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"YOU KNOW I GOT ARRESTED A FEW TIMES. I WENT TO JAIL 40 TIMES DURING THE '60S. IT WAS LAWYERS, UNBELIEVABLE COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BAR THAT CAME TO MY RESCUE. THEY DEFENDED US. THEY FILED BRIEFS. THEY STOOD BEFORE JUDGES IN SMALL TOWNS AND THE CITIES AND RURAL AREAS OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE LAWYERS DURING THAT PERIOD, I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE WILL BE AS A NATION AND AS A PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK YOU ... PUBLIC DEFENDERS ... FOR GETTING IN THE WAY, FOR NOT GIVING UP, THANK YOU FOR NOT GIVING IN. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FAITH. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE. THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE LEAST, ORDINARY PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY.... YOU HAVE TO SPEAK UP. YOU HAVE TO SPEAK OUT. YOU HAVE TO DEFEND PEOPLE. SO I SAY HANG IN THERE. KEEP THE FAITH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE." - JOHN LEWIS

KEEPING OUR EYES ON THE PRIZE FOR CLIENTS

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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INTRODUCTION

The NAPD Fund for Justice Inc. began July 9, 2018. It was started by public defense leaders to enhance the right to counsel and public defense in the United States. To achieve this goal, the Fund provides scholarship assistance for defenders, investigators, social workers and non-attorney professionals working in public defense agencies, as well as individuals doing public defense conflict work, to attend top-notch national training programs. The Fund also provides a limited number of grants to public defense agencies to provide financial assistance for local creative advocacy projects.

PROGRESS MADE: 2019-2020

QUALITY PUBLIC DEFENSE MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR CLIENTS AND COMMUNITIES

The Fund enhances the right to counsel and public defense in the United States so clients receive quality representation. Over the past two years, the Fund has provided the following financial assistance:

2019

- Tuition scholarship assistance for 31 defenders and staff to attend public defense training
- Financial assistance to three public defense programs through creative advocacy grants

2020

- Tuition scholarship assistance for 187 defenders and defender staff to attend public defense training

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TOTAL 2020 REVENUE

IN 2020, THE FUND RECEIVED $41,315.70 IN DONATIONS FROM MORE THAN 56 INDIVIDUALS IN ADDITION TO CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAMS, LOCAL TRAINING EVENT PARTNERSHIPS, ON-LINE T-SHIRT SALES AND FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS,

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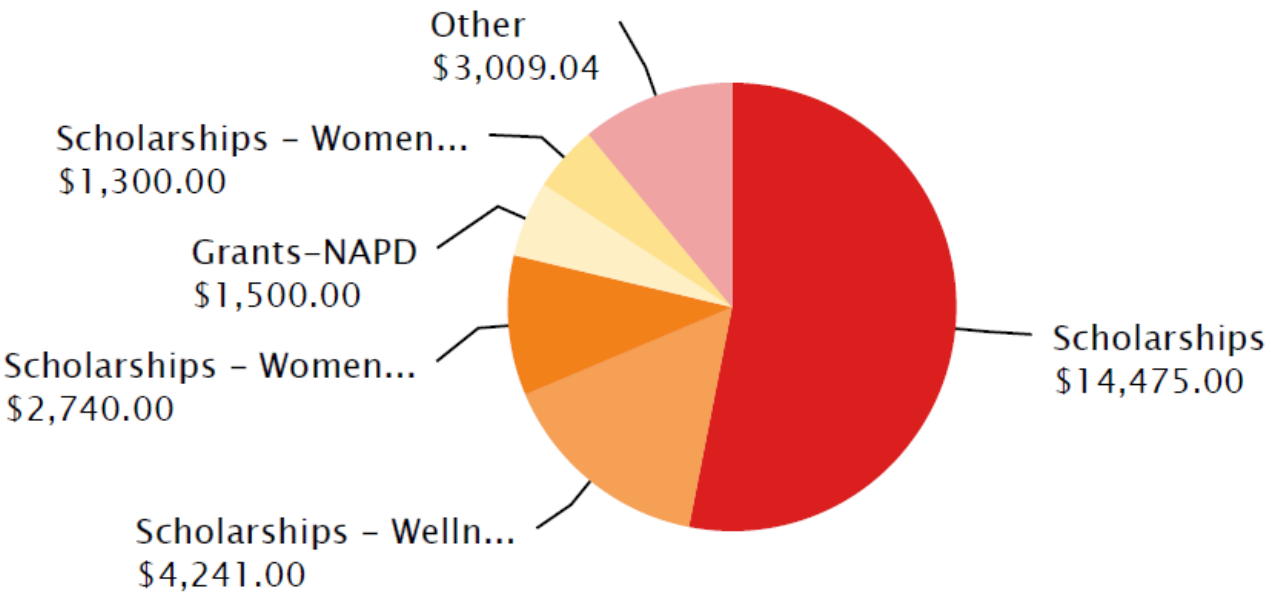
TOTAL 2020 EXPENSES

