

Q: What is the Justice for All Campaign?

A: The campaign is a fundraising partnership among Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO), and the Toledo Bar Association (TBA) Pro Bono Legal Services Program. These three groups are the sole providers of free civil legal aid to low-income members of our community who have nowhere else to turn.

Q. What is Civil Legal Aid?

A: Civil legal aid is legal assistance, guidance, representation and advice in non-criminal cases provided to people who cannot afford a private attorney.

Q. What is the purpose of the campaign?

A: To raise funds to support access to justice for low-income people with civil legal needs. Donating to the Justice for All Campaign supports the TBA Pro Bono Legal Services Program, ABLE, and LAWO in their efforts to ensure fairness for all in the justice system, no matter a person's income.

Q. Will there still be separate solicitations from the three organizations?

A: The Justice for All Campaign will be the only annual campaign collaboratively held together by partners ABLE, LAWO and TBA Pro Bono Legal Services Program. You may be asked separately to support other initiatives for the organizations outside of the annual campaign.

Q. What is the monetary goal of the campaign?

A: \$200,000

Q. How are the funds divided?

A: Your donation will be directed to the Justice for All Campaign account. At the completion of the campaign, the funds will be divided equally among LAWO, ABLE, and TBA Pro Bono Legal Services Program. Funds from this unified annual campaign will provide operating support to all three civil legal services providers.

Q: Why should I contribute to the Justice for All Campaign?

A: Making a donation to civil legal aid is a good investment: The federal financial and health benefits as well as the child and family support legal aid advocates are able to obtain for clients not only improve the lives of our poorest residents, but also save the community tax dollars by eliminating or reducing the demand for precious local services and resources.

Q: Is my gift tax-deductible?

A: Yes.

Q. Can I designate my donation to this campaign through my United Way contribution?

A: Yes, a donor may designate the fund as the recipient of their United Way contribution/pledge. Please note, however, that after the United Way removes their administrative fee, your designated gift amount will be 85 percent of your total gift. You are eligible for a tax deduction for the full amount from United Way.

Q. Does this replace the Access to Justice Awards Dinner?

A: The Access to Justice Awards Dinner will continue to be held separately from the Justice for All Campaign and will also continue to benefit TBA Pro Bono Legal Services Program, LAWOW, and ABLE. Money raised from this event provides additional and desperately needed program funding.

Q. I usually sign up for Pro Bono during the campaign. Can I still do that?

A: A Pro Bono recruitment letter with information about volunteering will be mailed separately from this campaign. Both the donation of your time and your financial support are important to the work of ABLE, LAWOW, and TBA Pro Bono Legal Services Program.