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# INTRODUCTION TO THE American Bar Foundation

The American Bar Foundation (ABF) is a research institute committed to the principle that a deep understanding of the law is vital to a more just, equitable world. We conduct rigorous, empirical research that explores the intersection of law and society—creating insights that address today’s most pressing issues and affect millions of people every day. Our staunchly independent and proudly interdisciplinary approach yields nonpartisan and actionable research that people and institutions use to shape laws, inform policy, and influence society at large. The ABF is committed to the broad dissemination of its research findings to the organized bar, scholars, and the public. These findings are published in a wide range of forums, including leading academic journals, law reviews, and academic and commercial presses.

## MISSION

The ABF seeks to expand knowledge and advance justice through innovative, interdisciplinary, and rigorous empirical research on law, legal processes, and legal institutions. To further this mission, the ABF will produce timely, cutting-edge research of the highest quality to inform and guide the legal profession, the academy, and society in the United States and internationally.

## VALUE OF DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

The ABF is committed to fostering a robust intellectual community that expands knowledge and advances justice through rigorous empirical and interdisciplinary research on law, legal processes, and legal institutions. Diverse voices and perspectives are a key part of our commitment to research with the capacity to inform the public and policymakers.

## RESEARCH FACULTY

The research program of the ABF is implemented through projects designed and conducted by the members of the ABF’s resident research faculty. ABF Research Professors are among the leading scholars in their disciplines, which include anthropology, economics, history, law, political science, psychology, and sociology. A research project is undertaken only after the completion of an extensive review process. The internal review committee, an external review panel, the Research Committee of the ABF Board of Directors, and ultimately the full ABF Board must conclude that the proposed study will make a significant contribution to the field and that the research can be carried out with the appropriate standards of integrity, human subject protection, and scholarship.

## FUNDING

The ABF extends special thanks to the American Bar Endowment (ABE). The American Bar Endowment’s grant of \$3,697,357 in fiscal year 2023-24 makes the ABE the ABF’s largest supporter. Founded in 1942, the ABE is a charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of justice in the United States by funding research, educational, and public service projects in the field of law. ABA members who participate in the ABE’s group insurance programs can contribute to these efforts. Those members who participate in the ABE’s insurance plans and allow the ABE to retain dividends payable on the group insurance policies provide essential support for the ABE’s grant program.

The ABF would like to thank all ABA members who participate in ABE insurance plans and donate their dividends, along with the ABE, for the valuable funding they have provided.

Other supporters include the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation and private foundations and government agencies that award grants to support specific research projects and ABF programs. The ABF is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

## THE FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation is an organization of lawyers, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars who have been elected by their peers to become members of the Fellows because of their outstanding achievements in the legal profession. The Fellows support the research work of the ABF through their annual contributions and sponsor seminars and events of direct relevance to leaders of the legal profession.

# Executive Director's Letter

As I reflect on my first full year as Executive Director of the American Bar Foundation (ABF), I am deeply grateful for the support, wisdom, and dedication of our faculty, staff, and leadership. Transitioning into this role has been both rewarding and illuminating, and I appreciate the generosity and guidance that have helped me to navigate this new chapter.

The past year has been a defining one for the ABF. With the launch of our 2024–2029 Strategic Plan, we are charting a bold course for the future—reinforcing our commitment to sociolegal research while positioning the ABF for lasting impact. This plan is the result of a deeply consultative, multi-stage process involving our faculty, staff, and board, culminating in a clear and thoughtful roadmap to guide us forward.

Our Strategic Plan focuses on five key areas: Fostering Community, Advancing Research, Refining Operations, Enhancing Communication, and Expanding Resources. At the heart of this plan is a vision of the ABF as both a cornerstone and a wellspring of the global sociolegal research community. By reinforcing our operational foundations and enriching our intellectual climate, we aim to build the ABF's internal strength and extend the ABF's external reach—to foster dialogue, inspire innovation, and guide policy and practice worldwide. To read more about our strategic priorities, please see page 6.

Even as we plan for the future, we remain firmly committed to our longstanding mission: to produce world-leading empirical research that expands knowledge and advances justice. This year's scholarship spans a wide range of vital issues. Carol Heimer is publishing her latest book on law and health, examining the global regulation of the HIV/AIDS pandemic (with lessons for subsequent pandemics as well). Stephen Daniels is completing a capstone manuscript on alternative legal professionals. Tom Ginsburg is constructing the first publicly available database on the legal characteristics of the world's myriad international organizations. Reuben J. Miller is embarking on a project to trace the long arc—and current-day legacy—of Black freedom across continents and eras. These projects, among many others, reflect our faculty's commitment to timely, rigorous, and impactful scholarship on law, legal practice, and legal institutions.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our donors and partners. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the American Bar Endowment and the Fellows of the ABF, whose generosity fuels our research, extends our reach, and amplifies our impact. Your belief in our mission makes this work possible.

As we look to the coming year, we are energized by the opportunities before us. Guided by our new Strategic Plan, we are hiring new faculty, launching new research projects, and sparking new conversations about today's most pressing legal and social issues. I'm excited for what lies ahead—and grateful to be on this journey with such accomplished and intrepid companions!



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Mark C. Suchman', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**MARK C. SUCHMAN**

Executive Director and Research Professor

# American Bar Foundation Strategic Plan, 2024-29



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present the Highlights from the American Bar Foundation Strategic Plan. This plan emerges from an extensive deliberative process, led by the Strategic Planning Executive Committee (SPEC), which ensured broad representation from across the ABF community. Throughout every stage, we worked together—board, faculty, and staff—to foster transparent, open, and candid conversations across the ABF's diverse constituencies. The resulting plan both celebrates the ABF's many strengths and sets out an ambitious agenda for future innovation and growth.

**Mark C. Suchman**  
Executive Director and Research Professor

**Sandra J. Chan**  
Board President



To view more Highlights from the American Bar Foundation Strategic Plan, scan the QR code.

"This strategic plan is the result of an open and transparent process that included input from all areas of the ABF. We are immensely grateful to everyone who contributed. The input we received has been instrumental in shaping a plan that will drive our work forward."

**Sandra J. Chan**

# OUR GOALS

Five overarching goals guide us toward our vision, ensuring that all aspects of our organization work in harmony.

## 1 FOSTER COMMUNITY

The ABF seeks to cultivate a vibrant and inclusive environment in which all feel valued. By enhancing internal dialog and expanding global outreach, we aim to solidify our role as a hub and a home at the core of the socio-legal field.