IN 2020, FUND EXPENDITURES TOTALED $4,509.04 TO PAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL STATE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTRATIONS, WEB HOSTING, WEB ELECTRONIC PAYMENT CAPACITY, LOCAL TRAINING EVENT PARTNERSHIPS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STIPEND, ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES AND MERCHANDISE COSTS.



FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2021

$47,104.46 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS, ADVOCACY GRANTS AND EXPENSES.

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fund received hundreds of requests for help to attend education. In 2019, the Fund was able to award 5 scholarships to attend NAPD's *We the Defenders: Social Worker/Sentencing Advocate Conference* held in Biloxi, Mississippi in April 2019. By 2020, the Fund was able to significantly increase the number of scholarships provided and awarded 187 tuition scholarships to defenders, investigators, sentencing specialists, social workers, non-attorney administrative professionals, and leaders to increase their ability to speak up, speak out, and keep their eyes on the prize for clients.

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

IN 2020, THE FUND AWARDED $22,756.00 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND NAPD LEADERSHIP, WELLNESS, GENERAL ON-LINE COURSES AND THE 2020 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Below is a snapshot of the individuals who received a scholarship in 2020 and the name of the course attended. Without this financial assistance, these public defense professionals would not have been able to receive this education.

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2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Course/Description	Recipient Last Name	Recipient First Name	Organization	Role
Journaling	Felde	Maren	Wyoming State Public Defender, WY	Investigator
	Harwood	Mallory	The Legal Aid Society, Staten Island Criminal Defense Practice, NY	Attorney
	Jones	Sara	Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans LA	Investigator
Sustaining Well-Being in Public Defense	Avishwamitra	Anupama	Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Atlanta GA	Investigator
	Brooks	Erin	Tulare County Public Defender, Visalia CA	Attorney
	Carver-Allmond	Meryl	Kansas Capital Appellate Defender, KS	Attorney
	David-Martin	Marilena	State Appellate Defender Office, MI	Attorney
	England	Keonna	Missouri State Public Defenders, MO	Attorney
	Fahley	Alaina	Wisconsin State Public Defender, Appleton Trial, Appleton WI	Attorney
	Getty	Brent	Montana State Public Defender, Missoula MT	Attorney
	Hatakeyama	Caitlin	Arlington County and the City of Falls Church PD's Office, Arlington VA	Attorney
	Jones	Sara	Orleans Public Defender, New Orleans LA	Investigator
	Kinnett	Tamzin Rose	Chatham County Public Defender's Office, Pittsboro NC	Attorney
	Miranda	David	Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York NY	Attorney
	Misdary	Isis	Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA	Attorney
	Ray	Milan	Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, New Orleans LA	Investigator
	Salter	Robin	Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Hyattsville, MD	Attorney
	Sloan	Kimberly	Kitsap County Public Defense, Port Orchard WA	Attorney
	Start	Christine	Solano County Alternate Puyblic Defender, Vallejo CA	Attorney
Leading During Times of Trouble and Beyond	Anderson	Lauren	Orleans Public Defenders, LA	Attorney
	Ball	Julie	Law Office of the Public Defender, Santa Fe NM	Attorney
	Barela	Jennifer	New Mexico Law Office of the Public Defender, 2nd Judicial District	Attorney
	Boothe	Alaina	Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender, Baton Rouge, LA	Attorney
	Canter	Jessica	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid - Lavaca County Public Defender, Hallettsville TX	Attorney
	Curry	Regina	MS Office of Capital Defense Counsel, MS	SW/Sent Advocate
	Dartigue	Natasha	Maryland Office of the Public Defender	Attorney
	Grantham	Amanda	Office of the Public Defender, Northern Judicial Circuit, GA	Attorney
	Greenbeck-Marsh	Donna	Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore MD	Core Staff
	Grubbs	Katherine	Committee for Public Counsel Services, Worcester, MA	Attorney
	Hill	Daisha	Neighborhood Defender Service-Detroit, Detroit MI	SW/Sent Advocate
	Kendall	Andrea	Department of Public Advocacy, Lexington KY	Attorney
	Morgan	Bridgette	City of Jackson, Jackson, MS	Attorney
	Shelton	Pat	Nashville Defenders, TN	SW/Sent Advocate
	Showell	Romel	Maryland Office of the Public Defender	Attorney
Working with Clients Who Challenge Us	Dubois	Olivia	Roxbury Defenders	SW/Sent Advocate
	Madjar	Chrissy	DPA-KY Innocence Project & Education Branch, Frankfort KY	Attorney
	Nelson	Sofia	State Appellate Defender Office	Attorney
	Smith	Elizabeth	Legal Aid Society - Manhattan	Attorney
	Zimbelman	Jessica	State Appellate Defender Office	Attorney
Resilient Leadership	Hardin	Kenneth	Harris County Public Defender's Office, Houston TX	Attorney
	Ryba	Marcie	Department of Indigent Defense Services, Carson City NV	Attorney
	Sanchez	Cydni	New Mexico Law Office of the Public Defender, Albuquerque NM	Attorney
	Simmons	Kimberly	Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel, Denver CO	Attorney
	Stephens	Joe	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Beeville, TX	Attorney
	Turner	Adrianne	New Mexico Law Office of the Public Defender, Albuquerque NM	Attorney

