

OUR GOALS

EDUCATION

The Foundation provides grant assistance in the form of legal scholarship for low income and minority students. Scholarships are awarded based upon a record of undergraduate achievement, financial need and the intent to return to the community upon completion of legal studies. Residents of St. Joseph County admitted to an accredited law school are eligible to apply for scholarship assistance.

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thanks to a dedicated Mock Trial Fund established by two generous donors, the Foundation provides support to the local mock trial program enabling area high school students to participate regionally and nationally in this program in the years ahead.

IMPROVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Foundation has provided grant assistance for much-needed technology upgrades for the St. Joseph County Courthouse. These technology improvements will benefit citizens and the lawyers representing them in legal proceedings by providing the tools necessary for improved legal advocacy.



HOW TO GIVE

The Foundation relies solely upon private donations to fund its efforts, and is pleased to accept your donation or pledge in a variety of ways:

General Donation: By making a general donation to the Foundation, your gift will be used to fund programs and projects directed toward the Foundation's mission. Grants are approved by recommendation of the Foundation's Board of Directors which includes both attorney and non-attorney members.

Donor-Restricted Donations: If you wish to restrict the use of your donation for a specific purpose, you may direct that your gift be used toward a particular purpose or program consistent with the Foundation's mission. The Mock Trial Fund is an example of a donor-directed fund, with grants from that fund being limited solely to facilitate the local mock trial program.

Memorial or Honorary Gifts: Many donors find that a gift to the Foundation is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one who was a member of the legal community or had a connection to the legal community. In addition, the Foundation is pleased to accept gifts to honor someone or to honor some significant event or organization. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Foundation may also be designated as a beneficiary for estate planning purposes.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION, INC.

(A 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization)

DONATION/PLEDGE FORM

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sustaining Membership Levels:

\$750 Fellow*

\$1,500 Life Fellow*

\$2,500 Life Patron Fellow*

**Based upon aggregate contributions made after January 1, 2013*

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ which is the first payment toward my pledge to donate \$_____, payable in _____ payments of \$_____.

Supporting Member Donation:

\$25 \$50 \$100

\$150 \$250 \$500

_____ Other

Make my payment a recurring payment

Annually, semi-annually, monthly, etc.

Other Information Concerning Your Gift:

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

I wish to remain anonymous.

OUR MISSION

The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation (“Foundation”) is a charitable organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the public and legal profession through educational programs, legal services and civic projects offered within the local community.

Established in 2008 as a justice-related philanthropic initiative of the St. Joseph County Bar Association, the Foundation’s 501(c)(3) status provides favorable tax treatment for its donors.

The Foundation’s mission is to increase public awareness of the law and the legal system, facilitate educational opportunities related to the study of law, and improve the justice system and the legal profession through Foundation-supported grants, programs and projects.



The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation is grateful for every gift. You will receive a written acknowledgement letter for a gift made in that calendar year which you may use for tax purposes.

If you have any questions about your donations, you may contact us at any time at:

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