

The American College of Bankruptcy Foundation

The American College of Bankruptcy Foundation was established to promote the ends of justice through educational and charitable activities.

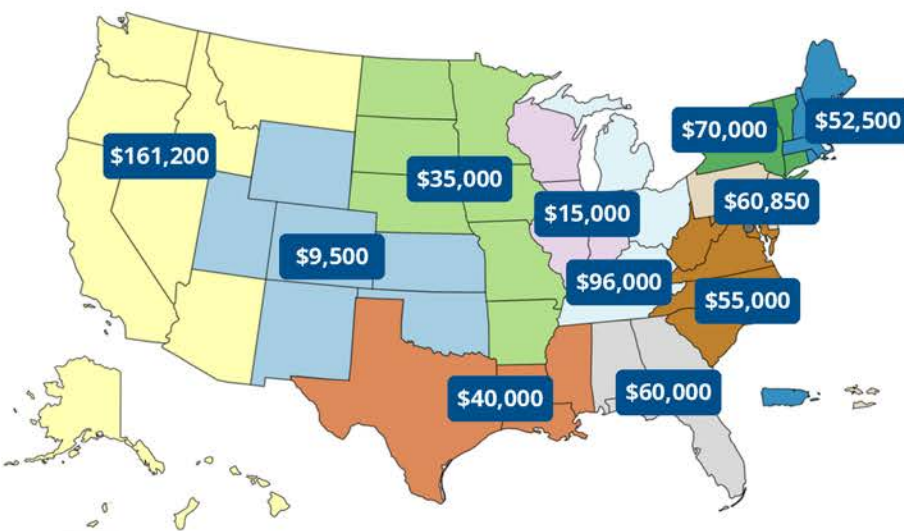
Answering the Call: The Hard Work Begins

The Foundation's annual fundraising campaign launches each fall at the All-Fellows Luncheon and continues through the end of the year. This important tradition brings together Fellows of the American College of Bankruptcy to support the Foundation's mission and ensure continued funding for vital pro bono initiatives nationwide.

We are deeply grateful to the Foundation Directors and volunteer fundraisers in each Circuit whose dedicated efforts and hard work are essential to meeting fundraising goals and sustaining our pro bono and professional pipeline grant programs. One of these 31 dedicated volunteers will be reaching out to you in the coming months with a friendly reminder to make your year-end donation!

A Year of Impact: Powered by Your Support

In 2024, ACBF awarded \$655,000 in grants to support pro bono initiatives and pipeline programs in all 11 circuits.



A Lasting Impact

22 Years of Service by the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation:

Raised over
\$5 MILLION
primarily through generous
contributions from Fellows
of the American
College of Bankruptcy.

Awarded more than
\$6 MILLION
in pro bono grants,
supporting legal services
and access to justice
nationwide.

Provided stipends to
24 STUDENTS
in law across the country,
fostering the next
generation of bankruptcy
professionals.



Lifting Lives, One Grant at a Time

Launched in 2003, our pro bono program has awarded more than \$6 million through 688 individual grants. Before a single dollar is disbursed, the Pro Bono Committee undertakes the critical task of evaluating over 60 applications submitted each spring. This dedicated group of 50 volunteers spends months interviewing applicants, reviewing proposals to ensure the Foundation's resources are invested wisely to make the greatest possible impact. The impact of these grants has been felt nationwide, as reflected in the many stories of individuals whose lives have been improved through our pro bono program.

Miguel, California Western Community Law Project

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PROJECT

Miguel, a single father of three in San Diego, was overwhelmed by debt despite working full-time as a dental assistant. After being sued over credit card debt, he turned to California Western Community Law Project for help. A volunteer attorney helped him file for bankruptcy, and after receiving a discharge, Miguel is now rebuilding his life and providing stability for his children.

Sandra, Legal Aid Society

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Sandra, a single mom whose car was stolen from her workplace and wrongfully repossessed by the lender before demanding over \$8,000 and a 21% interest rate. Facing wage garnishment and mounting debt, Sandra turned to Legal Aid Society for help. Attorneys uncovered multiple consumer law violations, got the debt dismissed, restored her credit, and protected her from future harassment.

Your Support, Their Future

The American College of Bankruptcy also partners with Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization (JTB) to provide stipends to six law students participating in JTB's Summer Judicial Internship Project (Project) each year. The Project, a collaboration between JTB and the Judicial Resources Committee of the United States Judicial Conference, provides highly qualified law students, from socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession, with summer judicial internships. Since 2022, the College has provided stipends to 24 students across the country. You will be able to meet this year's students at the All Fellows luncheon in Chicago!

Empowering Change Starts Now

Each year, the Foundation Board sets an ambitious fundraising goal—and every year, our Fellows rise to the occasion with generosity and dedication. The American College of Bankruptcy makes a difference—and it's all thanks to you.

Donate Now

Wall of Honor

Thank you to the Fellows who have honored colleagues, friends, and family with donations to the Foundation. View the "Wall of Honor."