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	Alexander	Sarah	Georgia Public Defender Council, Central Office, GA	Core Staff
	Archer-Cox	Afsan	Marion County Public Defender Agency, IN	Investigator
	Arsiry	Yahairah	San Diego County Public Defender's Office, CA	Attorney
	Baker	Kasey	6th Circuit Public Defender's Office, FL	Attorney
	Bambenski	Nicole	Office of the Public Defender, 9th Circuit, Florida	Attorney
	Basen-Michon	Kim	Neighborhood Defender Service - Detroit, MI	Attorney
	Bear Don't Walk	Eldena	Office of the State Public Defender - Montana	Attorney
	Beatty	Allisyn	Calhoun County Public Defender's Office, MI	Core Staff
	Bebo	Christie	Montgomery County Public Defender, OH	Attorney
	Benintendi	Ella	Springfield PD Division of Committee for Public Counsel Services, MA	Attorney
	Biggs	Erin	Colorado State Public Defender's Office, Steamboat Springs CO	Core Staff
	Blair	Katherine	Capital Habeas Unit - Federal Defender, FL	Attorney
	Bloom	Kari	Hamilton County Public Defender, OH	Attorney
	Blouin	Lindsay	East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender, LA	Attorney
	Brink	Melissa	22nd JDC, Louisiana Public Defender's Office, LA	Attorney
	Brown	Teri	Atlanta Judicial Circuit Office of the Public Defender, GA	SW/Sent Advocate
	Brundage	Dana	Self, Massachusetts	SW/Sent Advocate
	Bruno	Erin	Chester County Public Defender's Office, PA	Attorney
	Bryant-Hayes	Jacquelyn	DPA-LaGrange PC, KY	Attorney
	Buchanan	Megan	Formerly at the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing for Youth, Washington DC	Investigator
	Burden	Pamela	State of Missouri Public Defender, MO	Investigator
	Burfoot	Barbie	Richmond VA Public Defender's Office, VA	SW/Sent Advocate
	Call	Jennifer	Bannock County Public Defender's Office, Pocatello ID	Attorney
	Cames	Barbara	Department of Public Advocacy, KY	Attorney
	Carter	Imani	Western Judicial Circuit Public Defender Office, GA	Attorney
	Christian	Shannon	22nd JDC Public Defender's Office, LA	Attorney
	Cohn	Kate	Seattle University School of Law, WA	Attorney
	Cover	Kelli	Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore County, MD	Attorney
	Cruz	Jennifer	The Cruz Law Office, WA	Attorney
	Curry	Regina	Mississippi Capital Post-Conviction Counsel	Investigator
	Davis	Leslie	Office of the Territorial Public Defender, US Virgin Islands	Attorney
	Dowdle	Lisa	Monroe County Public Defender's Office, NY	Investigator
	Eldred	Mandi	Missouri Public Defender Western Capital Division, MO	SW/Sent Advocate
	Elebash	Shelley	Self, Florida	SW/Sent Advocate
