NAPD
FUND FOR JUSTICE

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

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

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.

In 2022 the Fund assisted 73 defenders and defenders staff to attend public defense training with tuition scholarships in the amount of $12,005.

2022 Financial Report

Donations for the Year 2022

In 2022 the fund received $17,860 in donations. In addition to individual donations, the Fund received donations from corporate giving programs, local training event partnerships, online t-shirt sales, and Facebook fundraisers.

Expenses for the year 2022

In 2022, the Fund expenditures totaled $16,380.32 to pay operating costs. Operating costs included:

- State Charitable Organization Registrations
- Web Hosting
- Web Electronic Filing Fees
- Local Training Event Partnerships
- Executive Director Stipend
- Accountant Expenses
- Postage Expenses

2022 Scholarships

Below is a list of the individuals who received a scholarship in 2022. With these funds, public defense professionals were able to further their education.

Effective Coaching - Feb-March 2022		
	Jason Costa	DeKalb County Public Defender's Office - DeKalb County Georgia
	Rosa Amaya	Colorado State Public Defender
	Kawan L Clinton	Legal Aid Society-Manhattan CDP
	Maialisa Vanyo	Whatcom County Public Defender
	Kelly Driscoll	Johnson County Public Defender
	Fontella Baker	40th Judicial District Public Defender
	Dawn Baxton	Durham County Public Defender Office
Warrior Motion Practice - Feb 2022		
	Edgar Beltran	Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office
	Neekisia Jackson	Fayette County Public Defender
	Rebeca Salmon	A Salmon Firm (conflict counsel)
	Chrissy Madjar	DPA, KIP and Education Branch
	Alisha Molyneux	Public Defender Service Corp.
	Sarah May	Bexar County Public Defender Office
	Amy Kepes	State Public Defender--Special Defense Unit
	Koryn High	Maryland Office of the Public Defender
	MARK MOORE	The Law Offices of Mark Q. Moore
	Sophia Arrighi	Law Offices of the Public Defender (NM)
Leading - Lori, Feb 2022		
	Sarah May	Bexar County Public Defender Office
	Sara Jones	Orleans Public Defenders
	Alexis Chernow	Orleans Public Defender
SWB - Feb 2022		
	Natalie Presler	Office of the Ohio Public Defender
Warrior Motion Practice - April 22		
	Clare Schum	Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate
	Brittany Van Rite	Wisconsin Public Defense
	Mallory Harwood	Law Offices of the Public Defender (NM)
	Tamara Scull	Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy
The Critical Examination of Client Mitigation		
	Alex Frost	The Capital Appeals Project
	Erica Duggan	Choosing Justice Initiative
	Christina Sanders	Public Defender
	Lyndon Boyd	Snohomish County Public Defender Association
	Eric Johnsen	Snohomish County Public Defender Association
	Jill Anderson	Snohomish County Public Defender Association
	Julia Newbold	Snohomish County Public Defender Association
	Lindsey A Sandoval	Alternate Defense Counsel
	Heidi Derryberry	Licensed Private Investigator
	Elizabeth Barnes	Augusta Circuit Public Defender Office
	Alexandria Macedo	Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC)
	Lynn Panepinto	--
	Michel Coconis	Coconis Investigations and Research
	Lita Tangitau-Sanft	--
	Chelaina Crews	Snohomish County Public Defender Association
	Madeline Hall	The Second Look Project
	Cecilia Bruni	The Second Look Project
	Randi Balderama	Fresno County Public Defender Office
	joanna jacquez	--
	Courtney Taylor	Whatcom County Public Defender
	Miranda McAleavey	Wisconsin (staff)
	Maiyah Rose	Maryland Office of the Public Defender
	Nathan Bajema	Whatcom County Public Defender
	Abigail Goldman	Whatcom County Public Defender
	Ryan Gray	Whatcom County Public Defender
	Keah Beeftu	The Second Look Project
Investigations Matter		
	Loren Villa	Maryland Office of the Public Defender
	Mileti Afuhaamango	San Francisco Public Defenders Office
	Hilda Adame	Law Offices of the Public Defender (NM)
	Maren Felde	State of Wyoming Office of the State Public Defender
	Shantel Rodriguez	Ingham County
	Danielle Schulte Lewis	Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender
	Marc Toomey	State Board of Indigents' Defense Services
	Marlena Ragland	Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy
	Emma Vasta-Kuby	Second Look Project
	Jennifer Smith	Law Offices of the Public Defender (NM)
	KC Quirk	Law Offices of the Public Defender (NM)
	Destiny Fullwood	The Second Look Project
Critical Examination		
	Kesha Cotton	GPDC
	Brittney Williams	Washtenaw County Public Defender
	Jim Manning	Gray Hair Solutions, LLC
	Jeff Whiteside	Committee for Public Counsel Services
	Kristin Pendley	KY DPA Capital Trials
	Randi Balderama	Fresno County Public Defender Office
	Wayman Harris	Monroe County Public Defender
	Emily Schuerman	Lone Star Justice Alliance
Effective Coaching		
	Sara Jones	Louisiana Public Defender Board
	Jillian Aja	Pima Public Defense Services
Forensics		
	Julius Cruz	Kern County Office of the Public Defender
	Jeanette Sternberg Lamb	Colorado Judicial

