

# ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION

Spring 2008



## *Springtime* IS GRANT TIME

Springtime is grant time, and grant time is a great time to find ways to make established programs stronger and to develop exciting new programs. As part of the grants process, starting with the 2008 grants, the Alabama Law Foundation is working on tools to help the grants committee evaluate services provided. Since the IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts) program was established in 1987, the Alabama Law Foundation has awarded \$13 million in grants. Funded from the foundation's endowment and IOLTA program, the foundation's grants for 2008 total \$592,000. The Alabama Law Foundation has twenty years of experience in helping programs provide legal aid in a cost-effective and productive manner.

IOLTA is the financial foundation for the Alabama Law Foundation. In January 2008, the foundation's IOLTA program, the only one affiliated with the Alabama State Bar, joined the programs of 36 other states by becoming mandatory. The new mandatory IOLTA program presents new opportunities; with new opportunities come increased responsibilities.

In 2007, the Alabama Law Foundation adopted *Principles of Grants to Providers of Civil Legal Aid* to continue to improve the grantee's efforts to provide high-quality legal assistance to clients. This year the foundation is developing a tool based on the *American Bar Association Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid*. The new evaluation tool is an important element of the Alabama Law Foundation's commitment to making quality legal aid available to disadvantaged Alabama citizens by evaluating services and helping providers expand services and increase productivity.

For example, the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program's grant will fund a new paralegal position to expedite and expand services. Previously, the VLP's clients were referrals from Legal Services Alabama. A new toll-free telephone line for clients, manned by a paralegal, will eliminate a step, making the referral process more direct and less time-consuming. Although the VLP program will still accept clients from Legal Services Alabama, the new position combined with the toll-free number will

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As Alabama's major grant maker for legal aid, the Alabama Law Foundation annually distributes 80% of IOLTA funding to programs that provide legal aid to citizens who cannot afford an attorney.

greatly simplify the referral process and expand the amount of service available throughout Alabama.

The Alabama Law Foundation is always looking for creative, cost-effective programs. A new program, Rolling Justice, currently in the planning stages, features a staffed mobile unit to visit rural areas, such as Alabama's blackbelt region, where the poverty level is high, but access to legal services remains low. Ted Hosp, of Maynard, Cooper and Gale, explains that the premise involves a combination of providing legal assistance on the spot with referrals to a legal aid provider in the nearest city. As chairman of the Alabama Access to Justice Commission, Hosp is keenly aware of the great need for legal access in Alabama, and says that with "the current scarcity of resources,

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every penny must be spent wisely and in a way to create the biggest impact."

Through the new, mandatory IOLTA program, the Alabama Law Foundation can increase opportunities for legal aid programs in Alabama. Evaluating and supporting providers, streamlining processes, and developing new ideas are examples of ways the Alabama Law Foundation works every day to continue building and improving a system that can build a stronger, more democratic society by making access to justice for all citizens in Alabama a reality.

Yes, it is springtime again. And along with warm breezes and sunny days, the Alabama Law Foundation welcomes new members, new opportunities, and new responsibilities.



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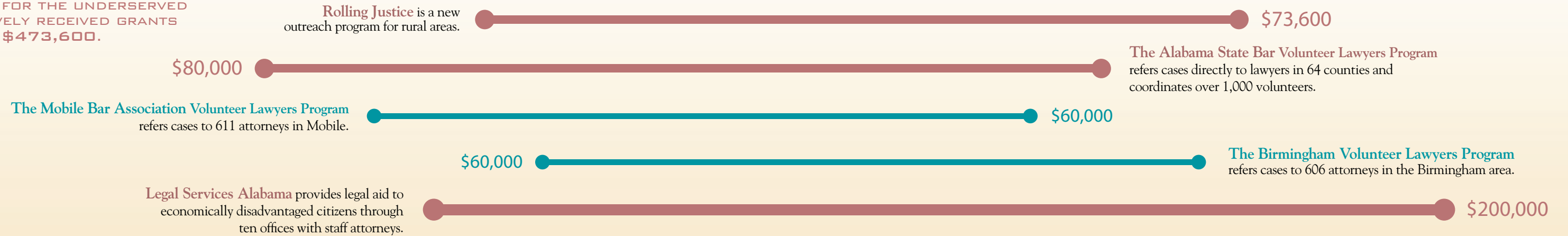
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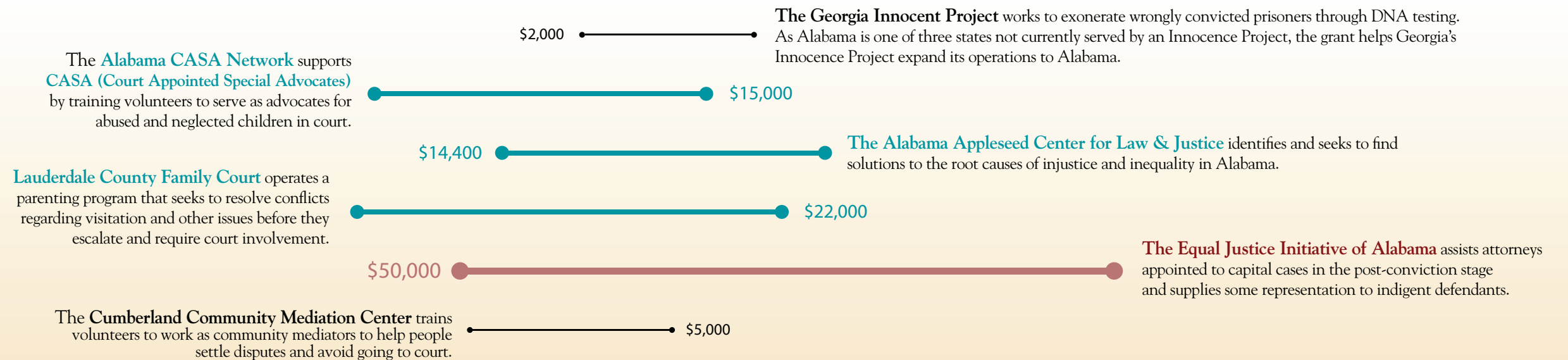
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# THE ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION'S 2008 GRANTS

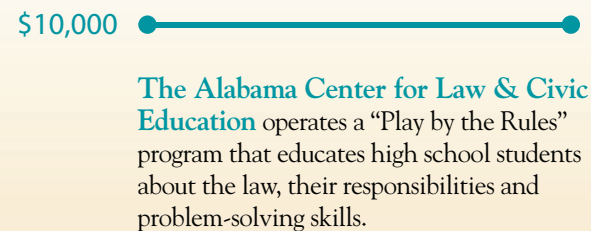
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PROJECTS IN THE CATEGORY OF "ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE" RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALING \$108,400.



PROJECTS IN THE CATEGORY OF "LAW-RELATED EDUCATION" RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALING \$10,000.



SPECIAL PROJECTS RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALING \$13,000.

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of clients or third parties?

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AN IOLTA ACCOUNT.**

As of January 1, 2008, all commingled client trust accounts are required to be IOLTA accounts. Hurry! Use the form in this newsletter to convert your client trust account to an IOLTA account and take it to your financial institution.

Don't forget to send a copy of the completed form to the Alabama Law Foundation, along with a list of all the lawyers in your firm.

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The IOLTA account must remain in my/our law firm's name. However, the IOLTA account must bear the Alabama Law Foundation's Taxpayer Identification Number, which will be paid interest or dividends from the account. No IRS Form 1099 is required to be filed for IOLTA accounts. IOLTA accounts are NOT subject to back-up withholding.

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# Spring Newsletter

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