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Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner



Marquette University Law School Dean Howard Eisenberg exemplified the best in the legal profession by consistently maintaining an active and prodigious pro bono law practice. In his honor, WEJF will recognize two individuals for their lifetime achievement in the delivery and development of pro bono legal services at the **18th Annual**

Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner.

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021

Time: 5:30 Reception
6:30 Dinner & Awards

Place: Saint Kate, The Arts Hotel
139 East Kilbourn Avenue

Awards: **Distinguished Service Award** honors a dedicated legal services staff person and the **Lifetime Achievement Award** honors someone who has a career history of promoting the provision of civil legal services in Wisconsin.

Yes, I wish to support WEJF and the 2021 Eisenberg Dinner! (Please indicate sponsorship level above).

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Legal Action of Wisconsin, Disability Rights Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Judicare are often the last line of defense for low-income citizens facing homelessness, domestic violence, unemployment, and devastating poverty.

Equal access to justice is not only a major underpinning of our democracy, it also saves money. Across the country, study after study has found that investing in civil legal aid provides millions of dollars of savings on things like court costs, foster care placements, evictions, and health care. (<https://law.marquette.edu/facultyblog/2017/04/11/saving-by-investing-in-civil-legal-aid/>). For example, Pennsylvania saw a \$154 million savings, which was four times the state's investment in civil legal aid. In New York, the savings totaled \$1 billion in one year, more than five times the money spent on civil legal aid.

In Wisconsin, legal aid attorneys at WEJF member organizations see this impact each day. For example, Judicare attorney Andrew Yamanaka Belter recently obtained a reimbursement from the IRS on behalf of his client. When contacted by Attorney Belter, the IRS quickly realized their error and issued a reimbursement to his client. Without legal help to navigate the IRS system, considerable time and resources would have been spent by both parties in attempting to resolve the issue.

About the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund

Since 1997, WEJF has raised over \$6.4 million to support civil legal aid for low-income families, individuals, and the disabled in Wisconsin. We are the only private fundraising effort for three of the state's largest legal aid providers:

- **Legal Action of Wisconsin (legalaction.org)** serves the 39 southern counties of the state and provides legal services in the areas of public benefits, health law, driver's licenses, family law, housing, education, and employment.
- **Wisconsin Judicare (judicare.org)** works with the private bar in the northern 33 counties of Wisconsin to provide pro bono civil legal services. Services are provided in areas of law such as public benefits, consumer, housing, health, family, and tribal law.
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin (drwi.org)** is Wisconsin's designated protection and advocacy agency for people with disabilities. DRW's free legal services protect and enforce civil rights and provide access to justice for people with disabilities. As a nonprofit legal services agency, DRW is independent of state government and direct service providers.

Your donation is the only stable, sustainable funding for these programs. Private unrestricted funding from generous WEJF donors is of utmost importance to these agencies when seeking federal grants. Often, an agency applying for a federal grant must show that it has received private matching funds. **Our member providers can often turn \$1 of WEJF funds into \$4 to \$10 of additional funds from grants.**

With unstable funding from other sources, it is crucial that every lawyer and law firm in Wisconsin make civil legal aid a priority. Your early and generous support is crucial.

Please give generously today.