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INVESTING IN JUSTICE FOR
ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS

Interested in serving on the NC IOLTA Board of Trustees?

Thank you for your interest in serving on the NC IOLTA Board of Trustees. Since its inception in 1983, NC IOLTA (North Carolina Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts) has awarded more than \$134 million in grants to provide civil legal aid to individuals who would otherwise go without legal representation and other projects to improve the administration of justice in our state. The NC IOLTA Board of Trustees, appointed by the State Bar Council, is charged with serving as the governing body for the program.

The below provides additional information about Board service and the work of the program.

North Carolina Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (NC IOLTA) provides access to justice by funding high-quality legal assistance.

Due to limited resources and insufficient funding, only a fraction of North Carolinians have access to the critical legal services they need to thrive. As the philanthropic focus of the North Carolina State Bar, we work directly with lawyers and financial institutions to set up interest-bearing trust accounts. We use the funds generated to award grants to organizations that provide legal aid to individuals, families and children — working toward a North Carolina where everyone can fairly navigate the justice system to have their basic needs met and rights protected.

Members of the NC IOLTA Board of Trustees are expected to participate in the following ways:

- Attend regularly scheduled board meetings (three annually, with others called occasionally as needed):
 - 1) Spring Meeting to review the audit report and participate in dinner with North Carolina State Bar officers (typically held in mid-April over one half-day)
 - 2) Fall Board Planning Retreat to engage in annual planning (typically held in August/September over one and one-half to two days)
 - 3) Grantmaking and Budget Meeting to approve a budget for the coming year and finalize grant awards (typically held in early December over one and one-half to two days)
- Serve on at least one standing committee and ad hoc committees as needed. Standing committees include Executive Committee, Finance Committee and External Relations Committee.
- Serve on one of three Grants Committees, which meet prior to the Grantmaking Meeting.
- Review all grant applications prior to Grantmaking Meeting.
- Stay informed regarding issues affecting provision of civil legal services to the poor on the national and state level.

Learn more about NC IOLTA [on our website](#). For more information, [contact Executive Director Mary Irvine](#).

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