Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends:

This year, even despite further pandemic-fueled disruptions and uncertainty, the Boston Bar Association has much to be proud of. We have continued to adapt to meet the evolving needs of our members, the profession, and the community. The BBA remains a vibrant legal network built on justice, community, education, and inclusion, and a respected voice in the Greater Boston community.

Our online program offerings continued, with live webinars and on-demand videos and podcasts reaching more than 10,000 members. We also saw the return of in-person networking receptions for the first time since March 2020, and hosted dozens of events to bring in-house counsel and firm attorneys from various industries together.

We continued to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession. Our DEI Summer Fellowship program provided paid employment and mentorship to 10 local law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. In addition, we amplified the voices and experiences of lawyers of color through the publication of a Special Edition of the Boston Bar Journal, highlighting the latest DEI challenges and opportunities facing our profession and community.

The BBA also remained committed to advocacy within the profession. We successfully advocated for substantially increased funding for civil legal aid alongside our partners at the Equal Justice Coalition, helping secure $41 million for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation in FY23 - a $6 million increase over the current budget. And the $165 million IT bond bill we supported will greatly expand the judiciary’s operational efficiency, security, and accessibility. We also filed several amicus briefs focused on improving the administration of justice and bolstering the right to counsel and supported legislation to improve CORI-sealing process.

It was also a banner year for the Boston Bar Foundation, which granted a 15-year-high of $1,285,000 to 29 local organizations working to provide legal services to the most vulnerable populations in and around Boston, an increase of three grantees from last year. Our annual Adams Benefit saw record proceeds totaling more than $900,000, and our Beacon Awards experienced record attendance.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless work of my fellow Executive Committee and Council members, BBF Trustees, Section and Forum leadership, and the BBA’s countless volunteers, partners, donors, and members. Your unceasing support has allowed the BBA to continue serving its members and our community and strengthened the BBA’s reputation as a respected thought leader and steady presence in the Greater Boston community and beyond.

Sincerely,

DEBORAH J. MANUS
PRESIDENT, BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION 2021-2022
To our Donors, Members, Volunteers and Community Partners:

This past year was one of growth and change for the Boston Bar Association and Foundation. The 2021-2022 program year saw the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, and another year of adjusting to the new normal, and finding ways to connect virtually, and safely in person when possible. Despite the continued uncertainty, the Boston Bar Foundation experienced one of its most productive years in recent memory, which is entirely thanks to our dedicated volunteers, members, and donors.

In May, we finally returned to the Museum of Fine Arts for the first in-person John & Abigail Adams Benefit in two years. Over 1,000 individuals joined us for the highest-grossing Benefit in history, raising over $900,000. Thanks to the Benefit’s success, the BBF was able to grant $1.285 million to 29 legal services organizations—the largest granting amount in over 15 years. The work done by these organizations helps improve access to justice for those who are most in need, while advancing racial justice and equity in our community.

With the support of our sponsor firm partners, we were also able to provide funding for ten paid summer fellowships for law students at public interest law offices throughout the city through our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Summer Fellowship Program.

We also supported over 25 pro bono trainings, impactful programs like the newly launched Career Fair aimed at connecting students from historically excluded populations with small and mid-sized firm employers, and granted $12,000 in special funding for the purpose of creating a civil legal aid directory to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in collaboration with the MA Access to Justice Commission.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President of the Boston Bar Foundation for the past two years. While I never expected to serve as President of the BBF through a pandemic, what I have witnessed over the past two years has been a true testament to the strength and generosity of the legal community here in Boston, and I am proud to have been a part of the work of the Boston Bar Foundation and our partners. I hope that you will read on to learn more about our work, the impact of our programs, and discover opportunities to engage—and join us again in person at 16 Beacon Street.

Sincerely,

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2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION IS A VIBRANT LEGAL NETWORK BUILT ON JUSTICE, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, AND INCLUSION. WE CONTINUE TO ADAPT TO MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS, THE PROFESSION, AND THE COMMUNITY.

WEBINARS & ONLINE PROGRAMS
kept thousands of members informed, as they participated virtually to stay on top of the latest developments in the law and practice, client needs, and industry news.

