



Dear colleague,

We, the undersigned past Presidents and current President of the State Bar of Michigan, write to you today to encourage your support for civil legal aid. As attorneys, we bear a unique responsibility to the broader community, as we know that the right to legal representation should not be a privilege reserved for the few, but a right accessible to all. This [Giving Tuesday](#), we urge you to give to the [Access to Justice Campaign](#), a centralized fundraising effort, administered by the Michigan State Bar Foundation in partnership with the State Bar of Michigan, to increase resources for 14 regional and statewide civil legal aid programs in Michigan.

Nearly 1.7 million Michigan residents qualify for civil legal aid. For these low-income individuals and families, access to an attorney is a powerful tool that can mean the difference between stability and chaos, security and uncertainty. Legal aid provides vital services by:

- Preventing the loss of homes by evictions and foreclosures
- Ensuring family stability
- Protecting survivors of domestic violence
- Removing barriers to employment through expungements

As presidents of the State Bar of Michigan, we know the impact we can make when we come together as a community. In 2023, Michigan attorneys gave approximately \$1.2 million to the ATJ Campaign. We urge you to help increase this amount for 2024

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LEGAL AID

131,059 
INDIVIDUALS IN
HOUSEHOLDS HELPED



97.56%
POSITIVE
OUTCOMES ACHIEVED
IN CASES INVOLVING REPRESENTATION



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and [give today](#). Your gift will help ensure that justice is within reach for every Michigander.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued dedication to the tenets of our profession. Together, we can make justice accessible to all.

For additional information about the campaign, please visit www.atjfund.org.

Sincerely,

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