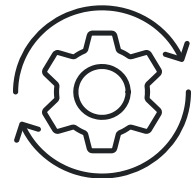
## 2 ADVANCE RESEARCH

The ABF seeks to pioneer transformative socio-legal research that brings new perspectives and new evidence to bear on pressing topics of scholarly and public concern. Through strategic hiring, collegial collaboration, and dedicated mentorship, we strive to expand knowledge and advance justice.



## 3 REFINE OPERATIONS

The ABF seeks to optimize its operations, enhancing efficiency, coordination, and transparency while preserving creativity and adaptability. By clarifying processes, establishing robust metrics, and anticipating future challenges and opportunities, we aim to strengthen the ABF as an agile organization where innovation and predictability can thrive in tandem.



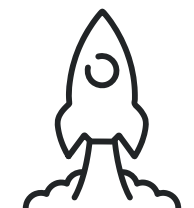
## 4 ENHANCE COMMUNICATION

The ABF seeks to elevate its communication efforts to ensure that its groundbreaking research reaches and resonates with as wide an audience as possible, in the academy, the bar, the bench, and beyond. By streamlining internal workflows and expanding external outreach, we intend to broaden our visibility and deepen our impact on policy, practice, and public discourse.



## 5 EXPAND RESOURCES

The ABF seeks to intensify and diversify its development efforts, to deepen support and increase funding for both our research and our outreach. By reinforcing our ties to the bar, growing our Fellows program, and broadening our sources of gifts, grants, and other support, we aim to secure our resilience, elevate our research, and amplify our impact.



# Highlights

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### **The ABF Receives Annual Grant of Nearly \$3.7 Million from the American Bar Endowment (ABE) for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year**

The ABE awarded the ABF with its annual grant for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The grant supports the ABF's interdisciplinary and empirical research.



Former ABF Interim Executive Director Bryant Garth was presented a check from the ABE at the ABA Annual Meeting.



Presidential Speaker Series participants. From left to right: Jimmy Goodman; Mary L. Smith, ABA President; Martin Scorsese; Chief Standing Bear of the Osage Nation.

## NOVEMBER 2023

### **ABF President Jimmy Goodman Interviews Martin Scorsese and Chief Standing Bear of the Osage Nation for ABA Presidential Speaker Series**

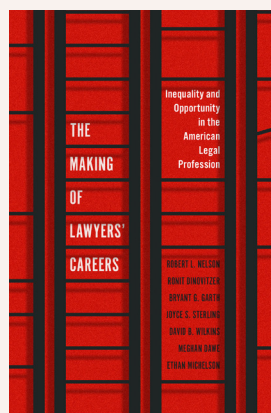
Goodman, who has advised Oklahoma's Native American Nations on federal Indian law throughout his career, interviewed Scorsese and Chief Standing Bear of the Osage Nation about the film *Killers of the Flower Moon*. They discussed how legal and systemic corruption led to the exploitation and theft of the Osage's wealth during the 1920s.

## 2023

## OCTOBER 2023

### **The Making of Lawyers' Careers: A Twenty-Year ABF Study Reveals Systemic Inequality in the Legal Profession Still Exists**

After twenty years of research, the After the JD project researchers published their capstone book, *The Making of Lawyers' Careers: Inequality and Opportunity in the American Legal Profession*. The book provides a data-backed examination of the structure of the legal profession and the inequalities faced by lawyers across race, gender, and class distinctions.



*The Making of Lawyers' Careers: Inequality and Opportunity in the American Legal Profession*

(University of Chicago Press, 2023)

## JANUARY 2024



### **The ABF Access to Justice Research Initiative and NORC Receive \$2 Million Award from Bureau of Justice Statistics**

The ABF and NORC at the University of Chicago were selected to develop a new civil legal needs survey, which will explore Americans' civil justice experiences and the intersection of criminal and civil justice in their lives through a nationally representative survey.



**FEBRUARY 2024****Mark Suchman Appointed Professor of Sociology at Purdue University**

Suchman has joined Purdue University through its Moveable Dream Hires program. He will continue his research and teaching on law, innovation, and entrepreneurship while strengthening institutional and intellectual ties between the ABF and Purdue.

**JULY 2024****Jacob Goldin Awarded the 2024 Donald M. Ephraim Prize in Law and Economics from the University of Chicago**

The Ephraim Prize honors early-career scholars who show exceptional potential to advance the field of law and economics. “I’m honored and grateful to receive this prize,” Goldin said. “There is so much exciting work being done in law and economics these days; it’s a great community to be a part of.”

**ABF Unveils 2024-2029 Strategic Plan to Expand Knowledge and Advance Justice**

The ABF adopted its 2024-29 Strategic Plan, aimed at furthering its mission to expand knowledge and advance justice through sociolegal research. The plan builds on the ABF’s more than seven decades as the world’s leading research institute for the empirical and interdisciplinary study of law.

**2024****MARCH 2024****The ABF Hosts Second Biennial William C. Hubbard Conference on Law & Education at Stanford Law School**

The ABF hosted the second biennial Hubbard Conference at Stanford Law School. This year’s conference focused on the ABF’s After the JD project and other topics related to legal education and career studies. Also in March, the ABF produced a Hubbard Conference webinar titled “Democracy at Risk,” with experts discussing democratic decline and the role of education and critical thinking in reversing this trend.



William C. Hubbard gives his opening remarks for a panel discussion about the biggest challenges facing the legal profession, and what could be done to respond.

Credit: Ann Pikus (2024)



Laura Beth Nielsen and Robert L. Nelson at the 2023 LSA Annual Meeting.

Credit: Rob Zambrano (2023)

**Special Issue of *Law & Society Review* Celebrates Laura Beth Nielsen’s Outgoing Presidential Address to the Law & Society Association**

The spring issue reflected on Nielsen’s outgoing presidential address, titled “Relational Rights,” where she discussed the future of law and society scholarship. Multiple scholars, including Research Professor Reuben J. Miller and Visiting Scholar Kamaria B. Porter, provided commentary on her vision in this issue of *Law & Society Review*.

# Research Impact

For more than seventy years, the ABF has conducted rigorous, groundbreaking research to inform and guide the legal profession, the academy, and society in the United States and internationally. The ABF's research is divided into three categories.

**Learning and Practicing Law** projects analyze legal education and the lives of legal professionals; **Protecting Rights and Accessing Justice** projects study the role of law in protecting vital rights and the ways that people access the justice system; and **Making and Implementing Law** projects analyze the way that laws are created, implemented, and enforced.