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS. BROADENING NETWORKS. MAKING INTRODUCTIONS.
Events and receptions brought people together in-person for the first time in two years, with networking and social events for law firm attorneys and in-house counsel, new lawyers, solo practitioners, and law students.
OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

THE ADAMS BENEFIT
raised a record $900,000+, breaking fundraising records and raising critical funds for the BBF’s work in the community. The event welcomed more than 1,000 guests for an inspirational evening at the MFA where Damian Wilmot, SVP and Chief Legal Officer of Vertex, was honored with the Public Service Award.

HONORING LEADERS IN DEI
at the Beacon Awards for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, the BBA welcomed the largest crowd in the event’s history. The event took place at the Artists for Humanity Epicenter to recognize DEI change leaders and support the growth and sustainability of the BBA’s DEI programs and initiatives.

NEW LAWYERS
found social events, programs, bar exam prep courses, job resources and connections with career coaches at the BBA this year, helping them connect with peers and experts in this changing profession.
2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The Boston Bar Foundation awarded its **HIGHEST GRANTING TOTAL** in 15 years—granting $1,285,000 to 29 organizations that provide legal services to the most vulnerable populations in and around Boston. The BBF also granted $12,000 in special funding to create a civil legal aid directory for private foundations and businesses to connect with and support legal aid programs in their communities.

THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

expanded from six to 10 paid positions in public interest law offices throughout the city, providing valuable employment opportunities and mentoring to students of color and from historically underrepresented backgrounds.
OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

Through partnerships with BBF grantees, the BBA trained hundreds of lawyers to

TAKE ON PRO BONO CASES
to help landlords and tenants impacted by the eviction crises, protect veterans benefits, provide administrative CORI sealing services to those seeking a second chance at employment and assist those seeking a pathway to citizenship.

BBA Members advocated for

INCREASED FUNDING FOR CIVIL LEGAL AID
alongside our partners at the Equal Justice Coalition, helping to secure $41 million for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation in FY23 - a $6 million increase over the current budget.

The BBA made its voice heard through

AMICUS BRIEFS
that focused on improving the administration of justice and bolstering the right to counsel, supported legislation to improve CORI sealing, and advocated for greater inclusion in government via the Language Access and Inclusion Act.
EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Providing virtual programming for our members to stay up-to-date on legal developments and practice updates.

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Bringing members together for business development opportunities and social networking.
SIGNATURE CONFERENCES RETURN TO A LIVE FORMAT

CONNECTING LAWYERS & INDUSTRY

We hosted industry-based conferences that provided unique, immersive educational and business development opportunities for members. These virtual and in-person gatherings brought together in-house counsel, government lawyers, private practitioners, and business leaders working in Boston’s network of higher education institutions, science and technology companies, hospitals, financial institutions and law firms.

2021-2022 CONFERENCES

> Employment Law
> Privacy & Cybersecurity
> White-Collar Crime
> Intellectual Property Year in Review
> Law Firm Summit
> Higher Education
> Health Care
> Bankruptcy Bench Meets Bar
LIVE AND ON-DEMAND PROGRAMS OFFER ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

BBA Sections were especially active this year. Programs provided timely discussions on the legal implications of trending topics like cryptocurrency and NFTs, opportunities to hear directly from policymakers about new regulatory and enforcement actions, and ongoing guidance to mitigate the pandemic’s impact on client needs.

10,000+
people logged on to BBA webinars this year, with thousands more continuing to download and listen on-demand through our Learn Online library and podcast channel.
IN PERSON NETWORKING FOSTERS COMMUNITY BUILDING

While brown bag lunch trainings and CLE programs continue to meet the educational needs of members virtually, the camaraderie and professional friendships fostered through in-person programs and receptions can never be fully recreated online. In response to growing interest from members, we hosted a series of in-person networking receptions and social events for new lawyers who have missed opportunities to connect with the legal community during the pandemic, attorneys looking to advance their careers through relationship building, and Section and Forum members eager to reconnect with colleagues.
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BUILDING CONNECTIONS & STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG NEW LAWYERS

Recent new lawyers have started their legal careers in the midst of a monumental shift in the legal profession, with many starting new jobs in almost exclusively remote settings with limited opportunities to broaden their professional networks and establish relationships with other attorneys.

We have worked this year to offer frequent social events across the city, providing opportunities for new lawyers to build community and deepen their familiarity with each other and within the legal community as a whole.
BAR EXAM COACHING PROGRAM PROVIDES MENTORS, RESOURCES TO PREPARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF LAWYERS

More than 350 exam takers have been MATCHED WITH COACHES through this program.

