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United States District Court for the Western District of New York Announces 2022 Grants

Rochester, NY – Chief Judge Elizabeth A. Wolford announced that the Judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York have approved the 2022 distribution of grants totaling \$30,000. The funds are distributed from the WDNY’s District Court Fund, which accumulates funds from a portion of the admission fees paid by attorneys seeking admission to the Court, as well as from fees paid by attorneys admitted temporarily to the Court for a specific case, also known as *pro hac vice* admission.

The District Court Fund is utilized for purposes which support the Court, members of the bar, and the community by fostering the efficient and effective administration of justice, and by developing programs and educational initiatives related to the law, legal services, and improved access to justice.

The Court has made the following grant awards for 2022:

- *Minority Bar Foundation of Western New York* -- \$5,000 to support the Honorable Hugh B. Scott Scholarship Fund.
- *Rochester Black Bar Foundation* -- \$5,000 for support of the Honorable Roy W. King Diversity Clerkship Program, a ten-week summer clerkship program for historically underrepresented and underserved law students who have completed their first year of law school, designed to provide a direct hiring pipeline to legal organizations seeking to increase diversity in the legal field in Rochester.

- *Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project* -- \$5,000 to support their ongoing efforts in support of *pro se* litigants in federal court.
- *Bar Association of Erie County Foundation* -- \$5,000 for their programs designed to assist attorneys with health and well-being, including the Member Assistance Program which provides attorneys and their families immediate access to counseling services for a wide variety of needs, from workplace stress to family crises to depression and anxiety.
- *Foundation of the Monroe County Bar* -- \$5,000 for their health & well-being programs, designed to provide counseling and support to lawyers through various initiatives, including the Tree of Hope and virtual programs with guest presenters.
- *JustCause* -- \$5,000 to support their ongoing efforts in support of *pro se* litigants in federal court.

For more information on the 2022 grants or the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, please visit our website at www.nywd.uscourts.gov or call 585-613-4000.

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