[READ MORE ABOUT OUR PROJECTS](#)



## LEARNING AND PRACTICING LAW

### SUMMARIZING A TWENTY-YEAR RESEARCH STUDY ON THE CAREERS OF LAWYERS

The **After the JD** project—led by **Robert L. Nelson** and **Bryant Garth**, and with a research team including **Meghan Dawe**, **Ronit Dinovitzer**, **Joyce Sterling**, **David B. Wilkins**, and **Ethan Michelson**—completed a twenty-year research study into the careers of lawyers admitted to the bar in 2000, offering an unprecedented account of their professional development and personal challenges through surveys and in-depth interviews. In *The Making of Lawyers' Careers*, researchers found that (1) racial discrimination persists in career advancement, (2) the gender wage gap exists in all stages of lawyers' careers, even in the first few years after law school, and (3) student debt and repayment disproportionately burdens Black law students. Despite these challenges, 78% of the cohort reported being moderately or extremely satisfied with their decision to become a lawyer.



Traci Burch moderates a panel discussion at the Fellows CLE Program at the ABA Annual Meeting titled "Challenges to Democracy in 2024."

Credit: Alex Koscher, 2024.

### DISCOVERING ALTERNATIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO SOLVE THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE CRISIS

The gap in access to justice is wide and shows no signs of narrowing. In response, academics, activists, and policy makers have mobilized around a greater role for nonlawyers in the civil justice system, which ensures all individuals have a means



Tom Ginsburg moderates a panel on free speech at the University of Chicago in his capacity as the cofounder of the Forum for Free Inquiry and Expression.

Credit: University of Chicago, 2024.

of seeking justice regardless of social status. In **Alternative Legal Professionals**, **Stephen Daniels** outlines four issues contributing to the access to justice crisis: (1) affordability of legal services, (2) declining law school enrollment, (3) lack of access to services in rural areas, and (4) quality of legal education in preparing young lawyers to serve clients. Daniels identifies a potential solution in the growing number of alternative legal professional programs, referred to as Licensed Paralegal Practitioners or Legal Paraprofessionals, which give nonlawyers license to perform certain law-related work without attorney supervision.

### STUDYING HUMAN-RIGHTS LAWYERS AND THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOMS IN CHINA

In 2015, the Chinese government initiated a widespread campaign against human rights lawyers, leading to the detainment of more than three hundred lawyers, disappearances, imprisonment and loss of lawyer licenses. Lawyers who continue to directly challenge the Chinese state still encounter persecution and pressure from Chinese authorities. **Terence Halliday** studies how these lawyers have adapted to persecution and repression to carry on their struggle for basic legal freedoms. Building on **Criminal Defense in China**, this study investigates how these lawyers rely on networks, religious faith, and international support from media, rights organizations, and the organized bar in their continued fight against an illiberal political society and legal system.

### UNDERSTANDING THE BARRIERS FOR ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, anti-Asian sentiments and violent attacks dominated news feeds. It was against this backdrop that **Ajay K.**

**Mehrotra** and **Hon. Goodwin Liu** led the second wave of a study of Asian Americans in the legal profession: **Portrait Project 2.0: Asian Americans in the Legal Profession**. Since the first wave in 2017, researchers found promising increases in the number of Asian American federal judges, general counsels, and US Attorneys. However, Asian American lawyers continue to have the highest attrition rates and the lowest ratio of partners to associates at major law firms. They similarly lack leadership roles in many other parts of the American legal profession. Survey respondents cited lack of formal leadership training, inadequate access to mentors, and lack of recognition for one's work as the three most significant obstacles to advancement.

### ANALYZING THE EXPERIENCES OF LAW PROFESSORS IN THE U.S.

In a time where law schools and law professors are under constant public scrutiny, **Elizabeth Mertz**, **Katherine Barnes**, **Frances Tung**, and **Meghan Dawe** sought to explore the experiences of law school professors and how their post-tenure professional lives are affected by the intersections of race, gender, and status. The first project, **Senior Status, Gender, and Race in the Legal and Liberal Arts Academies**, concluded that race and gender still affect job satisfaction, inclusion, and perceptions of fairness in the tenure process for US law professors. Women of color feel the most excluded while white men feel the most included. In the follow-up project, **The Language of Law Professors**, Mertz is developing new ways to study the voices of law professors from traditionally excluded backgrounds through a fine-grained analysis of the language they use to talk about their experiences.

"Although policies that allow jurors to see premortem photographs of victims might be intended to humanize all victims, those policies might have the unintended consequence of increasing the disparities in the treatment of White victims and victims of color."

#### Janice Nadler

The Probative Versus Prejudicial Effect of Gruesome Photographs in Court

### DECIPHERING LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN SEXUAL VIOLENCE CASES

University students who experience sexual violence while at school are profoundly affected, including, on average, a GPA decline of a full letter grade. While Title IX should protect against the adverse effects of sexual violence, with **Consent to Sex on Campus**, **Laura Beth Nielsen** found that the average undergraduate has a limited understanding of their school's Title IX policies regarding sexual assault. Her research also explores how recent attempts to dismantle accountability and protect perpetrators of sexual violence have undermined Title IX enforcement. Nielsen appeared in major media to discuss her work on law and sexual violence, including *PBS Newshour*, *Vice*, and *Inside Higher Ed*.

### TRACING THE ORIGINS OF RACE AND CRIMINALIZATION IN WOMEN'S COURTS

**Tera Agyepong's** research traces the emergence of women's courts and carceral institutions in the early 20th century United States. Her project, **Constructing Feminized Courts and Carceral Institutions**, centers on four states: Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, and California. Through archival research, she is uncovering the evolution of these courts' institutional practices, which developed into the modern criminal justice system. Notably, Black women and girls were the majority—and at times the exclusive—demographic processed in these courts. Agyepong's works in progress will outline how these institutions played a critical role in shaping racialized criminality.

### STUDYING SYSTEMS THAT AFFECT POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT LEVELS

Concerns about the state of political engagement have dominated media coverage and political agendas. **Traci Burch** explores two pivotal aspects of this discourse. **Policing and Political Participation** aims to address the lack of knowledge scholars have on how policing affects voter turnout and political protest. She finds through national survey data that when young Black men and women are exposed to incidents where the police kill Black victims who posed a low threat, it tends to increase their interest in politics and voter turnout. However, it may discourage them from participating in riskier forms of engagement, such as protests. In **Verification of Voter Eligibility**, she studies how voting verification laws can function as a form of voter suppression. By documenting the eligibility verification processes, Burch reveals how these processes create barriers to voting for specific demographic groups.

