

2018 Annual Report
The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.

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A nonprofit enhancing the right to counsel and public defense in the United States

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Shaping a more hopeful, just future: our journey to justice begins

The long journey of shaping a more hopeful and just future begins with a first step. *The NAPD Fund for Justice Inc.* has taken its first step in July 2018 by being created by leaders who want to better help public defense nationally. This first step in funding our journey to justice for clients has in this short half-year created a simple corporation to help achieve our common-sense goals of investing in clients by helping public defenders, investigators, social workers, and chief defenders prosper amidst the complexity.

What *The NAPD Fund for Justice* is about

The NAPD Fund for Justice enhances the right to counsel and public defense in the United States.

How *The NAPD Fund for Justice* is putting your donations to work in 2019

Nationally, *The NAPD Fund for Justice* will fund technical assistance to local defender programs on issues such as reducing workloads, obtaining education for staff, procuring resources, offering scholarship opportunities for leadership and skills programs, and providing student loan repayment assistance.

Our initial assistance will be for tuition scholarships for public defense leadership education.

2018 Financial Report, July 9, 2018 – December 31, 2018

This is a year of beginning *The Fund*. In fact, it is but a half-year of beginning as *The NAPD Fund for Justice Inc.* started July 9, 2018. So, we have had start-up costs for our web page, our application to the IRS for tax exempt status, our registrations in the various jurisdictions. We have had a substantial amount of donated assistance by top-notch, value-centered legal and IT professionals that allows us to begin providing tuition scholarships for public defense leadership programs in 2019.

Total 2018 Revenue

\$12,250 from donations from 28 people and organizations.

Total 2018 Expenses

\$ 3,235 for expenses that included costs for the IRS 1023 tax exempt application, charitable organization registrations in states and D.C., web hosting, web payment capacity.

Available Funds

\$ 9,015 funds available for 2019 expenses and scholarships.

The NAPD Fund for Justice is tax exempt

On March 4, 2019, the IRS provided *The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.* with a determination letter that granted *The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.* tax exempt status. The IRS stated, "We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522." The tax-exempt status is retroactive to July 9, 2018 when *The Fund for Justice, Inc* began, so any contributions made to the organization after that date are tax-deductible to the greatest extent allowable by law.

Donor Honor Roll
The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.



This Roll is published to express our appreciation to those who provided support to The Fund in 2018.
Please contact us at admin@fundforjustice.org with any updates or corrections.

Thurgood Marshall Advocate: \$1,000 - \$4,999

- Jim Bethke
- Catherine Clarke
- Paul DeWolfe
- The National Association for Public Defense
- Stephen Hanlon
- Norman Lefstein
- Ernie Lewis
- Edward Monahan
- Suzanne Sherr
- Lorinda Youngcourt

Freedom Fighter: \$100 - \$999

- Alexander Bunin
- Heather Hall
- John & Jean Rosenberg
- Claudia Saari
- William Ward

Sixth Amendment Litigator: \$25 - \$99

- Geoffrey Burkhart
- Jessica Corey
- Peggy Deaner
- Anonymous
- Issac Merkle
- Tina Olson
- Damon Preston
- Margaret Townsley

Remarkable Contributed Services

We only exist because of the incredibly generous assistance of many people, especially Issac Merkle, Eddie Williams, Morris Miller, our Board of Directors and Officers, and the generosity of those who have made a financial donation.

Issac Merkle,
IT Guru Extraordinaire,
Knox County Public Defenders
Community Law Office

Eddie Williams,
Partner,
Holland & Knight LLP

Morris Miller,
Partner,
Holland & Knight LLP



Issac Merkle designed and built the NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc. website and mail services, and provides ongoing maintenance and technical support.



Holland & Knight's **Eddie Williams** and **Morris Miller** provided very substantial pro bono legal assistance for corporate formation of *The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.*, preparation and submission of the application for tax exempt status recognition with the IRS, along with ongoing legal advice to the Board and Officers.



