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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Dear Academy Fellows and Friends,

Leading the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Foundation is an honor. I am proud to stand alongside Fellows and friends who share our commitment to upholding the Rule of Law, advancing justice, and strengthening integrity in the legal profession. Since 1983, the Foundation has been a force for good, and this past year was no exception.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$250,000 in 2024—bringing total assets to more than \$8 million, a significant accomplishment, as we move steadily toward our \$10 million goal. More importantly, we put those funds to work, awarding nearly \$350,000 in grants to organizations and causes dedicated to confronting injustice, driving change, and transforming lives worldwide.

Our mission has never been more urgent. The Rule of Law is under attack. Since 2016, 65 countries have fallen into autocracy, and today, fewer than 20% of the world's population lives in a free country. The organizations we support are on the front lines of this fight.

Every effort, every dollar, makes a difference. With your continued support, we will foster integrity, drive reform, and protect the fundamental rights that define a just society.

To our donors and Board of Trustees—thank you for your leadership and commitment. Together, we're not just envisioning a just future—we're building it.



**J. Mark White**

President, International Academy  
of Trial Lawyers Foundation



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## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3). The Foundation operates independently of the Academy, is self-governing, and provides the opportunity for tax-deductible contributions.

The purpose of the Foundation is to engage in charitable and educational activities relating to the law and legal education in the United States and throughout the international legal community and nations of the world. We support nonprofit organizations and initiatives that:

- **Cultivate of the Rule of Law and the science of jurisprudence**
- **Promote reforms to improve the administration and quality of justice**
- **Elevate of the standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession**
- **Promote public awareness of the essential services performed by legal professionals in protecting and preserving legal rights**

### A BOLD NEW CHAPTER:

#### Strengthening Our Identity, Expanding Our Impact

This year, we introduced a new logo and website. The modernized design honours our legacy while embracing growth and innovation. The new logo symbolizes the legal profession's strength, with ascending steps to represent our ongoing action to protect and promote the Rule of Law.

## ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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### 2024 TOTAL FOUNDATION ASSETS:

**\$8,295,306.78**

### TOTAL 2024 REVENUE:

**\$1,291,693.98**

### TOTAL DONATIONS:

**\$258,400.08**

### 2024 TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME:

**\$1,033,293.90**

### TOTAL 2024 EXPENSES:

**\$520,505.44**

#### EXPENSES BREAKDOWN:

- 2024 Grant Funding: \$349,500.00
- Total Administration Expenses: \$97,173.88
- Trustee Meeting Expenses: \$6,514.56
- Investment Expenses: \$67,317.00

### 2024 NET INCOME:

**\$771,188.54**

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## 2024 LEADERSHIP

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# 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

## A Sense of Home

To prevent homelessness by creating first-ever homes and a community for youth aging out of foster care

## The Academy Ireland Program

To help preserve common law traditions and fostering mutual understanding and respect

## The Academy Taiwan Collaborative

To work with Taiwanese leaders (including the Vice President) to learn how to help them protect the Rule of Law and independence

## The Alfred Friendly Press Partners' Journalists in Exile Program

To help journalists in exile develop skills in law, entrepreneurship, security, and journalism

## Eden Centers For Hope and Healing

To help eradicate the trafficking and selling of human beings by creating systemic change through youth prevention, education, legislative advocacy, recovery, and reentry services for victims

## Homeboy Industries

To help provide hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated people



The Foundation **awarded nearly \$350,000 in grants** to nonprofits and causes dedicated to advancing justice, protecting the Rule of Law, and supporting vulnerable communities worldwide.

## The National Association of Women Judges

To increase the number of women and other minority students studying the legal profession and seeking careers in law.

## The National Institute of Trial Advocates Foundation

To provide trial advocacy skill necessary for the advancement of people, the legal profession, and the pursuit of justice

## The National Judicial College

To create a more just world by educating and inspiring the judiciary

## Polaris

To help end modern-day slavery and human trafficking, and to help survivors regain their freedom

## Survivor Ventures

To support programs that break the cycle of economic vulnerability and re-exploitation caused by human trafficking

## Trócaire

To promote reforms and improve the administration and quality of justice through legal support

## VECINA

To increase legal representation, assistance rates and quality of life for asylum seekers, refugees, and the families and loved ones of unaccompanied minors

## The World Justice Project

To help create "The Rule of Law in the United States Report," which aims to educate, build awareness and stimulate action through data and understanding



## TESTIMONIALS

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“Our mission is simple but profound: to create a more just world by educating and inspiring the judiciary. This important work is made possible by the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Academy Foundation. Together, we host national symposiums that bring the brightest legal minds together to promote an independent, impartial judiciary and to drive meaningful legal reform. **We are shaping a future where fairness and justice are more than ideals—they’re realities for all.**”

