FOR NEW ATTORNEYS

## SUPPORT FOR LEGAL AID

**\$232,523** RECEIVED IN FUNDING THROUGH BAR PROGRAMS

### APPROVED LEGAL AID AGENCIES FUNDED

- COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES
- DNA PEOPLE'S LEGAL SERVICES
- FLORENCE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS PROJECT
- SOUTHERN ARIZONA LEGAL AID
- STEP UP TO JUSTICE
- TUCSON FAMILY ADVOCACY PROJECT
- WILLIAM E. MORRIS INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE



MORE THAN **2,000** ATTORNEYS DONATED THROUGH THE BAR DUES OPT OUT PROGRAM