### MEASURING THE IMPACT OF CORPORATE ENDORSEMENT FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE

In an era where large corporations are increasingly engaged in politics, taking stances on various social and political issues and encouraging their audiences to take related action, **Janice Nadler** seeks to understand how these corporations effectively sway public support. Under her research project **Public Opinion, Private Governance, and the Influence of Source Credibility**, Nadler has studied this phenomenon by examining whether corporations' appeals to animal welfare concerns may lead their audiences to increase their awareness of the issue. Nadler argues that these kinds of corporate endorsements can decrease political polarization and create support for state and national legislation that would mandate such practices.

### TRACKING THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF PARENTAL INCARCERATION ON FAMILY OUTCOMES

It's been shown that Black children are six times as likely as white children to have had a parent in prison, a statistic correlated with higher drop-out rates and worse educational outcomes. In **Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Parental Imprisonment, Investment in Families and Schools, and Child Inequality**, **John Hagan** and **Holly Foster** examine the long-term effects of mass incarceration on

Black families, focusing on racial disparities in youth profiling and punishment. Among the early findings, heavier policing of schools in segregated neighborhoods amplifies perceptions of police bias, particularly among Black men. This shadow of policing extends into adulthood, increasing Black men's risk for lifelong social and financial challenges. This research offers critical policy implications for criminal justice reform and racial equity.

### UNDERSTANDING LANDLORD RESPONSES TO TENANT PROTECTION LAWS

The COVID-19 pandemic brought attention to longstanding housing affordability challenges impacting American renters, prompting the proliferation of new tenant protection laws throughout the country. **Anna Reosti** studies how landlords are responding to this evolving legal environment in her project, **Regulating the Crisis**. Most recently, she and her coauthors analyzed the impact of Seattle's tenant protection laws on small-scale, "mom-and-pop" landlords and low-income tenants. Contrary to pervasive claims that these policies will harm small-scale landlords and undermine housing affordability, their research found no evidence that the policies drove these landlords out of the market. Moreover, they found that small-scale landlords were less likely to rent to low-income tenants than landlords with larger portfolios. These findings emphasize the need to empirically scrutinize the narratives shaping housing policy in many jurisdictions.

### STUDYING THE EXPERIENCES OF EXPERTS IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Scientific and engineering experts play a central role in modern litigation. Yet identifying, recruiting, and making the most productive use of competent experts with relevant expertise is a challenge for attorneys and the legal system. In their research project, **Science and the Legal System**, **Shari Diamond** and her collaborator **Richard Lempert** have surveyed both academic researchers and professional consulting experts, as well as trial attorneys, to understand what experts and attorneys look for from each other and what they experience in their interactions. The research finds that a majority of scientists, contrary to common belief, are willing to assist. It also reveals the obstacles that can undermine the success of that collaboration, as well as reforms that can potentially optimize the use of scientific experts.



Laura Beth Nielsen speaks with *PBS Newshour* anchor Anna Nawaz about the high-profile sexual assault case by E. Jean Carroll against former President Trump. Credit: PBS, 2023.

### EXPLORING THE LEGACY OF BLACK FREEDOM IN FORMER SLAVE SOCIETIES

**The Least of These: Violence, Freedom, and the Promise of a New World** examines the enduring impact of Black freedom across four major slave economies: the US, the UK, Nigeria, and Cameroon. In this innovative study, **Reuben J. Miller** will draw from his own family lineage and lived experiences to create a rich historical narrative that traces the efforts of Black collectives and their allies in building societies free from bondage, both before and after Black emancipation. Miller aims to answer how ideas of freedom were defined, how law and public policy incorporate or exclude formerly enslaved Black people and other categories of people drawn into the slave economy, how these decisions shaped institutions of punishment and care, and what lessons can be learned to build a more just and equitable world.

### UNDERSTANDING THE INFLUENCE OF LEGAL NARRATIVES AND PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY OF LEGISLATION

**Jothie Rajah's** research explores the evolving relationship between legal accessibility and public perception in a changing legal landscape. In **Rule of Law Discourses**, she explores the changing meaning of the “rule of law,” which refers to the principle that all individuals and institutions are accountable to and governed by laws that are fairly enforced. In her recently published book, *Discounting Life*, Rajah reveals how legal frameworks evolved after 9/11 to justify extrajudicial killings and the death of innocent civilians in the War on Terror while the US government simultaneously created narratives to cultivate fear and support for this asymmetrical warfare. In her latest project, **Branding Law**, Rajah assesses legislators’ attempts to simplify the language in federal laws and whether these efforts genuinely improve the public’s understanding, better aligning legislation with democracy.

### INTERPRETING BUDDHISM'S INFLUENCE ON ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

**Buddhism and Comparative Constitutional Law** is the first comprehensive investigation of the ways Buddhism and constitutional ideals have interacted in the legal systems of Asian countries, such as Japan, Korea, China, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar. **Tom Ginsburg** collaborated with an international, interdisciplinary team of experts,

“I think the solution to a lot of the dilemmas I saw in my research is to invest much more heavily in raising the standard of healthcare that’s available around the world. Rather than simply focusing on finding drugs that are safe and effective and worrying about narrowly defined rights to parity in research programs, more attention needs to be given to creating broader programs for basic public health.”

**Carol Heimer,**  
The Legal Transformation of Medicine

including scholars from Asian countries where Buddhism is practiced, in the resulting book project *Buddhism and Comparative Constitutional Law*. The book explores historical and contemporary examples of the “Buddhist-constitutional complex,” in which constitutionalism and Buddhism mutually shape—and are shaped by—one another.

### INVESTIGATING THE INNER WORKINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

In our increasingly globalized world, international organizations—like WHO, NATO, and WTO—are charged with addressing our most pressing global challenges, such as climate change, pandemics, and refugee crises. These organizations are often under scrutiny for their capacity to foster cooperation among nations to promote global stability. To gain greater understanding of how these organizations function—and how they might function more effectively—**Tom Ginsburg** is conducting research to create a public database detailing organizations’ powers, voting rules, and decision-making processes. **Legal Characteristics of International Organizations** will offer insights into these organizations’ impact on democracy and their relationship with international law, contributing to a clearer understanding of their role in fostering global stability.

## TRACING THE HISTORY OF THE US SUPREME COURT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS

The US Supreme Court is facing increased public scrutiny regarding its role as a foundation of American democracy. Recent actions in areas like civil rights, reproductive rights, and gun control, as well as the terms and elections of its Justices, have raised concerns that the Court has overreached and taken actions that reflect partisan concerns over national interests. **Christopher W. Schmidt** is conducting a historical analysis of the US Supreme Court's relationship with various extrajudicial actors over the past century—from presidents to public interest groups to everyday citizens. In **Our Court**, Schmidt asks why, in the period from 1930 to today, the Supreme Court evolved from an institution that was generally understood as standing apart from American society to an institution that politicians and the public treat as an integral component of American political and cultural life.