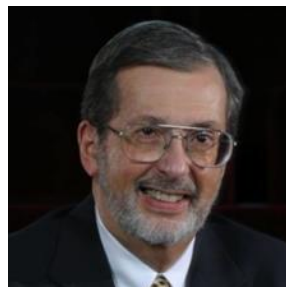
Governance: highly experienced client-centered professionals

We have passionate, visionary leadership. There are six members of The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc. Board of Directors and three Officers filling five positions. All have devoted their careers to advancing the right to counsel for those accused of a crime and those convicted of a crime.



Jim Bethke
Board Member and Board Secretary
 Attorney, Lubbock Private Defenders Office, Lubbock, TX, a 501(c) non-profit corporation; former Director of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission; General

Counsel, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, Lubbock city prosecutor.



Norman Lefstein
Board Member
 Attorney, Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, IN; Professor Lefstein was for 12 years a

faculty member at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill. He also has held visiting or adjunct appointments at the law schools of Duke, Northwestern, and Georgetown. Former director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Assistant United States Attorney in D.C., and staff member of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice. Directed a large-scale Ford Foundation research project in which legal representation was furnished to juveniles in three metropolitan cities.



Cait Clarke
Board Member
 Attorney and Chief of the Defender Services Office in the Administrative Office of US Courts, Washington, DC; formerly staff at the National Legal Aid & Defender Association and director

of federal programs at Equal Justice Works. Cait was a law professor at Loyola Law School, New Orleans, before earning her doctorate of law (SJD degree) at Harvard Law School. Cait was also the founding director of the National Defender Leadership Institute (NDLI).



Mark Stephens
Board Member
 Attorney, District Defender, Knox County Public Defenders Community Law Office, Knoxville, TN; Stephens served as President of the Tennessee District Public Defender's Conference,

Chair of the Tennessee Supreme Court's Indigent Defense Commission, and Chairman of the National Association for Public Defense. He served eight years as a member of the Board of Directors for Gideon's Promise.



Stephen F. Hanlon
Board Member
 Attorney, General Counsel, National Association for Public Defense, St. Louis, MO; former partner at Holland and Knight; Past Chairman, The Florida Bar, Public Interest Law

Section; Past President, Florida Legal Services; Past Chair of the Executive Council, American Bar Association, Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section; Past Chair, American Bar Association, Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project; Chair, Indigent Defense Advisory Group, Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense, American Bar Association.



Ernie Lewis
Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
 Attorney, Executive Director, National Association for Public Defense, former Public Advocate, Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Frankfort, KY;

KY Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers president

and lobbyist, chair of NLADA American Council of Chief Defenders.



Ed Monahan
Executive Director,
Treasurer & Board Member
 Attorney, former Public Advocate, Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Frankfort, KY; KY public defender for 34 years; Director of Catholic

Conference of Ky for 4 years; member of a KY legal services board for 9 years and board's fundraising chair, chair of NLADA American Council of Chief Defenders for 2 years.

We appreciate your confidence in *The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc.*'s work to shape a more hopeful and just future for public defense,

Jim Bethke, Board Member, Director,
 Lubbock Private Defenders Office, Lubbock, TX

Cait Clarke, Board Member, Chief Defender,
 Administrative Office of US Courts, Washington, DC

Stephen F. Hanlon, Board Member, General Counsel,
 National Association for Public Defense, St. Louis, MO

Norman Lefstein, Board Member, Professor of Law and
 Dean Emeritus Indiana University Robert H. McKinney
 School of Law, Indianapolis, IN

Mark Stephens, Board Member, District Defender, Knox
 County Public Defenders Community Law Office,
 Knoxville, TN

Ernie Lewis, Executive Director of NAPD, Assistant
 Treasurer and Secretary, Former KY Public Advocate

Edward C. Monahan, Executive Director & Board
 Member, Former KY Public Advocate