	Engelman	Caroline	Missouri State Public Defender, Kansas City, MO	Attorney
	Engleman	Lily	Georgia Capital Defender	Investigator
	Fahley	Alaina	Wisconsin State Public Defender, Appleton Trial Office, WI	Attorney
	Fernandez	Lolita	Second Circuit Public Defender, FL	Attorney
	Fields	Lydia	Washtenaw County Public Defender, MI	Attorney
	Fraser	Jennifer	Clark County Public Defender, Juvenile Division, NV	Attorney
	Funches	Doris	Cook County Public Defender, IL	Attorney
	Gallardo	Viviana	King County Department of Public Defense, SCRAP Division, WA	Investigator
	Gambardella	Mona	Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice, Staten Island NY	SW/Sent Advocate
	Gillespie	Michelle	Arkansas Public Defender Commission, AR	Investigator
	Gold	Genevie	Phillips Black, Inc., CA	Attorney
	Gonzales	Candace	Colorado State Public Defender's Office, Denver CO	Core Staff
	Graham	Tona	Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys, UT	SW/Sent Advocate
	Grantham	Amanda	Georgia Public Defender Council, GA	Attorney
	Gray	Cary	Murray Trial Office, Murray KY	Investigator
	Harrelson	Stefanie	Lexington South, Lexington KY	Attorney
	Hatheway	Alison	Hamilton County Public Defender, OH	Attorney
	Hickman	KaSandra	Maysville Trial Office, Maysville KY	Investigator
	Higgins	Colleen	City of Atlanta Public Defender Office, GA	SW/Sent Advocate
	Hill	Daisha	Neighborhood Defender Service - Detroit, MI	SW/Sent Advocate
	Hill	Norae	Self-Ohio	SW/Sent Advocate
	Holley	Tiffany	Maryland Office of the Public Defender, MD	Attorney
	Howard	Amanda	Santa Barbara County Public Defender, CA	Core Staff
	Hudock	Rebecca	Allegheny County Public Defender, PA	Attorney
	Hudson	Cotha	Department of Public Advocacy Kentucky Harlan Trial Office, KY	Attorney
	James	Nikki	Marion County Public Defender Agency, IN	Core Staff
	Jones	Sara	Orleans Public Defender, New Orleans LA	Investigator
	Kahre-Nesler	Julie	Law Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender, OH	Attorney
	Kiefer	Claire	Georgia Capital Defender, GA	SW/Sent Advocate
	Kiesel	Jennifer	Campbell County Office of the Wyoming Public Defender, WY	Core Staff
	Kissiah	Karin	Georgia Capital Defender, GA	Attorney
	LaVoy	Kristin	Neighborhood Defender Service - Detroit, MI	Attorney
	Layfield	Meghan	Colorado State Public Defender's Office, Dillon CO	Core Staff
	Leavell	Julita Ann	Law Offices of Julita Ann Leavell, Esq., NM	Attorney
	Lindquist	Hunter	University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence KS	Attorney