## STUDYING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ADDRESS GLOBAL HEALTH CRISES

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become evident that our existing global public health programs are ill-equipped to address and prevent international health crises. **Carol Heimer**'s research delves into global health issues and the impact of standardizing medical care via laws and regulations through the study of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. **The Legal Transformation of Medicine** examines the challenges that arise when well-intentioned rules from developed nations are applied in resource-constrained settings in South Africa, Uganda, and Thailand. This application of regulations that are blind to situational or cultural differences often leads to complications in healthcare delivery. Drawing from extensive field studies, her upcoming book sheds light on the intricate dilemmas faced by clinicians as they navigate these regulations while striving to provide immediate and effective care.

## RESEARCHING THE EFFECTS OF GRUESOME EVIDENCE IN COURTROOMS

The widespread use of cellphone cameras has led to an influx of emotionally charged visual evidence in legal trials, yet the impact of such evidence on juries

remains understudied. In her project **The Probative Versus Prejudicial Effect of Gruesome Photographs in Court**, **Janice Nadler** examines how individuals and groups respond to gruesome photos and videos in mock trials. A recently published empirical study by Nadler and coauthors found that instead of closing racial empathy gaps, presenting pre- and postmortem photographs of victims may worsen racial bias. White mock jurors were more likely to feel moral emotions for White victims but not for Black and Latina victims. Although policies allowing jurors to see premortem photographs aim to humanize all victims, they may unintentionally increase disparities in how White victims and victims of color are treated.

## REVIEWING US TAX HISTORY TO UNDERSTAND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Many politicians, lawmakers, and everyday Americans subscribe to the myth of the “overtaxed American.” In reality, the United States lags behind other advanced, industrialized nations in the total amount of taxes raised relative to national income. One reason is because the US lacks a VAT tax, a national consumption tax applied at each step in the supply chain where value is added to increase a product's price. Many countries use this tax to fund robust social-welfare spending, like healthcare and education. **Ajay K. Mehrotra** established **The VAT Laggard** to understand this absence throughout US history and its impact on social spending and economic inequality.

## REGULATING TRUST IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

With the rise of digital news, social media, and financial technologies like cryptocurrencies and blockchain, abuses of trust like disinformation on social media or imploding cryptocurrency exchanges pose unique regulatory challenges. **Trust 2.0: Law, Social Control, and New Technologies of Trust** examines the evolving legal and self-regulatory landscape that has arisen alongside increasingly virtual fiduciary or trust relationships. In surveying this landscape, **Susan Shapiro** also highlights opportunities—and potential pitfalls—of exploiting new technologies like content moderation, algorithms, and blockchain protocols to maintain trust in these settings.

# Research Professors



## Tera Agyepong

**Joint Appointment:** Associate Professor of Legal History and African American History, DePaul University

**ABF Research Project:** Constructing Feminized Courts and Carceral Institutions: Gender, the Legal Regulation of Race, and the Making of Modern Criminal Justice



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**ABF Research Projects:** After the JD: A National Study of Lawyer Careers; The Hero and the Monsignor: Law, Sexual Violence, and the Catholic Church





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**ABF Research Projects:** Branding Law: Genre, Rule of Law, and U.S. Federal Public Legislation; Rule of Law Discourses



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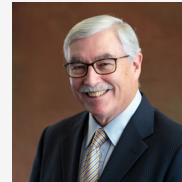


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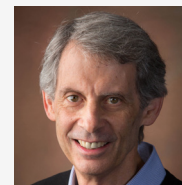
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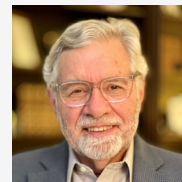
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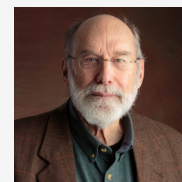
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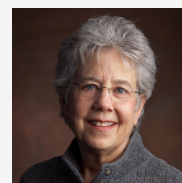
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**ABF Research Project:** Trust 2.0: Law, Social Control, and New Technologies of Trust

# Law & Social Inquiry



The ABF sponsors *Law & Social Inquiry* (LSI), a quarterly peer-reviewed journal of international standing. LSI examines pressing sociolegal issues across multiple disciplines, including anthropology, criminology, economics, history, law, philosophy, political science, sociology, and social psychology. Submitted manuscripts are reviewed by the LSI editorial team and then sent out to expert scholars in a double-blind peer review process. The journal's combination of empirical and theoretical scholarship and critical appraisal of the latest sociolegal scholarship makes LSI an indispensable source for legal scholars and practitioners. ABF scholars play a critical role in maintaining LSI's excellent standards for sociolegal scholarship through their service as editors, peer reviewers, and authors.



## 2024 GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION WINNER

**Walter G. Johnson**  
PhD candidate, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University

### **"It's (Not) Just Semantics: 'Neurotechnology' as a Novel Space of Transnational Legal Governance"**

LSI holds an Annual Student Paper Competition for graduate students, which includes a monetary prize and publication of the winning paper.

The winning article shows how individuals and organizations shape legal spaces through boundary work, excluding some stakeholders while favoring others in lawmaking agendas. The case study supports the argument that what is being regulated can influence who creates the laws and how they're made. Johnson's work on neurotechnology exposes the complexities of emerging transnational legal regimes.

## MOST CITED LSI ARTICLE OF 2023-24

### **"Justices and Political Loyalties: An Empirical Investigation of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, 1987–2020"**

*LSI 49-2 (May 2024)*  
**Björn Dressel, Tomoo Inoue, and Cristina Regina Bonoan**

This article examines the Philippine Supreme Court's behavior since the return to democracy in 1987, focusing on "loyalty effects" during President Duterte's regime. Analyzing data from seventy major political cases and the sociobiographic profiles of sixty-eight justices, the authors found that justices appointed by a president tend to vote in favor of that administration, particularly in their early years. This article highlights the implications of these results for the fragile democracy in the Philippines.

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# Access to Justice Scholars Program

The ABF/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholars Program, directed by ABF Faculty Fellow and MacArthur Fellow Rebecca Sandefur and in partnership with the JPB Foundation, supports an annual cohort of scholars engaged in empirical access to civil justice research projects. By facilitating the translation of research into policy and practice, the program promotes and amplifies effective approaches to reducing poverty and inequality in the United States and beyond while also growing a network of empirical access to justice scholars.

