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## **2002 Annual Report**

January 2003

### **Open Letter from WSBF President Kari Jo Gray:**

Wyoming Lawyers continue to lead the legal profession in many ways including service to those who need them most. Each year more Lawyers join the Wyoming State Bar Foundation. Each year the Wyoming State Bar Foundation expands its ability to help low income people get legal assistance; to educate the public about courts, lawyers and their rights as citizens; to provide information and education credits to lawyers. In 2002, Wyoming Lawyers, through the Foundation:

- ◆ Assisted the University of Wyoming College of Law Legal Services Program to help people get legal advice or assistance.
- ◆ Assisted self-represented litigants with pro se packets.
- ◆ Assisted high schools in educating kids about the law through the Mock Trial, We the People and Youth for Justice programs.
- ◆ Presented informational ethics CLEs in every part of the state.
- ◆ Funded a Pro Bono Coordinator at the Wyoming State Bar.
- ◆ Implemented the Equal Justice Campaign.

The Foundation presents an opportunity to increase the impact of time and dollar donations of individual lawyers. This report highlights the generosity of Wyoming lawyers. Thank you for your contribution to the Wyoming State Bar Foundation.

**Financial Institutions  
Participating in the Wyoming  
IOLTA Program\***

American National Bank, Cheyenne,  
Casper  
American National Bank of Rock  
Springs  
Bank of Commerce, Rawlins  
Bank of Jackson Hole  
Bank of Laramie  
Bank of Lovell/ Greybull (branch)  
Bank of Star Valley, Afton  
Big Horn Federal - Cody, Greybull,  
Powell, Worland  
Buffalo Federal Savings Bank  
Central Bank & Trust, Lander  
Cheyenne State Bank  
Community First Bank  
First Federal Savings, Sheridan  
First Interstate Bank  
First National Bank, Torrington  
First National Bank Evanston - Afton  
Kemmerer  
First National Bank of Pinedale  
First National Bank & Trust - Cody &  
Powell  
First National Bank of Wyoming,  
Cheyenne, Laramie  
First Security Bank, NA  
First State Bank of Newcastle  
First State Bank of Thermopolis  
First State Bank of Wheatland  
Hilltop National Bank, Casper  
Jackson State Bank  
Lusk State Bank  
North Side State Bank of Rock Springs  
Oregon Trail Bank, Guernsey,  
Chugwater  
Pinnacle Bank, Cheyenne, Cody,  
Newcastle, Torrington, Worland  
Ranchester State Bank  
Rawlins National Bank  
Rock Springs National Bank  
Security First Bank, Cheyenne, Laramie  
Security State Bank, Basin  
Sheridan State Bank  
Shoshone First Bank, Cody  
State Bank of Green River  
Stockgrower's State Bank, Worland  
Sundance State Bank  
Tri-County Bank, Cheyenne  
Uni-WyoFCU, Laramie

**University of Wyoming College of Law  
Legal Services Program**

*2002 IOLTA Grant Award*

*\$15,950 for legal service clinic non-salary expenses.*

**Program Description**

The UWLSP is a live-client clinic at the UW law school. Third-year law students provide civil legal representation to low-income persons in southeast Wyoming, as well as inmates at the state's penitentiaries in Rawlins and Lusk.

This highly popular, semester-long elective accepts seven students each semester with a student director. Approximately 80 students enter the random drawing for the 21 spots in the program.

UWLSP has three goals: in a controlled setting the law students are given the opportunity to gain experience in the practice of law; low-income persons receive representation in civil matters where there is no right to counsel; and students learn first-hand about the need for *pro bono* and reduced-fee legal services and the non-monetary rewards that come from helping others.

The 2002 IOLTA grant award was used for malpractice insurance, office supplies, telephone, photocopy, and facsimile expenses, and travel expenses (students travel three times a year to Rawlins and Lusk as well as to Cheyenne for bankruptcy hearings and to Cheyenne and Rawlins for court appearances). To keep travel expenses to a minimum, the UWLSP conducts as many hearings as possible by telephone.

An important long-term benefit of UWLSP is that students who have been in the program are much more likely to provide *pro bono* or reduced fee services in the future.

"My semester in the UW Legal Services clinic has been a valuable and eye-opening experience. Working with clients, many of whom are in the worst situation of their life, has been both rewarding and difficult. Through the clinic I have had the opportunity to work with cases involving divorce, child support, child custody, and serving as a GAL.

The clinic has given me a chance to learn aspects of the law that they do not teach in law school. This includes writing motions and orders, GAL reports, filing, and appearing in court. It has also given me the invaluable experience of dealing with clients. The most important thing that I have learned in the clinic is that sometimes all we can do for our clients is help them with their legal problems. When you feel frustrated that you can't do more, you have to ask yourself is our client better off because of our help. Thankfully, so far I have been able to answer that question with a yes."

*Brandi Monger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Law Student  
University of Wyoming College of Law - Legal Services Program*

**Financial Institutions  
Participating in the Wyoming  
IOLTA Program  
(continued)**

US Bank: Casper, Cody, Cheyenne,  
Evanston, Gillette, Lander,  
Laramie, Riverton, Sheridan  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Western Bank of Cheyenne  
Wyoming Bank & Trust, Buffalo  
Wyoming Bank & Trust, Cheyenne  
Wyoming National Bank, Riverton

*\*List current as of January 14, 2003*

## Wyoming Legal Services, Inc.

### *2002 IOLTA Grant Award\**

*\$33,000 to fund a staff attorney to travel to counties where  
Wyoming Legal Services does not have a physical office.*

### **Program Description**

Envisioned as an outreach program, the goal is to provide expanded delivery of legal services to low-income clients in northern and southwestern Wyoming. This circuit-riding WLS attorney will support the work of WLS to provide statewide civil legal assistance to those citizens who are at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines and who would otherwise not receive services.

