



Access to Justice Campaign Update October 8, 2004

Over \$156,000 in Gifts Announced at Grand Rapids Corporate Reception: On September 22, over fifty leaders from West Michigan businesses and law firms gathered at the Peninsula Club in Grand Rapids for the West Michigan ATJ Corporate Reception. More than \$156,000 in gifts was announced for the ATJ Fund, including a \$25,000 gift from The Paul Goebel Group. The reception was organized under the direction of State Bar of Michigan past president, Scott Brinkmeyer and planning committee honorary chair, Robert Woodrick, D&W Food Centers, Inc. who gave inspiring remarks and presented a personal contribution to the ATJ Fund. An Honorary Host Committee included many corporate representatives enlisted by Brinkmeyer.

2004 Donor Acknowledgement Book Published: The latest ATJ Acknowledgement Book showing 2003 contributors, cumulative giving clubs, honors, tributes and memorials and other information about the 2003 Campaign can be seen at http://www.michbar.org/programs/ATJCampaign/pdfs/donor_acknowledg04.pdf. Contact staff for copies.

Fourth Round of ATJ Fund Grants Awarded to Six Nonprofit Agencies: On September 30, 2004, the Michigan State Bar Foundation awarded the fourth round of grants from the Access to Justice Fund. See attached media release for additional information.

Legal Services of Northern Michigan Announces its “Drive for Twenty-Five” Endowment Campaign: In a continued effort to strengthen and expand services to the poverty population of the North, Legal Services of Northern Michigan recently announced its campaign to establish the Legal Services of Northern Michigan Endowment Fund. To establish this endowment, LSNM will generate a minimum of \$25,000 through the ATJ Campaign over the next three years, after which only a portion of the fund’s interest will be available for spending, while the remainder will revert to principal to continually grow the fund over time.

Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan to Participate in Detroit Free Press Marathon: On October 24 NLSM (originally Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services) and Jeff Nutt will lead a team of runners and walkers with pledges to the ATJ Fund designated for the operations of NLSM.

Race for Justice Set for October 30: The Race is on for Saturday and will be held at Belle Isle. Details will follow.

Dues Statement Appeals Underway: Postcard appeals urging lawyers in Regions 1 (UP), 2 (northern lower MI), and 9 (SW), to support the ATJ Fund through a dues statement contribution were mailed in late August. The ACLU is appealing to lawyers in SE Michigan and including a dues statement suggestion. Dues gifts are being processed now.

Statewide Campaign Leadership Meeting: The ATJ Statewide Campaign Leadership Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 4:30 p.m. Legal aid providers are encouraged to work with the local SCC leader to coordinate fundraising activities.

Southeast Michigan ATJ Corporate Committee To Host Reception: On November 11, the SE Michigan ATJ Corporate Committee will host a reception for leaders of the metropolitan Detroit legal community, including corporate counsel and the heads of large law firms. Taking place at the Detroit Athletic Club, the reception will thank corporate and large law firm donors to last year’s ATJ campaign and urge the legal profession and the corporate community to join in supporting Access to Justice. Attorney General Mike Cox will be the event’s special guest.