The BBA Bar Exam Coaching Program matched bar applicants with volunteer coaches to provide guidance and support for the non-substantive aspects of exam prep. In addition, the BBA hosted free online workshops providing substantive and practical advice to applicants, providing them with crucial information to help improve not just their scores, but also their overall well-being while preparing for the bar exam. This program is made possible through funding from the Boston Bar Foundation.

“I had a wonderful experience with the program and benefited in multiple ways. For me, the highlight of the program is the lift of morale and sense of community that it brings to repeat test-takers. Knowing that the BBA cared about future lawyers, and that practicing lawyers are available and there for you was invaluable. The workshops the BBA put together for us were extremely helpful and proved to me that I was not alone and there were others struggling with similar challenges."

-2022 Bar Exam Applicant
NEW AND JOB-SEEKING ATTORNEYS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

In addition to in-person gatherings, the BBA’s New Lawyers Forum hosted a robust series of career advancement webinars covering a host of topics, including:
- Establishing a professional network in today’s legal landscape
- LinkedIn 101
- Increasing visibility as a new lawyer
- How to transition into different practice settings.

For members looking for employment in the competitive legal market, the BBA’s Career Center Job Board provided a comprehensive, dynamic platform for job seekers to view the latest openings at area law firms, legal departments, and government agencies—complete with free resume review services. The Career Center Job Board yielded an average of 150,000 views per month.
NETWORKING AND SOCIAL EVENTS WELCOME LAW STUDENTS TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

Through partnerships with five Boston-area law schools, the BBA supported our 5,200 law student members in four core areas: community building, professional development, leadership opportunities, and career support. The BBA bridged the gap between law school and the profession by:

> Supporting students as they study for exams by encouraging them to share tips and motivation with each other and providing digital gift cards for those all-important coffee runs and dinner study breaks

> Holding our popular Speed Networking series as Zoom sessions, allowing career exploration and connections to continue in a virtual world

> Welcoming students to connect and network in-person, through events like a rooftop reception, to meet with classmates and expand their networks beyond their own schools
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PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN THE PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

We emphasize the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion at every level of the organization – from the composition of our leadership team to our programs and initiatives. We strive to advance a more diverse, equitable and inclusive profession and legal community.
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES 10 LOCAL LAW STUDENTS WITH MENTORSHIP AND PAID POSITIONS IN PUBLIC INTEREST OFFICES

The BBA’s DEI Summer Fellowship Program provided 10 local law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds with professional experience across various public interest law offices throughout the city. By breaking down economic barriers to access, the DEI Fellowship program expands and improves the profession with varied insights and voices while providing real-world experience and professional mentorship to the lawyers of tomorrow. The program is funded by the Boston Bar Foundation, and its growth from 3 to 10 paid positions in three years has been made possible by generous individual donors and law firm sponsors, Nutter and Pierce Atwood LLP.

“Frankly, there aren’t enough lawyers who look like me. One thing I learned is that in the court of law, optics matter. Appearances are paramount in the theater of litigation. Every time I was in the courtroom, I saw the difference my presence made to those defendants especially the ones who looked at me. I saw how their loneliness shifted with a head nod or a grin. I made sure to always see them as fellow members of my community. Not just because that’s what I was taught in class or because we share similar traits, but because as a prosecutor we represent the community and every defendant is included in that representation. In the interest of justice, they matter too.”

Rev. William D. Merriweather III, Student at New England Law Boston & 2022 DEI Fellow at Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office
In consultation with members of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Section, the Boston Bar Journal Board of Editors published a special edition of the BBJ, focused on DEI topics in the legal profession and community-at-large. This special edition issue provided our members with insights from experts and our affinity bar partners on the most important DEI challenges and opportunities of the moment.

“For Black and Brown people who were taught to wear your hair a certain way, this goes beyond a law or legal policy. Creating a respectful and open work for natural hair, your hair means finding the power to never let anyone tell you how to wear your Crown. It means wearing your Crown however you feel comfortable, being your authentic self in all spaces you occupy. I tell my mentees a different answer than what I was told as a law student – wear your hair in the style you choose, not one that is chosen for you. You are enough. Your words and intelligence are enough. Be your authentic self. The act of this is revolutionary.”