2022 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 2022.

Rosa Parks Courageous Leader

$250,000 or more

Gideon's Trumpeter

$5000 or more

Thurgood Marshall Advocate

$1000 - $4999

Catherine Clarke
Ed Monahan
Suzanne Sherr
James Bethke
Phyllis Subin

Freedom Fighter

$100 - $499

Anthony Benedetti
Julie Mudd
Lorinda YoungCourt

Sixth Amendment Litigator

$25 - $99

2022 Various Donations

The NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc received donations from other sources as well in 2022.

Bonfire T-Shirt Sales

$6,825.40

Ernie Lewis Fundraiser via Facebook

$$2,052

Amazon Program

$188.78

Outstanding Contributed Services

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

Issac Merkle designed and built the NAPD Fund for Justice, Inc. website and mail services.

Issac Merkle, IT Guru Extraordinaire, Knoxville Public Defender's Office

Holland & Knight's Eddie Williams and Morris Miller provided substantial pro bono legal assistance for the 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.

Morris Miller, Partner Holland & Knight LLP

Eddie Williams, Partner Holland & Knight LLP

The Fund's Governance

Highly experienced professionals and client-centered public defense leaders.

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.

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.

Stephen F. Hanlon
President

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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 Director of the National Defender Leadership Institute (NDLI).

Cait Clarke
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.

Fred Friedman
Board Member

Former 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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Jim Bethke
Board Member

Director / Managed Assigned Counsel Office / Bexar County, Texas.
In November 2021, Bethke was appointed as the Director of the newly created Managed Assigned Counsel Office, Bexar County, Texas. The office provides needed support to appointed attorneys and applies evidence-based strategies that are client-centered to enhance outcomes. He serves on the Board for the National Association of Public Defense Fund for Justice and Chairs the Board for the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs.

He is the former Director of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, Harris County Justice Administration, Harris County Pretrial Services, and the Lubbock Private Defender Office. He also served as an Adjunct Professor at Texas Tech University School of Law.
Formerly a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and was part of a team of legal experts from France, Spain, and the United States charged with conducting an independent review and assessment of the International Criminal Court's legal aid system at the Hague.
He is a past chair of the Juvenile Law Exam Commission for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow. He is a U.S. Army veteran from the 101st Airborne Division, is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler and the Texas Tech University School of Law.

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Twyla Carter
Board Member

Twyla Carter (she/her) serves as the Attorney-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer of The Legal Aid Society, becoming the first Black woman and first Asian American to lead the organization in its 145-year history. Prior to joining Legal Aid, Carter was the National Director of Legal and Policy at The Bail Project (TBP), a national nonprofit organization that pioneered a national movement to bring free bail assistance and pretrial support to thousands of low-income people every year. At TBP, Carter created the department's strategic mission and directed the legal, policy, and advocacy efforts at the federal, state, and local levels.

