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# The CBF Abraham Lincoln Circle of Justice

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“Knowing the CBF’s proven record of meeting challenges head on, I was happy to accept the invitation to join the Lincoln Circle. Helping ensure that the CBF can continue its important work to bring about meaningful change to our justice system — closing the gap in access for people who would otherwise be shut out — is an important part of meeting my responsibilities as a lawyer to our community and I am proud to be part of that effort.”

BRIAN W. DUWE

*CBF Lincoln Circle Member | Chicago Managing Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*

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# The CBF *Lincoln Circle of Justice*

The CBF Abraham Lincoln Circle of Justice is a prestigious group of lawyers, judges and others who have embraced their role as leaders in our profession to carry on Lincoln's legacy and commitment to equal access to justice. Lincoln Circle members make a difference in the lives of people who depend on the legal system for their safety and security by making generous contributions to support The Chicago Bar Foundation's longer-term strategic initiatives.

Lincoln Circle funding fuels the CBF's efforts to make significant longer-term systemic improvements in access to justice for people in need. Through our partnerships with Chicago area pro bono and legal aid organizations, the

courts, the bar, and other stakeholders, the CBF's efforts ultimately help thousands of individuals and families in our community who need access to critical legal assistance. These might be people who are at risk of losing their home, who are trying to protect their ability to provide and sufficiently care for their children, or who are desperate for a chance to escape from abuse and neglect, among many others.

**For more information about joining the CBF Abraham Lincoln Circle of Justice, please contact Hollis Hanover at 312-554-1209 or [hhanover@chicagobar.org](mailto:hhanover@chicagobar.org). To join the Lincoln Circle online or for more information about the CBF and our efforts in the community, please visit [www.chicagobarfoundation.org](http://www.chicagobarfoundation.org).**

## Become a Member

Members of the Lincoln Circle make their commitment to the long-term sustainability of the CBF's mission by contributing at one of three levels below or by making a multi-year pledge (up to 5 years) for such a contribution:

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<b>Platinum:</b>	\$10,000 annually <i>\$50,000 pledge over 5 years</i>
<b>Gold:</b>	\$5,000 annually <i>\$25,000 pledge over 5 years</i>
<b>Silver:</b>	\$2,500 annually <i>\$12,500 pledge over 5 years</i>

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“Making a real difference in people’s lives is what counts for me when I make a contribution to an organization. I want to give back in ways that help others who are not as fortunate as I have been. For me, joining the CBF Lincoln Circle was absolutely a solid investment, and a great way for me to really help change the lives of people who find themselves reliant on the legal system for their safety, security and a chance for a better life.”

NATALIE SPEARS

*CBF Lincoln Circle Member | Partner, Dentons US LLP*

## Making a Difference

The support of our Lincoln Circle members has provided the capital for the CBF's leadership in a number of systemic improvements in access to justice over the past five years, a few of which are highlighted here. These examples illustrate the difference a new Lincoln Circle pledge could bring over the next five years at a time where a record number of people are in need of legal aid.

- Our community's court system is much more accessible for people without lawyers thanks to a growing network of legal advice desks in the federal and state courts and the Circuit Court of Cook County's Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program; these efforts collectively help more than 60,000 people each year.
- Chicago's pro bono and legal aid organizations have more diverse sources of funding (through federal and local government; the legal community; cy pres awards; and other foundations), are part of a better coordinated delivery system, and have more resources available to support and advance their work.
- Dedicated lawyers are better able to pursue and remain in careers in legal aid thanks to improved legal aid salaries, significant new loan repayment assistance programs, and expanded training and professional development opportunities through the CBF Legal Aid Academy.
- A variety of innovative new pro bono projects make it possible for hundreds of volunteer lawyers to assist scores of people in need of legal help in significant new ways.
- Chicago's legal community is more engaged and more comprehensively involved in this work — the engine for all of the other advances noted here — with individuals, law firms, corporate legal departments and other entities contributing much more financially towards this cause; doing more pro bono work in a greater variety of ways; and more effectively using their influence in making the case for equal access to justice in the courts and in government at all levels.

“As lawyers, it's up to us to take the lead in ensuring that the justice system works for everyone and the CBF Lincoln Circle gives leaders from our community a unique opportunity to come together to tackle the systemic issues impacting access to justice.”

DAN WEBB

*CBF Lincoln Circle Member, Chairman, Winston & Strawn LLP*

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# Lincoln Circle Members

(as of January 13, 2014)

The Chicago Bar Foundation is extremely grateful for the commitment made by the members of the CBF Abraham Lincoln Circle of Justice and all of the dedicated supporters who make our work possible.

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George Brode\*  
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The Honorable Abraham Lincoln Marovitz\*  
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*\*posthumous contributions*

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