



## **National Data Collection for Bank of America Settlement**

The national IOLTA community believes that it would benefit access to justice and legal aid to be able to demonstrate the positive impact that the Bank of America settlement dollars provide throughout the country.

In order to do this, each IOLTA program would need to capture a limited set of agreed upon metrics which could then be aggregated and reported out to establish the tremendous positive impact of the settlement. In designating the nation's IOLTA programs as appropriate recipients of this settlement money, the U.S. Department of Justice and Bank of America have acknowledged that the nation's IOLTA programs are experienced and professional grantors with years of experience in granting funds to legal aid programs. Thus, the settlement recognizes that each IOLTA program is best placed to specifically designate how the funds can be expended within Bank of America's broad categories of foreclosure prevention legal assistance and community redevelopment legal assistance.

NAIP and the ABA Commission on IOLTA thus encourage the IOLTA programs to award these funds to address the needs in their community. To obtain national outcome data on the impact on foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment, we proposed that IOLTA programs agree to capture the following broad categories of data, based upon each program's good judgment regarding what activities fall within each of those categories:

### **1. Foreclosure Prevention Legal Assistance**

*a. How many individuals were served from the funds used for foreclosure prevention legal assistance?*

Within this gross number, how many of those served were:

1. Elderly (60+)
2. Children (< 18 yrs-old living in a household impacted)
3. Veterans (homeowner or living in household impacted)

*b. How many foreclosures were prevented?*

c. How many foreclosure clients benefited in other ways?

## **2. Persons/Groups Served via Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance**

- a. How many individuals benefited from the funds used for community redevelopment?

Within this gross number, how many of those served were:

1. Elderly (60+)
  2. Children (< 18 yrs-old living in a household impacted)
  3. Veterans (homeowner or living in household impacted)
- b. How many non-profits benefited, if any?
  - c. How many small business clients benefited, if any?

## **3. Client Stories**

- a. Foreclosure Prevention  
Please include at least one (1) client story.
- b. Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance  
Please include at least one (1) client story for a non-profit or small business served OR of a person or people positively impacted by the community redevelopment legal services provided.

The national IOLTA community plans to collect data for this settlement through its regular data collection process which begins in late April each year. When you provide your annual data update and the data regarding the Bank of America settlement funds next spring, ABA Commission on IOLTA staff will also ask the following questions regarding the Bank of America settlement funds:

- a. the date that your grant(s) to your grantees started;
- b. the data up to a date certain, 12/31/15;
- c. how many months of data you are currently reporting; and
- d. the dollars expended and what percentage of your settlement dollars that amount represents.

The ABA Commission on IOLTA staff will collect this data until they can determine that the entirety of the settlement has been expended.