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We are the Ones We've Been Waiting For: Women's Virtual Conference	Mair	Zoie	The Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Practice, Staten Island NY	Attorney
	Marie	Paulette	Committee for Public Counsel Services, MA	Attorney
	Mariscal	Ashley	Hidalgo County Public Defender's Office, TX	Attorney
	May	Sarah	Bexar County Public Defender, TX	Attorney
	McCune	Teresa	Public Defender for the 30th Judicial Circuit/WV Public Defender Services	Attorney
	McDavid	Monique	Law Office of the Los Angeles County Public Defender, CA	Attorney
	McWilliams	Laura	Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender, PA	Attorney
	Mendivil	Jeanne	State of Wyoming Public Defender - Natrona County, WY	Attorney
	Messmer	Jane	Office of the Ohio Public Defender, OH	Attorney
	Mitchell	Whitney	The Phair Firm, NC	Attorney
	Moody	Maquita	The Legal Aid Society, NY	Attorney
	Morgan	Michelle	Morgan Investigative Group LLC, TX	SW/Sent Advocate
	Murad	Priya	Office of the Public Defender, 15th Judicial District, FL	Attorney
	Negron-Falcon	Shahily	Student - Massachusetts	Paralegal
	Nichols Cook	Erica	Iowa State Public Defender, IA	Attorney
	Nichols-Leindecker	Katherine	Calhoun County Public Defender's Office, MI	Attorney
	Oliver	Euketa	San Diego County Office of the Primary Public Defender, CA	Attorney
	Omerovic	Dzenita	King County Department of Public Defense, WA	Core Staff
	Pantoja-Ortega	Zulen	King County Department of Public Defense, WA	Core Staff
	Parker	Chanta	Neighborhood Defender Service - Detroit, MI	Attorney
	Pasley	Devon	Missouri State Public Defender's Office, MO	Attorney
	Perry	Miriam	Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office, MI	Attorney
	Petticolas	Kisha	Maryland Office of the Public Defender, MD	Attorney
	Phillips-Freeman	Brigetta	Calhoun County Public Defender's Office, MI	Core Staff
	Pieper	Emily	Federal Public Defender - District of Oregon, OR	Core Staff
	Pittman	Gabrielle	Georgia Capital Defender, Macon GA	Attorney
	Powell	Kaitin	Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender	Attorney
	Preyer	Amber	King County Department of Public Defense, WA	Core Staff
	Prince	Angelica	Jefferson County Public Defender's Office, AL	Attorney
	Purcell	Anna	Law Office of the Public Defender, NM	Attorney
	Reardon	Kari	Spokane County Public Defender, WA	Attorney
	Redwine	Elizabeth	Self-Tennessee	SW/Sent Advocate
	Robinson	Brandy	Neighborhood Defender Service - Detroit, MI	Attorney
	Robinson	Jennifer	Missouri State Public Defender, MO	Attorney
	Robinson	Kelsey	Maryland Office of the Public Defender, MD	SW/Sent Advocate
	Robinson	Krista	Richmond Public Defender's Office, VA	Core Staff
	Robinson	Stephanie	Maryland Office of the Public Defender, MD	Attorney
	Rose-Hall	Camille	Camile Rose-Hall Mitigation Services, Portland OR	Investigator
	Ross	Brendan	Brendan Ross Mitigation, Wylie TX	SW/Sent Advocate
	Scarp	Madeline	Federal Public Defender - District of Oregon, OR	Core Staff
	Schell	Ashley	Fargo Public Defender's Office, ND	Attorney
	Short	Ellen	Thurston County Public Defense Office, WA	Core Staff
	Sipp	Tamara	sponsored donation	Public
	Smith	Denise	Smith Consulting Group, LLC, MD	SW/Sent Advocate
	Steiner	Stacey	Allegheny County Public Defender, PA	Attorney
	Stone	Tamica	Missouri State Public Defender St. Louis City, MO	Attorney
	Sullivan	Ashley	Colorado State Public Defender's Office, Greeley CO	Attorney
	Taitingfong	Jazmyn	Maricopa County Office of the Public Advocate, Phoenix AZ	Attorney
	Thomas	Joanie	Georgia Capital Defender, GA	Investigator
	Titus	Andrea	Andrea Titus Mitigation & Investigation, Inc., Portland OR	Investigator
	Vetter	Crystal	State of Montana Public Defender's Office, Butte, MT	Investigator
	Villa	Loren	Office of the Public Defender, Hagerstown MD	Attorney
	Wasket	Shunae	Inland Regional Center, CA	SW/Sent Advocate
	Wentzel	Kirstyn	Missouri State Public Defender, MO	Investigator
	Whittier	Antonia	The Whittier Law Firm, MI	Attorney
	Williams	LaTonia	Jefferson County Public Defender's Office, AL	Attorney
	Williams-Fagan	Hillary	sponsored donation	Public
	Woods	Monica	Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Bowling Green Trial Office, KY	Investigator
	Woods	Sarina	Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, GA	Attorney
	Wrenbeck	Karen	Monroe County Public Defender' Office, IN	Attorney
	Zuschek	Caroline	Kiansas Appellate Defender Office, KS	Attorney