Excerpt from ‘Hair I Am’ by Stesha Emmanuela (McCarter & English) & Cherina Wright (Suffolk University Law School)
Enhancing Partnerships and Strengthening Collaboration with Affinity Bar Associations

This past year, the BBA amplified the work of our affinity bar partners by providing marketing and event logistics support for their programs, as well as co-sponsoring several events covering relevant topics, including the pipeline to the bench and bias and discrimination faced by communities of color. In addition to program-related support, we provided enhanced administrative and marketing support for our affinity bar partners throughout the year.
An Inspirational Evening at Artists for Humanity

Lawyers, advocates, and business leaders joined together at the Artists for Humanity Epicenter in South Boston to celebrate the 2022 honorees and support the BBA’s DEI programs and initiatives.
Recognizing DEI Leaders & Innovators with the Largest Crowd in the Event's History

THE HONOREES

Empowerment Award
La Colaborativa

Voice of Change Award
Jennifer Levi
GLAD

Corporate Champion
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

“I have hope, because as more and more transgender people share their stories, there is a deeper understanding of the injury that discrimination has on all those people we love – parents, children, family members, neighbors and friends. And when people can make connections that link directly back to their homes and their personal lives, that means we’re getting there.”

--Jennifer Levi, Voice of Change Honoree
POLICY & ADVOCACY
This past year, the Amicus Committee continued with its steady workload, recommending that the BBA join or file in cases focused on several issues of importance to the BBA mission.

- In *Comm. v. Edwards* (decision pending), we submitted a letter urging the Court to rule that a defense attorney did not act improperly in declining to directly answer a pre-trial question from the judge that would have required disclosing trial strategy, and we asked that the ruling also address the impropriety of such questions.

- We also joined CPCS in another brief on the access-to-justice implications of virtual court proceedings—the third time we’ve spoken on that issue. Though the SJC did not recognize a per-se right to an in-person hearing on termination of parental rights (as the brief had argued for), it did hold that the mother in this instance was deprived of her right to due process because of “technological issues and inadequate safeguards.”

- In *Comm. v. Tate*, we joined a CPCS brief that successfully argued defense counsel has no obligation to disclose incriminating information about a client, when received from a third party.

- Our support of affirmative action continued as we joined a brief from the Anti-Defamation League defending the Boston Public Schools’ admission policy for its “exam schools”
The BBA issued a comprehensive report in 2017 on criminal-justice reform, and while the Legislature enacted many of our recommendations the following year, we stand by the remainder and continue to advocate for their adoption. One example involves ending the counter-productive imposition of fines and fees on individuals under parole or probation supervision, because they fall disproportionately upon those who can least afford them and who are, in the words of the report, “facing the greatest obstacles to successful reentry and the greatest risk of recidivism.” This year saw the Governor and Legislature fully embrace that position, which is now law.

The BBA also expanded on the report by taking a position in support of a set of “Second Chance” bills that would make it easier for people to clear their criminal records—very much in keeping with the work of our CORI Sealing Clinic. Although the Legislature didn’t act on all of them, they did pass legislation to help expunge convictions for marijuana offenses that have since been decriminalized.
The BBA has continued to speak on issues in the news that touch upon our mission, and this year saw us expressing concern over reproductive rights—first in the form of a new Texas law that empowered its citizens as vigilantes to use the courts to target people involved with an abortion, and then in response to the *Dobbs* ruling that overturned 50 years of precedent. We also decried the latest racially-motivated mass shooting in Buffalo.

**Protecting the Rights of Immigrants**

The BBA continued to further our work on immigration policy and inclusion by advocating for protection of immigrants’ access to public services, supporting the passage of the Language Access and Inclusion Bill, educating our members on the Haitian Migrant Crisis, and meeting with the leadership of the Boston Immigration Court to ask for policy changes to improve operations and protect rights. And we raised concern when the Florida Governor sent asylum-seekers to Martha’s Vineyard with no notice.
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Housing Court lawyer for the Day
VIRTUAL PRO BONO TRAININGS MOBILIZE THE PRIVATE BAR TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Through innovative partnerships with our BBF Grantee Partners, BBA Sections and Forums hosted more than 60 virtual pro bono training courses to equip hundreds of lawyers with the skills to represent community members in need, plus several in-person clinics to provide direct client support.