— BENES ALDANA,  
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE

“The Ireland Program’s impact is evident in the remarkable achievements of its delegates—many of whom have been recognized for their expertise, appointed as senior counsel, and even elevated to national leadership positions, including a High Court Judge and the Lord Mayor of Dublin. **This legacy of excellence is a testament to the program’s enduring influence on the legal and civic fabric of Ireland.**”

— PAUL SREENAN,  
ACADEMY FELLOW  
AND PAST PRESIDENT

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**“I realized that if I stayed in Nicaragua, my voice would be silenced. I keep trying, fighting, and doing what I can to continue my job as a journalist—to raise my voice.”**

— LILLY DELGADO, JOURNALIST

“Helping asylum seekers is rewarding, especially listening to their personal experiences and then helping to achieve their dream of remaining safely in the United States. **Volunteering with VECINA has been one of the best pro bono experiences I’ve had.**”

— BARBARA ZARAGOZA,  
VOLUNTEER, VECINA

“Since receiving our first Academy Foundation grant, we’ve served nearly 100 survivors—far exceeding expectations. Survivors aren’t just securing jobs and housing, they’re becoming leaders, shaping legislation, and breaking the cycle of trafficking for future generations.”

— TIFFANY MCGEE, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER,  
SURVIVOR VENTURES



*“Traveling to Taiwan provided us with the incredible opportunity to meet a leader who has witnessed the country’s evolution from authoritarianism to democracy and played a role in that transformation. Engaging with those at the forefront of change deepens our understanding of their struggles and progress and inspires us to reflect on how we can contribute to protecting democracy in our own country.”*

— CRAIG PETERS,  
ACADEMY DEAN

*“Legal assistance is an important need for many of the people we help. This has informed our advocacy priorities, like supporting the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act, which would allow survivors to clear their criminal records of crimes that occurred during their trafficking situations. Your generosity allows us to meet people where they are and move them from a situation of exploitation to surviving and ultimately to thriving.”*

— MEGAN CUTTER, MANAGING DIRECTOR, POLARIS

## **“VECINA’S HELP IS CRITICAL TO PRO BONO IMMIGRATION COUNSEL.**

— MARK RACHLIN, ATTORNEY

*We are committed to the Rule of Law and the role that attorneys can and must play in immigration reform, and we truly could not do this work without the partnership and support of the Academy Foundation. Thank you.”*

— ALEXANDRA MILLER, INTERIM DIRECTOR, VECINA

*“One of my core principles is the commitment to equal justice for all. And I have always been a big believer that that is not possible without a free and vigorous press. The Academy is assisting in the training of the Journalists this year. It has truly been an inspirational and rewarding experience to meet these incredibly courageous and talented journalists from around the world.”*

— PATRICK J STUEVE,  
ACADEMY FELLOW & FRIENDLY  
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Since 2022, the Academy Foundation has presented the Glenna Goodacre Award to Fellows, spouses, or partners in recognition of their achievements in the creative arts. Named in memory of world-renowned artist and sculptor Glenna Goodacre, spouse of Academy Fellow C.L. Mike Schmidt, the award honors excellence across various disciplines, including drama, music, film, creative writing, graphic design, photography, and visual arts.

Honoring creative arts at our Academy Meetings highlights the deep connection between artistry and the legal profession. Creativity shapes advocacy, storytelling, and persuasion—essential in crafting arguments, interpreting laws, and influencing change. The Glenna Goodacre Award celebrates the diverse talents within the legal community, recognizing that excellence in law and the arts is driven by vision, expression, and impact.



### Glenna Goodacre Award Winners

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Please consider making a gift to the Academy Foundation.

# MAKE A LASTING COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE

*Join the Academy Foundation Legacy Circle*

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The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Foundation has always stood as a pillar of excellence, integrity, and dedication to the Rule of Law. As we look to the future, we invite you to help sustain this mission through the Legacy Circle—a community of Fellows committed to leaving a lasting impact by including the Academy Foundation in their estate plans.

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## WHAT IS THE LEGACY CIRCLE?

The Legacy Circle is a distinguished group of benefactors who have pledged a planned gift to the Academy Foundation. No minimum is required, though past gifts range from \$15,000 to \$1 million, including a transformational donation from Academy Fellow Al Abramson that helped shape the Foundation as it exists today. Gifts are confidential unless otherwise specified.

## HOW TO JOIN

- Include the Academy Foundation in your estate plans
- Inform the Academy Foundation Executive Office in writing
- Provide your executor/trustee contact information

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## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

You can support the Academy Foundation's work through gifts of stock or IRA charitable rollovers.

You can also donate any amount at any time on our website, [iatl.net/academy-foundation](https://iatl.net/academy-foundation).

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