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AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$3.4 MILLION GRANT FROM AMERICAN BAR ENDOWMENT

CHICAGO, Mar. 27, 2017 — The [American Bar Endowment](#) (ABE) has awarded a \$3.4 million grant to the [American Bar Foundation](#) (ABF), the nation's leading research institute for the empirical and interdisciplinary study of law. The grant will support the ABF's acclaimed research, publications, and programs that advance justice and the understanding of law and its impact on society. The ABE [announced Friday](#) that it will award over \$7 million in total grants to programs that give back to the good works of the legal profession.

"We are grateful to the ABE for their generous grant and for their longstanding support for ABF research," said ABF Director [Ajay K. Mehrotra](#). "The ABE's annual grant allows the ABF to take on the innovative and influential research that makes us the premier research institute for the study of law, legal institutions, and legal processes."

The ABE is a not-for-profit corporate public charity that sponsors high quality, affordable life and disability insurance for [American Bar Association](#) (ABA) members. The ABE's mission is to generate funds for the support of law-related research, educational, and public service projects through its insurance program and other programs that encourage charitable giving. Through the ABE, ABA members can donate dividends to help fund over 200 legal research and public service projects. Over 80 percent of ABE-insured members donate their available dividends annually, which is the source of approximately two-thirds of the ABE's grant funding.

The ABF has received annual grants from the ABE since its founding in 1952. This \$3.4 million grant is the largest amount the ABF has received in seven years, and will support the organization's research projects during the 2017-18 fiscal year. The ABF's current research projects include an examination of the link between gun violence in schools and increased unemployment, a long-term, empirical study of career satisfaction and occupational mobility in the legal profession, an evaluation of access to justice and civil legal needs, an assessment of the effects of parental incarceration on children, and an analysis of approaches courts can use in revising jury instructions.

"The empirical research conducted by the ABF faculty supports evidence-based decision-making in law and public policy, thus expanding knowledge and advancing justice," said [Ellen J. Flannery](#), president of the ABF [board of directors](#). "The ABE's financial support is essential to this research program, and is made possible by the charitable contributions donated through the ABE's insurance programs and growth of the endowment funds."



Over the past 60 years, the ABE has granted over \$270 million to the ABF and the [ABA Fund for Justice and Education](#).

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