CORI SEALING CLINIC

We continued to hold our virtual CORI Sealing Clinic in collaboration with BBF Grantee Partner, Greater Boston Legal Services, twice per month. CORI checks have a disproportionate effect on communities of color in areas such as housing, employment, and voting rights. The administrative sealing of CORI records helps provide a second chance at employment and opportunity and prevents recidivism for those who have been involved in the criminal justice system. Since September 2021, we have held 19 virtual clinics and assisted 92 clients with requesting and, if eligible, sealing their CORI records.

PROJECT CITIZENSHIP TRAINING

We partnered with BBF Grantee Project Citizenship to host an onsite workshop to help pre-screened applicants complete or review their applications for naturalization. Volunteers included both law students and lawyers, and supported dozens of clients within the community along their path to citizenship.
On January 27th, the Equal Justice Coalition (EJC) held the 23rd Annual Talk/Walk to the Hill event, drawing bar association leaders, private law firms, general counsel, legal aid organizations, and law students from across the Commonwealth to advocate for civil legal aid funding. This year, 845 participants gathered online to “talk to the hill,” successfully advocating for $41 million in funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC) in the state’s Fiscal Year 2023 budget, a $6 million increase over last year.

“By coming back each January, we emphasize that the need is still there and that access to justice still matters.”

-BBA PRESIDENT DEBORAH J. MANUS
RECOGNIZING DISTINGUISHED JUDICIAL SERVICE

The Haskell Cohn Distinguished Judicial Service Award was established in 1975 and endowed by BBA Sponsor Firm Mintz Levin in honor of their Founding Partner, and Former BBA President, Haskell Cohn. The honoree is selected each year by the BBA President. Former BBA President Marty Murphy presented the 2022 Haskell Cohn Award to Judge Denise J. Casper, U.S. District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Thank you Mintz Levin for continuing to underwrite this important event and for all who joined us to celebrate Judge Casper on Thursday, July 21st.
THE BOSTON BAR FOUNDATION: Making an Impact
BBF ADAMS BENEFIT RETURNS TO THE MFA, RAISING A RECORD $910,000 FOR LEGAL SERVICES GRANTING AND INNOVATIVE PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Boston Bar Foundation John & Abigail Adams Benefit returned to the Museum of Fine Arts this year. Over 1,000 guests joined to support the work of the BBF and celebrate the 2022 Public Service Award honoree, Damian Wilmot, SVP & Chief Risk Officer at Vertex Pharmaceuticals. We thank our generous law firm and corporate sponsors and individual donors for making this the highest-grossing Adams Benefit in the event’s history.
BBF GRANTS $1,285,000 TO 29 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, ITS HIGHEST TOTAL IN 15 YEARS

The Boston Bar Foundation announced a 15-year high of $1,285,000 in grants to 29 local organizations—three more than last year—to help provide legal aid and services to the most vulnerable populations in and around Boston. These grants will help provide life-changing aid to historically marginalized members of the Commonwealth, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ communities, prisoners, domestic violence survivors, and communities of color.

“Despite it being a basic human necessity, many people in low-income situations cannot access the health care they need. The support of the BBF will help us help our clients access cancer treatments, organ transplants, mental health services, medical equipment, prescription medications, and all sorts of other health care services they need to live and provide quality of life.”
- Matt Selig, Executive Director, Health Law Advocates

“Greater Boston Legal Services is tremendously appreciative of the significant grant funding we receive from the BBF to support our work serving thousands of indigent families and individuals each year. GBLS’ relationship with the BBA and the BBF goes far beyond that, though. Knowing that Boston’s legal community is in this work with us, fighting for equal access to justice, finding ways to ensure that everyone in our community has the resources they need to survive and thrive, helps embolden our charge and to further our mission. GBLS was founded by members of the private bar, including a significant number of BBA Council members, and together we continue to make Boston greater.”
- Jacquelynne J. Bowman, Executive Director, Greater Boston Legal Services
OUR GRANTEE PARTNERS

BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION
BBF FUNDING SUPPORTS INNOVATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE

In addition to providing critical funding to legal services organizations, the Boston Bar Foundation supports the work and mission of the BBA with funding for public service programming, pro bono trainings and direct client service workshops, DEI initiatives, and more.

BBA PROGRAMS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE BBF THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

> Bar Exam Coaching Program

> DEI Summer Fellowship Program

> Curriculum Update to the BBA’s Practicing with Professionalism Unconscious Bias Training

> Dozens of pro bono trainings, including a citizenship workshop, student discipline representation training, wage and theft clinic training, and consumer debt training to support local veterans
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