## 2024–25 SCHOLARS



### Cassie Chambers Armstrong

is Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. Chambers Armstrong will compare civil protective order processes in rural and urban courts and their similarities and differences.



### Amy Widman

is Professor of Law at Rutgers University. Widman will explore non-lawyer representation in administrative decision-making, analyzing what these justice workers do, how their work is regulated, and how it is understood by other hearing participants



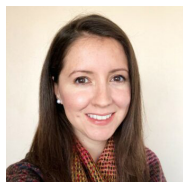
### Alyse Bertenthal

is Associate Professor of Law at Wake Forest University. Bertenthal's research project will explore access to justice issues that surface in environmental courts and tribunals across the United States.



### Danny Wilf-Townsend

is Associate Professor at Georgetown Law. Wilf-Townsend will examine the use of bank account garnishment as a debt collection tool in civil litigation in state courts.



### Deisy Del Real

is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California. Del Real will examine how different immigration policies and political contexts impact Venezuelan migrants' legalization process and socioeconomic incorporation into the United States, Colombia, Chile, and Argentina.

## RESEARCH UPDATES FROM ALUMNI

### "Access to Justice at the Intersection of Civil and Criminal Laws"

*Punishment & Society* | Special Issue: Access to Justice

**Kathryne M. Young, Karin D. Martin, and Sarah E. Lageson**

Millions of Americans face civil justice challenges, such as wage theft, medical debt, and housing issues, alongside some form of criminal record. These entangled systems create barriers to access to justice yet are often studied in isolation. As coeditors of a special issue of *Punishment & Society*, Young, Martin, and Lageson spotlight how these systems' interactions shape people's chances of receiving just outcomes.

### "'It Is Here We Are Loved': Rural Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice"

*Law & Social Inquiry*

**Michele Statz**

Rural economic marginalization in the United States creates gaps in employment, affordable housing, health care, and education, putting individuals at high risk for legal need. Yet many rural regions are also "legal deserts" with few attorneys. Statz explores how rural tribal and state court judges in the Midwest use "active judging"—in which judges step away from a traditional passive role to assist unrepresented parties—to assist unrepresented litigants.

# Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs

The ABF's Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is dedicated to fostering the next generation of scholars in law, social science, and higher education. Fellows benefit from both financial and institutional support to complete their dissertations or book projects under the guidance of ABF faculty mentors and alongside a cohort of peers at like career stages. Regular workshops provide a forum for feedback on works in progress while practice job talks offer the opportunity to refine presentations within a community of scholars looking at issues in law and society from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives.

The Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program also opens doors to lifelong professional and personal connections within a global network of scholars who have come through the ABF and its programs. Past Fellows have built on their experiences at the ABF and drawn on this network to move on to promising careers, including as tenure-track professors, legal professionals, and applied researchers.

**ABF/LSA/NSF Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Inequality**, with support from the Law & Society Association and the National Science Foundation, encourages research on the study of law and inequality.

**ABF/Northwestern University Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Social Science** encourages research on law, the legal profession, and legal institutions.

**ABF/University of Chicago Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Social Science** encourages research on law, the legal profession, and legal institutions.

**ABF/AccessLex Institute Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships in Legal & Higher Education** encourages research on issues of access, affordability, and value in legal and higher education.

## DOCTORAL FELLOWS



**Heba Alex** (PhD candidate, Sociology, University of Chicago) researches questions about the relationship between citizenship and rights, differentiation struggles within groups, and categorization and evaluation processes.



**Oscar Cornejo Casares** (PhD, Sociology, Northwestern University, conferred 2024) studies the long-term effects of undocumented status on immigrants in the Chicagoland area.



**Reyna Hernandez** (PhD candidate, Sociology, University of Chicago) analyzes the effects of wrongful conviction and incarceration.



**Brandon Honoré** (JD/PhD candidate, Sociology, Northwestern University) investigates the construction of zoning and land use regulations and the impact on life in cities.



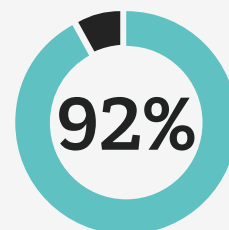
**Portia Jin Xiong** (JD/PhD candidate, Anthropology, Northwestern University) studies the structural barriers for Asians to access equal opportunities and inclusion in legal education and the profession.

## POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS



**Sonya Rao** (PhD, Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles) researches the state of training for law students and early career attorneys to work across languages in immigration courts.

## PROGRAM ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



of fellows from 2008 to 2020 have been placed at a university in a tenure-track position.

# Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program offers students the opportunity to spend a summer at the ABF exploring the field of sociolegal research and observing law practice in the private and public sectors. Since 1988, a highly competitive application process has brought more than more than 150 undergraduates from across the country into the program. Each fellow works closely with an ABF Research Professor, affording them the opportunity to be mentored by and take part in sociolegal research with experienced scholars. Fellows also gain unparalleled insight into a career in law through site visits to Chicago law firms, social justice nonprofits, legal clinics, and law schools.

"As someone who has never had a lawyer in the family or been exposed to what the legal profession could entail, it was so refreshing and rewarding to hear about the intricacies of practicing law. I also became more interested in research as the fellowship progressed, and I understood the true value in conducting sociolegal studies. The law is deeply entangled in the fabric of the world we live in; just one way of looking at the law isn't enough to understand it, and having a combination of other methods in your toolbox to understand the law is extremely powerful."

**Judy Zhang** (2023 Fellow)  
Project Analyst, Mintz

## 2024 FELLOWS



**Giovanna Calderon** (*California State University, Los Angeles*) worked with Research Professor and Executive Director Mark C. Suchman on his research considering the legal environments of business activity.



**Ethan Chen** (*University of Chicago*) worked with Research Professor Ajay K. Mehrotra on his research projects studying tax law and policy, as well as diversity in legal education and the profession.



**Katherine Gottemoller** (*University of Notre Dame*) worked with Research Professor William H. J. Hubbard on his economic analysis of litigation, courts, and civil procedures.



**Andrada Nicolae** (*Columbia University*) worked with Research Professor Tom Ginsburg on his project considering the legal characteristics of international organization.



**Mikayla Woods** (*Occidental College*) worked with Research Professor Christopher Schmidt on his research project outlining the history of the US Supreme Court and its relationship with the American people since 1930.

## SURF ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**30%** are working in the legal profession, either as lawyers, paralegals, or legal interns.