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Exploiting Forensic Evidence's Tenuous Link to Science	Garza	William	New Mexico Law Office of the Public Defender, Alamagordo NM	Investigator
	Hamam	Rhiannon	Office of Capital and Forensic Writs	Attorney
	Madjar	Chrissy	DPA-KY Innocence Project/Education Branch, Frankfort KY	Attorney
	Parker	Sarah	Law Offices of the Public Defender Las Cruces NM	Attorney
	Vicini	Philip	Rhode Island Public Defender's Office, RI	Attorney
	Whitaker	Sara	Kanawha County Public Defender, Charleston WV	Attorney
Representing Transgender and Non-Binary Clients	Blair	Katherine	Federal Public Defender - Capital Habeas Unit, FL	Attorney
	Dowd	Julianne	Committee for Public Counsel Services, Worcester MA	SW/Sent Advocate
	Flores	Jessica	Habeas Corpus Resource Center, San Francisco CA	Investigator
	Goodman	Brian	Fairfax County Office of the Public Defender, Fairfax VA	Attorney
	MacKay	Cameron	Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston MA	Attorney
	Revel	McKenna	DPA-KY Innocence Project/Frankfort KY	Investigator

2020 CREATIVE ADVOCACY GRANTS

The NAPD Fund for Justice Creative Advocacy Grant Initiative began in April 2019 to provide support to public defense initiatives that help clients. Grants are made in honor of the Fund's Hall of Fame members, Jeff Adachi and Norman Lefstein. Each of these public defense leaders set a national standard for high quality public defense. The Fund received 3 Creative Advocacy requests for financial help in 2020. Although the Fund Board found all of the advocacy grant applications to have merit, the Board was only able to award financial assistance to 2 Creative Advocacy Initiatives:

2020 CREATIVE ADVOCACY GRANTS

- The Nevada Mentoring Program for Rural Contract Defenders was awarded $3,000
- The Cook County Public Defender's Office in Illinois was awarded $2,000 for its "One Call" education campaign to raise the public's awareness of the legal services available through the Cook County Public Defender's Police Station Representation Unit (PSRU), which provides free legal representation to anyone held in police custody in Cook County, Illinois.

2020 DONOR HONOR ROLL

The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc. Donor Roll is published to express our public appreciation to those who provided support to the Fund in 2020.

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ISSAC MERKLE, IT GURU EXTRAORDINAIRE, NASHVILLE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

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

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Holland & Knight's Eddie Williams and Morris Miller provided 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.

THE FUND'S GOVERNANCE:
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The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc. Board of Directors provides passionate, visionary leadership. Each Director has devoted their career to advancing the right to counsel for those accused of a crime.

