



NH Bar Foundation History

2026

\$2.1 million awarded in IOLTA grants.

2025

\$1,780,000 awarded in IOLTA grants

Grant awarded for transportation costs for Pelham High School to attend We the People competition

Grant awarded for NHPR “The Middle” live event

Grant awarded for the NH Treatment Court Conference

2024

\$1,279,250 is awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$93,145 awarded in Justice Grants to support 12 non-profit justice projects

Grant awarded for the NH Treatment Court Conference for the screening of “The 50”

Grant awarded for NHPR Civics Summit

Grant awarded for DEI event held at the Federal Courthouse

Grant awarded for the NH Treatment Court Conference

2023

\$775,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

Grant awarded to 603 Legal Aid for the Multicultural Outreach project in 2023 and 2024

Hosted National Judicial Outreach Week events

Grant awarded for the NH Treatment Court Conference

2022

\$900,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$102,250 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 14 non-profit justice projects

New Leadership Bank program approved

Grant awarded for International Women’s Day at the end of National Judicial Outreach Week

2021

\$950,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

2020

\$950,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$86,095 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 8 non-profit justice projects



NH Bar Foundation hosts its 1st ever virtual fundraising event
Sponsored NHBA Lawyers Committee Networking social at Midyear Meeting on 2/21/2020
\$10,000 was received from the Access to Justice Commission to be used for legal need study through NHLA and LARC
Grant awarded to NHBA Low Income Taxpayer Project
Board approved to provide volunteer attorneys for Juvenile Court Diversion Program (Fostering Legal Independence)

2019

\$950,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

2018

\$800,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$91,075 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 16 non-profit justice projects

2017

\$700,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

2016

\$800,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$62,609 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 13 non-profit justice projects

2015

\$960,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

NH Supreme Court adds Overdraft Notification to Rule 50

2014

\$780,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$40,750 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 8 non-profit justice projects

2013

\$650,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$56,486 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 9 non-profit justice projects

2012

\$895,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$58,100 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 9 non-profit justice projects



2011

\$900,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$13,000 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 2 non-profit justice projects

NH Supreme Court makes NH IOLTA a mandatory program for all NH Attorneys

2010

\$830,000 awarded in IOLTA Grants

\$36,938 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 6 non-profit justice projects

2009

\$1.6 million in IOLTA Grants is awarded to 11 New Hampshire nonprofit organizations.

\$27,875 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 7 non-profit justice projects

2008

\$1.73 million in IOLTA Grants is awarded to 12 New Hampshire nonprofit organizations.

Justice Grants grow by 10% from 2007, reaching \$35,771 awarded to support 13 nonprofit organizations.

2007

\$1.74 million in IOLTA Grants is awarded

\$32,121 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 10 non-profit justice projects

NH Bar Foundation Law School Loan Assistance Program exceeds \$588,000 in first seven years, in support of attorneys working for nonprofit, legal aid organizations.

New Hampshire Bar Foundation celebrates its 30th anniversary.

2006

NH Bar Foundation tops \$20 million in grants to New Hampshire nonprofits since 1977.

IOLTA and Justice Grants exceed \$1.73 million in one year to 24 nonprofit programs serving the civil legal needs of New Hampshire residents.

NH Bar Foundation Relocates (with New Hampshire Bar Association) to 2 Pillsbury Street, Suite 300, Concord, NH.

2005

Nearly \$1 Million Donated to the NH Bar Foundation during its *Campaign for Legal Services*. Beneficiaries of the campaign, NH Legal Assistance, Legal Advice & Referral Center, and the NH Pro Bono Referral Program, assume management to continue fundraising for their organizations.

\$11,349 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 3 non-profit justice projects



2004

Eleven Leadership Banks offer interest rates on IOLTA of 2% or greater, providing 89% of the revenue for the NH Bar Foundation IOLTA Grants Program.

\$31,449 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 7 non-profit justice projects

2003

NH Bar Foundation Initiates Three-Year Campaign for Legal Services and raises \$950,000.

\$23,267 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 8 non-profit justice projects

2002

25th Anniversary of New Hampshire Bar Foundation – More than \$16 million invested since 1982 by the Bar Foundation in New Hampshire nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal services for the disadvantaged and law-related education programs.

2000

First Justice Grants from endowment approved by Board of Directors. NH Bar Foundation endowed funds now represent \$500,000 of philanthropic capital.

\$17,250 is awarded in Justice Grants to support 4 non-profit justice projects

1998

NH Bar Foundation Annual Grants Exceed \$1 Million for the first time.

NH Bar Foundation Initiates Statewide Legal Service Planning with NH Legal Assistance, Legal Advice and Referral Center, and NH Pro Bono Referral Program to develop a more fully integrated legal service system in New Hampshire.

Frank Rowe Kenison Award was established to recognize individuals who make substantial contributions to the administration of justice and the legal profession.

1996

Robert E. Kirby Award established in memory of Bob Kirby, a young lawyer “of great skill, civility and good humor” who died in 1996 at the age of 35. New Hampshire attorneys, 35 years old or younger, who demonstrate the traits of civility, courtesy, perspective and excellent advocacy, are eligible candidates.

1995

NH Remembrances held at Franklin Pierce Law Center is the first public event highlighting several Legal History Project interviews with New Hampshire attorneys.



1994

The Justice Society is formed in response to donor requests for planned giving opportunities.

Justice Society funds are part of the NH Bar Foundation's endowment and are disbursed through the Justice Grants Program.

1990

Advancement of Justice Fund was established by the NH Bar Foundation to improve access to justice and to support law-related public education initiatives.

1989

First Move – NH Bar Foundation and Bar Association move to new quarters at 112 Pleasant Street.

Capital Campaign raises \$600,000 to the credit of Jack Middleton and Tom Richards.

1988

Legal History Project was created to collect and preserve the recollections of senior members of the legal community through oral history interviews with senior lawyers, judges, and court staff.

1987

First Honorary Fellow – Retired NH Supreme Court Justice, John W. King, unanimously chosen to become NH Bar Foundation's first Honorary Fellow.

1986

Honorary Fellows Program initiated to recognize senior, esteemed members of the NH Bar who demonstrate significant, long-term commitment to the NH Bar Foundation.

1985

Fellows Program was created as a NH Bar Foundation membership program to recognize excellence in the science of jurisprudence.

1983

NH Bar Foundation's IOLTA Program – 374 lawyers and 70 firms participating first year, generating over \$63,000. Grants committee was formed to review grant applications and make recommendations for funding to the Board of Directors.



1982

Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program – The NH Supreme Court approves the IOLTA Program, establishing New Hampshire as the second state in the country, following Florida, to operate an IOLTA Program. The New Hampshire Bar Foundation is named recipient of IOLTA revenue to be used for charitable purposes as outlined in Rule 50.

1979

NH Bar Foundation's First Home – The New Hampshire Bar Foundation and New Hampshire Bar Association purchase 18 Centre Street to house both organizations. The Bar Foundation initiated the capital campaign and Jack Middleton was credited for its success.

1978

First Grant – The NH Bar Foundation makes its first grant to the New Hampshire State Law Library to purchase legal publications.

1977

Stanley M. Brown – The New Hampshire Bar Foundation Founding Directors, attorneys Stanley M. Brown, Fred W. Hall, Jr., Joseph M. Kerrigan, N. Michael Plaut, and Gordon M. Tiffany, convene at the law office of Stanley Brown in Concord to establish the New Hampshire Bar Foundation as a charitable, nonprofit, 501 (C) 3 organization.