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Dear Judge Burnside,

As the new Director of Development and PR, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and, more importantly, thank you for your generous support of the Ohio State Bar Foundation.

I grew up on the West Coast and moved to Columbus in 2010 to do what I thought was a short-term assignment. I fell in love with the Midwest and decided to make Ohio my home. I joined the OSBF in July after spending two years as the Chief Marketing Officer for the Ohio State Bar Association. There I had the privilege of witnessing first-hand the tremendous impact lawyers can have on their communities.

To better understand my job, I began a deep dive into the Foundation's grant-making archives. As I researched the previous grants we have awarded past recipients, I discovered that your support of the Ohio State Bar Foundation has had far-reaching impact across Ohio.

Last year, the Ohio State Bar Foundation awarded almost \$1 million in grants. This included a 2019 grant where we awarded \$118,000 to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education to fund their statewide programs, including Ohio Mock Trial, We the People and Moot Court. These programs provide high-quality civics and law-related content to teachers and students throughout Ohio.

Through support like yours, we granted \$65,000 to the Ohio State Legal Services Association to expand a youth law project, which provides advice, counsel and representation to young adults. The grant also expands training and advocacy for community providers and courts working with those transitioning out of foster care.

All of this would not have happened without you. Your dollars made a big difference.

I found other examples of the impact your support has had on organizations throughout the state:

- The grant to expand Veterans' Treatment Courts in every county and large municipality in the state.
- The grant to provide courses for prospective volunteer attorneys interested in providing pro bono assistance to underserved populations.
- The money awarded for skills-based training techniques designed to assist new lawyers in developing fundamental practice skills to become competent trial advocates.



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I found example after example, story after story of the tremendous influence your financial support has made to the OSBF's grantmaking recipients. You have affected non-profits—and the lives they support—around the state through your giving.

Like a series of waves on the surface, your act of giving continues to ripple out, positively transforming those in need.

*“Even the smallest ripples can create waves for big change.
The future is up to us. We need to make some ripples.”*

~OSBF Fellow

So thank you for your support. For your philanthropic inclination. For your mindfulness in what happens in legal communities in cities and counties throughout the state of Ohio.

Of course, you know I wouldn't be doing my job as Development Director if I didn't ask for your support once again. We need people like you who are committed to working with us side-by-side to help improve the justice system and educate all Ohioans on the rule of law. We can't do this alone.

Next year, the Foundation will receive more requests from Ohio organizations in need. **Please consider giving a gift today so that we may continue the work that we all care about.**

 Your gift may be sent to the OSBF by using the enclosed return envelope, or, if you prefer, you can make your gift online by visiting us at OSBF.org, or by calling me at 614-487-4477.

I will look forward to meeting you so that I may personally thank you for all that you have done for Ohio.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kincaid
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