**8%** are professors in law schools or universities.

**10%** are CEOs, founders, presidents, or executive directors of their respective organizations.

**12%** are currently pursuing a bachelor's, master's, JD, PhD, or are in an academic fellowship.

# The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation comprise a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and to the welfare of their communities.

Established in 1955, Fellows support the research of the ABF through annual contributions and donations to funds. They also sponsor seminar programs on topics of direct relevance to the legal profession. Membership in the Fellows is by invitation only and limited to 1% of licensed attorneys.

## NATIONAL EVENTS

The Fellows held several events during the 2024 ABA Midyear Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. **Shari Seidman Diamond** was the featured ABF Researcher at the Midyear Continuing Legal Education (CLE) session, which was titled “Experts in Court: The Challenges for Science and Law” and focused on the relationship between expert witnesses and the legal system. The panel also featured **Hon. Brian Edwards** of the Jefferson County Circuit Court and **Gregory Bubalo** of Becker Law Office, with National Fellows Chair **Laura Farber** moderating.



From left to right: Darrell G. Mottley, John M. Rosenberg, Suzette Malveaux, Laura V. Farber, and Frank X. Neuner, Jr. honor the awardees at the 68th Annual Fellows Awards Banquet and Reception in Louisville

Later that night, the Fellows gathered for the Opening Reception at the 21c Museum Hotel, with special thanks to Gold Sponsor **Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz** and Silver Sponsors **Hahn & Hahn** and **Crowe & Dunlevy**.

Saturday featured a Fellows Tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum and the 68th Annual Fellows Awards Reception and Banquet, with keynote remarks from **John M. Rosenberg**, a Holocaust survivor, civil rights activist and founder of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund. The Fellows celebrated the contributions of the following honorees:

Outstanding Service Award: **Suzette Malveaux**

Outstanding State Chair Award: **Michael Hernandez**, Illinois

Outstanding Scholar Awards: **Michael McCann**

Distinguished Life Fellow Award: **Joanne Martin**

Special thanks to Silver Sponsors **Kirkland & Ellis** and **Franczek** and Bronze Sponsors **Hahn & Hahn**, **Sandra J. Chan** and **Gary Yoshimura**, and **Banner Witcoff**.

In the following weeks, the Fellows hosted ABF Affiliated Research Professor **Dylan C. Penningroth** for a National Webinar on his newest book *Before the Movement: The Hidden History of Black Civil Rights*. His presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session moderated by ABF Research Professor and past Executive Director **Ajay K. Mehrotra**.

The Fellows also hosted receptions at the Association of American Law Schools's Annual Meeting in January and at the National Bar Association's Annual Convention in July.

The Fellows convened in Chicago, Illinois for the 2024 ABA Annual Meeting. This meeting's CLE, titled “Challenges to Democracy in 2024,” featured early findings from ABF Research Professor **Traci Burch**'s work on barriers to voter participation. Additional panelists included **Ray Block, Jr.**, Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies at the Pennsylvania State University; **Alexandra Filindra**, Associate Professor of Political Science and Psychology at the University of Illinois Chicago; and **Brandon Jones**,

## FELLOWS RECAP: 2023-24

# 539

new Fellows

# 518

Fellows completed  
their pledges

# 88

Fellows featured  
in the news

Director of Political Campaigns at the Southern Poverty Law Center and SPLC Action Fund. The weekend continued with the Opening Reception at the Chicago Architecture Center, with appreciation extended to Gold Sponsor **Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz** and Bronze Sponsor **Sandra J. Chan and Gary Yoshimura**. The Annual Business Breakfast featured keynote remarks from attorney, Innocence Project exoneree, and author of *Redeeming Justice* **Jarrett Adams**. The Fellows thank Silver Sponsor **Hahn & Hahn** for their generous support of the breakfast.

## STATE EVENTS

The New York Fellows hosted several events, including a presentation by Professor **Patricia E. Salkin**, where she discussed her book *May it Please the Campus: Lawyers Leading Higher Education* and led a question-and-answer session with a panel of distinguished lawyer presidents that have led New York City's colleges and universities.

ABF Research Professor **Susan Shapiro** spoke to Missouri Fellows during a Fellows Breakfast event in conjunction with the Missouri State Bar meeting, where she presented "Crypto Fever and the Betrayal of 'Trustless Trust.'"

The Minnesota Fellows held a dinner where they had a presentation from environmental attorney Rob Bilott, who was involved in the "forever chemicals" settlement with 3M and Dupont. Oklahoma Attorney General **Gentner Drummond** joined Oklahoma Fellows for a presentation at the Oklahoma State Bar Annual Meeting.

As the Louisiana State Bar held their midyear meeting, the Louisiana Fellows gathered for breakfast to hear from **Hon. Darrel Papillion**, US District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana and former Louisiana State Chair. He shared his presentation, "A View from the Other Side: What the New Judge Sees," a discussion on his first six months as a federal judge.

Additional regional Fellows events were hosted by the State Chairs of Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Washington, DC.

## 2023-24 FELLOWS OFFICERS



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**Darrell G. Mottley**  
Immediate Past Chair of  
the Fellows  
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"I am honored to be included among some very good lawyers who are dedicated to improving the law, our society, and our communities. There are a fair number of lawyers who have been recognized, rightly, for their legal acumen and accomplishments. Being a Fellow means that you have also given back and spent a good amount of time helping to make our profession and the world better places."

**Loren Kieve,**  
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# Life Fellows Contributions to the American Bar Foundation

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A Life Fellow who contributes an aggregate of **\$25,000** will be named a **Visionary Fellow**.

A Life Fellow who contributes an aggregate of **\$17,500** will be named a **Leadership Fellow**.

A Life Fellow who contributes an aggregate of **\$10,000** will be named a **Benefactor Fellow**.