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Director Justice Administration Department in Harris County, Texas, former Executive Director Lubbock Private Defender Office, a 501(c) non-profit corporation; Adjunct Professor at the Texas Tech University School of Law. He serves on the following boards: Indigent Defense Research Association, the Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit, and Remember Our Heroes Lubbock. He is U.S. Army veteran from the 101st Airborne Division and former Executive Director of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

CAIT CLARKE
BOARD MEMBER

Chief of the Defender Services Office in the Administrative Office of the US Courts, Washington, DC; Former 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 is also the Founding Drector of the National Defender Leadership Institute (NDLI).

THE FUND'S GOVERNANCE:

FRED FRIEDMAN
BOARD MEMBER

Public Defender since 1973. Chief Public Defender Minnesota Sixth District 1986 - 2014. Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, Duluth 1975 - present. Chair, NAPD Strike Force Committee.

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 Counsel of Chief Defenders.

ERNIE LEWIS
BOARD MEMBER
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THE FUND'S GOVERNANCE:

The Public Defender of Maryland, the fourth attorney to hold this position in the agency's history. In this capacity, he leads an office of 570 attorneys and 344 support staff. He first joined the Montgomery County Office in 1981 as an Assistant Public Defender before leaving the office for private practice in 1989. He returned to the office in a leadershp role in 2000 serving as District Public Defender for Montgomery County, Maryland and overseeing a staff of 34 lawyers. During his career, Mr. DeWolfe has tried criminal jury trials in cases ranging from misdemeanors to capital murder in both state and federal court. A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 2005, Mr. DeWolfe formerly served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a former President of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association and a former President of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland. Currently, he is the immediate Past Chair of the National Association

PAUL DEWOLFE
BOARD MEMBER

of Public Defenders and an *ex officio* member of the Criminal Law Section Counsel of the Maryland State Bar Association. Mr. DeWolfe is a 2008 recipient of the Joseph P. Curran Award for Distinguished Public Interest Lawyers from the Maryland State Bar Association. In 2019, Mr. DeWolfe was awarded the Robert C. Heeney Memorial Award for "exemplifying the highest professional standards and achievement during his distinguished career" from the Maryland State Bar Association.

THE FUND'S GOVERNANCE:

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis was born and raised in Houston's Sunnyside neighborhood. The proud son of a yardman and a maid, Ellis attended Texas Public Schools from grade school through law school. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Texas Southern University, a Master's Degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and a Law Degree from the University of Texas School of Law. Commissioner Ellis currently represents the diverse communities of Harris County Precinct One in Houston, Texas. He believes the role of government is to guarantee that all people have the opportunity and ability to build a better future for themselves and is committed to delivering responsive public services to his constituents while advocating for policies that advance fair opportunity and equal justice for all people. He began his career as a public servant working as Chief of Staff for the late Congressman Mickey Leland and served 3 terms on the Houston City Counsel before joining the Texas Senate, where he served for more than 25 years before being elected to his current position in 2016. During his tenure in the Texas Senate, he successfully passed more than 630

RODNEY ELLIS
BOARD MEMBER

pieces of legislation championing criminal justice reform, civil rights, education, health care, economic opportunity, fair elections and many other vital issues impacting underserved communities. His top Precinct One priorities include developing inclusive economic growth policies that lift up all communities, increase access to parks and greenspace in underserved neighborhoods, implementing a mobility plan that connects families to safe, affordable transportation options, and advancing criminal justice reforms that protect the rights of all people while making communities safer.

THE FUND'S GOVERNANCE:

Lawyer Hanlon, former General Counsel, National Association for Public Defense, St. Louis, MO; former Partner at Holland & Knight; Past Chairman, the Florida Bar, Public Interest Law Section; Past President, Florida Legal Services; Past Chair of the Executive Counsel, 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.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TREASURER
BOARD MEMBER

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.

THE FUND'S GOVERNANCE:

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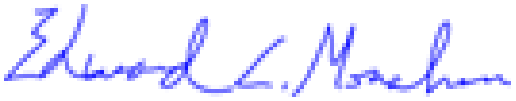

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