Carter has also served as a senior staff attorney in the Criminal Law Reform Project at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) national office, where she litigated local and state bail inequities and right-to-counsel protections in the federal courts and designed alternative bail and representation policies and procedures for targeted jurisdictions. Prior to working at the ACLU, Carter was a public defender for ten years. She was the Misdemeanor Practice Director for the King County Department of Public Defense in Seattle, where she oversaw all misdemeanor casework across the four divisions of the department. As a Staff Attorney at The Defender Association, Carter handled felony and misdemeanor trial caseloads, represented juveniles, and appealed misdemeanor convictions. She won a published decision from the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division One, in State v. Green, which affirmed the due process rights of parents accused of trespassing in public schools. Against the backdrop of the legislative attacks against the teaching of white supremacy and anti-Black racism in schools, Carter serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors of The Who We Are Project. Founded by Jeffery Robinson, a renowned expert on the role of racism in the criminal legal system, the project aims to correct the social, legal, political, and economic aspects of racism in the United States through educational materials, including through a feature-length documentary entitled Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America. Carter is admitted to practice law in New York, Washington State, and numerous federal courts. She is a nationally recognized expert on bail reform and is a frequent speaker on all aspects of the criminal legal system, including police reform, right-to-counsel issues, and how to incorporate race and culture into criminal, death penalty, and civil cases. Carter received an associate degree from Seattle Central Community College, a bachelor's degree from Seattle University, summa cum laude, and a J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law.

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Hilary Potashner
Board Member

Hilary Potashner is a partner at Larson LLP, having previously served as the former Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California. As the chief defender, she was responsible for leading the largest defender's office in the country and overseeing the representation of thousands of individuals facing federal charges in magistrate and district court. Now in the private sector, Hilary defends individuals facing charges in both state and federal court in a wide range of matters, including conspiracy, wire fraud, bank fraud, healthcare fraud, bankruptcy fraud, and other complex cases. She earned her J.D. from UC Hastings College of Law and her A.B. from Duke University. A Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the recipient of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Criminal Justice Section's "Defense Attorney of the Year" award for 2020, Hilary is an active member of several impactful committees, including the Ninth Circuit Trial Improvement Committee; the Systems Builders Committee of the National Association for Public Defense; and the Local Rules Advisory Committee of the Central District of California. She is on the Board of Directors for and the former president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is a member of the Chancery Club of Los Angeles, and serves on the Steering Committee of Just the Beginning—A Pipeline Organization, a non-profit dedicated to promoting the advancement of young adults from underrepresented backgrounds in the legal profession.

Lori James-Townes is the Executive Director of the National Association of Public Defense. Lori has over 25 years of clinical practice, leadership, and management experience. Lori's prior experience includes serving as the Director of Social Work, Leadership, and Program Development at the Maryland Office of Public Defender (which has more than 800 employees). For the past 2 years, she has led the planning of NAPD'S Women's Conference each year attracting over 800 women who work in every area of public defense.

Lori James-Townes
Board Member

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Chanta Parker
Board Member

Chantá Parker is a Partner with the Management Center where she helps social justice leaders learn how to build and run organizations effectively, equitably, and sustainably so that they deliver exceptional results toward their missions. Prior to joining the Management Center, Chantá served as the founding Managing Director of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Detroit, where she stood up an entire office of 50+ employees from scratch, developed an inaugural training program for all staff, and cultivated a robust leadership team for the organization. Chantá has over fifteen years of criminal defense experience, having worked as a supervising attorney in the Criminal Defense Practice of the Legal Aid Society's Brooklyn office, and as a felony trial attorney with the Orleans Public Defenders.

Chantá also served as the Special Counsel for New Initiatives at the Innocence Project, helping the organization address racial bias and the crisis in indigent defense.

Chantá is nationally recognized for her expertise regarding training, management, and supervision of public defenders. Chantá is a faculty member for Gideon's Promise and for the National Association of Public Defense's Executive Leadership Institute. Chantá also serves as the Board Secretary of the Essie Justice Group, a sisterhood of women with incarcerated loved ones, where she has shepherded the growth of Essie from its inception and shares its commitment to justice, Black liberation, and women's leadership. Chantá is a Women's Media Center SheSource expert and a 2015 Council of Urban Professionals Fellow. In 2020, Chantá was named one of Crain's Detroit 40 Under 40 for her work establishing NDS Detroit. Chantá holds a BA in African American History from Spelman College and a JD from the New York University School of Law.

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Rodney Ellis
Board Member

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 the 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 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.

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