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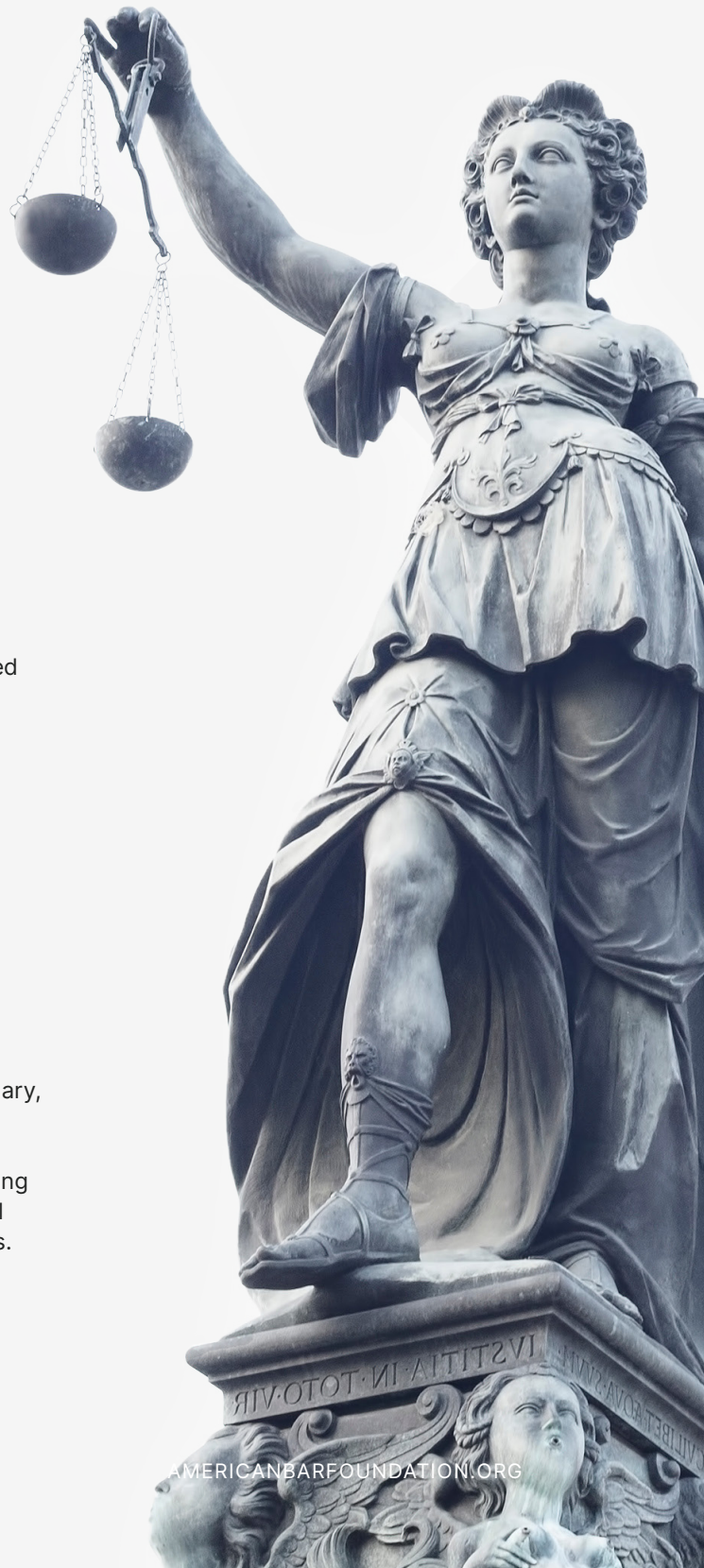
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<u>Giving Level</u>	<u>Annual Giving Amount</u>
Philanthropist Fellow	\$1,000
Visionary Fellow	\$1,000
Leadership Fellow	\$1,000
Benefactor Fellow	\$500
Patron Fellow	\$500
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We extend our appreciation to the many Philanthropist, Visionary, Leadership, Benefactor, Patron, and Sustaining Life Fellows who invested in the ABF between **September 1, 2023, and November 30, 2024**. Their generosity furthers the longstanding culture of philanthropy that has supported the ABF's empirical research. Contributions can be pledged over a period of years. Life Fellows who contribute annually at the Sustaining Life Fellow Level and higher are recognized in the ABF Annual Report, at Fellows events, and on the Fellows website.





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# Financial Report and Allocation of Funding

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2023 and 2024

	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,560,794	\$ 1,494,774
Long-term investments	33,227,434	30,139,209
Right-of-use lease asset	3,273,856	3,798,515
Receivables and other	4,009,939	3,951,510
Prepaid expenses	41,586	91,269
Property and equipment	43,807	76,501
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 42,157,416</b>	<b>\$ 39,551,778</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	507,757	413,596
Deferred revenues and refundable grant advances	460,405	453,336
Lease liabilities	3,531,543	4,043,339
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,499,705</b>	<b>\$ 4,910,271</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	23,630,922	21,634,563
Donor Restricted	14,026,789	13,006,944
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 37,657,711</b>	<b>\$ 34,641,507</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 42,157,416</b>	<b>\$ 39,551,778</b>

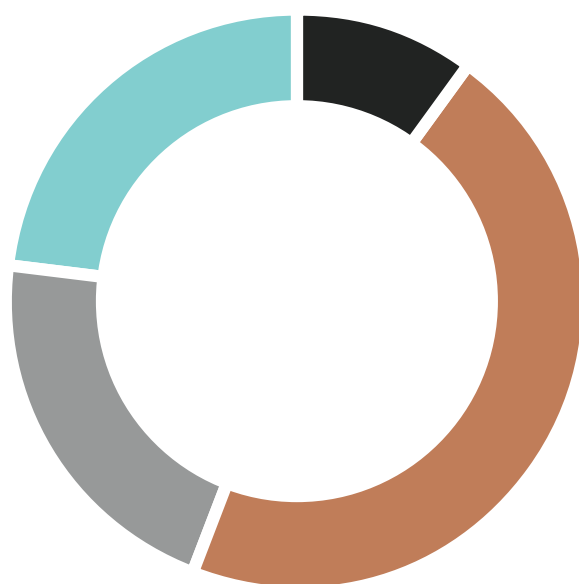
**Note:** This information is abstracted from the ABF's 2023 and 2024 financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2023 and 2024

	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
<b>Revenues</b>		
American Bar Endowment grant	\$ 3,697,357	\$ 3,684,288
The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation	2,088,632	2,238,249
ABF Endowment annual spending allowance	1,014,420	980,000
Grants, contributions and other support	1,570,228	1,180,716
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 8,370,637</b>	<b>\$ 8,083,253</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Research activities	4,203,917	3,764,938
Fellows' services	476,048	525,135
<i>Law &amp; Social Inquiry</i> Journal	131,152	124,374
Academic affairs and fellowships	723,945	801,583
Development and fundraising	828,435	717,518
Administration and facilities	2,015,779	2,124,337
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,379,276</b>	<b>\$ 8,057,885</b>
<b>Results from Operations</b>	<b>\$ (8,639)</b>	<b>\$ 25,368</b>

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- 10%** Learning and Practicing Law
- 46%** Protecting Rights and Accessing Justice
- 21%** Making and Implementing Law
- 23%** Other Programs



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