WLS will make a staff attorney available for office hours in all counties not having a WLS office at least once a month. During office hours the outreach attorney will take applications, provide advice and information, and provide whatever assistance may be rendered at that time. Cases will be accepted for extended services as necessary. WLS will use available media services and outreach efforts to increase community awareness of the services available through the program, including a public service announcement to air on Public TV. Contact information will include toll-free telephone numbers.

WLS will work with local bar associations to involve them in the project. This involvement could be: office space, office support (use of fax and copy machines) for the monthly WLS office hours; a joint WLS-county bar legal clinic; a *pro bono* referral system using the Bar's *Pro Bono* Coordinator; a call-in telephone advice clinic; any other option that a local bar association might want to implement and link with WLS' program. Additionally, once the CACC has approved pro se family law packets, WLS will provide clinics at locations around the state to assist eligible clients with the forms.

By providing direct services and assisting low-income clients to access the legal system, the project will improve the administration of justice. By working with both clients and the local bar associations, the project will educate communities on legal issues and the fundamental importance of the legal system in peoples' lives.

*\*This grant was awarded on a reimbursement-for-expenses basis. A report with case statistics was to be submitted with the reimbursement request to the WSBF. None of the \$33,000 grant money was distributed as the grantee did not submit reports nor requests for reimbursements.*

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## Wyoming Law-Related Education Council

### *2002 IOLTA Grant Award*

*\$9,100 for public education projects that promote a knowledge and awareness of the law.*

#### **Program Description**

This volunteer-run organization provides law-related education for the state's student population through its various programs.

These include: the Wyoming High School Mock Trial Competition, in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, which takes place in Cheyenne in November each year; the Wyoming "We the People" Competition on the U.S. Constitution in March, whose winners go on to compete in national contests; and the state-wide "Youth for Justice" workshop, which has a video workshop in December, a conference on Wyoming government for high school students and teachers in January and an opportunity for participating students to meet with the state's five elected officials and to lobby the legislature on a bill of their own making.

Additionally, the LRE Council is updating its Law in Wyoming notebook, a high-school level primer on laws in Wyoming that are of interest to the state's young people and are available for use in high-school curriculums.

## Wyoming Court Improvement Project

### *2002 IOLTA Grant Award*

*\$5,500 to train and educate attorney guardians ad litem practicing in the complex field of child welfare law.*

#### **Program Description**

The Wyoming Court Improvement Project is committed to making appropriate reforms in the courts' handling of child abuse and neglect cases and maintaining those aspects of the current court system that are working positively for children and families. Specifically, CIP wants to ensure the courts are moving child abuse and neglect cases toward permanency in a timely and efficient manner. To help ensure the courts are effectively carrying out their responsibilities, professionals involved in child welfare court proceedings must be well-trained, including attorney guardians ad litem.

CIP's primary goal is to find ways to provide permanency, safety and well-being for Wyoming's children and youth who will, for whatever reason, experience some care outside their homes in either shelter or foster care due to abuse and/or neglect.

It is hoped that Wyoming will achieve better results for abused and neglected children by the CIP using the money to train and educate attorney guardians ad litem practicing in the complex field of child welfare, ultimately improving the administration of justice for this population.

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## Wyoming Clerks of Court Association

### *2002 IOLTA Grant Award*

*\$3,600 for training clerks of district court and their staffs in order to assist the pro se litigant in utilizing the forms and instructions provided by the CACC for family law cases.*

### **Program Description**

The specific use of the grant monies will be for training, development of a video and preparation of handbooks for each Clerk's office. This request will enable each Clerk of District Court and the staff in each county to learn about and provide assistance to pro se litigants according to the guidelines being established by the Citizens' Access to Courts Committee. It is the desire of each Clerk to provide the most accurate, knowledgeable and informed information and assistance possible. It appears that each Clerk's office will be at the front line in assisting these people access to the Courts. It is important that each office is educated in the process, the use of the forms that will be used by the public and that WACO do so in the most uniform and consistent manner.

## WYOMING STATE BAR FOUNDATION History of IOLTA Grant Awards

Year	Wyoming Legal Services	Law- Related Education Council	UW Legal Services Program	Other
1989	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1990	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
1991	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1992	\$22,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
1993	\$28,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
1994	\$40,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00
1995	\$43,900.00	\$8,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1996	\$44,706.00	\$8,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	\$40,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
1998	\$40,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
1999	\$40,000.00	\$7,700.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
2000	\$44,140.00	\$8,550.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
2001	\$44,140.00	\$9,400.00	\$19,200.00	\$0.00
2002	**\$33,000.00	\$9,100.00	\$15,950.00	\$9,100.00
2003	\$0.00	\$5,600.00	*\$22,000.00	\$0.00

\*\*These funds were not used by the grantee: the funds were then used the following year for 2003 IOLTA grants.

\*\$14,000.00 of this was *Equal Justice Campaign* money which could only be used for civil legal aid to the poor.

<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$426,386.00</b>	<b>\$82,250.00</b>	<b>\$141,150.00</b>	<b>\$23,600.00</b>
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