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Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund Awarded \$230,000 in Grants to Orange County Charities

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Feb. 7, 2025 – The Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund announced its annual grant recipients, providing a total of \$230,000 to 13 law-related organizations and programs in Orange County. Over the last decade, the OCBA Charitable Fund has provided over \$3 million in grants to law-related charities in Orange County.

In previous years, the OCBA Charitable Fund grants provided critically needed services to a broad range of clients including victims of domestic violence, legal services for low-income residents of Orange County and foster youth, diversity pipe-line efforts, and assistance for homeless residents. This year's grants will ensure that these vital community programs continue. Moreover, additional projects will support child abuse prevention, expand access to legal education, and serve the immigrant and at-risk individuals throughout Orange County.

A special reception for grant recipients was held on Feb. 6, 2025, at the OCBA office in Newport Beach, Calif. Attorney Michael A. Gregg, 2024 OCBA Charitable Fund Board President, presented the grants to the recipients on behalf of the OCBA Charitable Fund.

The OCBA Charitable Fund extends its appreciation to the donors, sponsors, and volunteers who have helped to make this work possible through their support of its mission – *to enhance the system of justice in Orange County and promote access to equal justice for all.*

See the complete list of grant recipients below.

COLLABORATIVE COURTS FOUNDATION

Participant Assistance Program • Grant awarded: \$15,000

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCAL (CLA SOCAL)

Consumer Defense Program • Grant Awarded: \$20,000

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, ORANGE COUNTY (CRF-OC)

The Civic Education Project • *Grant awarded:* \$40,000

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF ORANGE COUNTY

Mentor-Advocate Program • Grant awarded: \$7,500

ELDER LAW & DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER (ELDR CENTER)

Justice in Housing Access • Grant awarded: \$18,500

HUMAN OPTIONS

Legal Advocacy Program for Survivors of Relationship Violence • Grant awarded: \$10,000

LAURA'S HOUSE

Legal Advocacy for Domestic Violence Survivors • Grant awarded: \$10,000

PROJECT YOUTH (PYOC)

Project Self • Grant awarded: \$14,000

PUBLIC LAW CENTER (PLC)

Guardianship Clinic • Grant awarded: \$40,000

RADIANT FUTURES

Survivor Immigration Legal Services • Grant awarded: \$10,000

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Pre-Law Outreach Program (POP) • Grant awarded: \$10,000

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Saturday Academy of Law (SAL) • Grant awarded: \$10,000

VETERANS LEGAL INSTITUTE

Pro Bono Mobile Veteran Legal Clinics in Orange County Hotspots • Grant awarded: \$25,000

About the Orange County Bar Association

Established in 1901, the Orange County Bar Association, with over 7,500 members, is one of the largest voluntary bars in California. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it, and to assist the community served by it.

About the Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund

Founded in 1995 as the charitable giving and fundraising arm of the Orange County Bar Association, the OCBA Charitable Fund provides resources to organizations and programs in order to enhance the system of justice in Orange County and promote access to equal justice for all. Over the last decade, the OCBA Charitable Fund has provided over \$1.5 million in grants to law-related charities in Orange County.

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