



Invest in Justice: Vermont IOLTA Leadership Program

Our Mission

The Vermont Bar Foundation (VBF) is the only foundation in Vermont solely dedicated to supporting the legal services community. Our mission is simple: to improve access to justice for low-income and underserved Vermonters, with primary funding coming from Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA).

Since 1982, the IOLTA program has pooled interest from lawyers' trust accounts to fund critical legal services across the state — at no cost to the public. Over the last 40 years, VBF has distributed more than \$27 million to over 60 organizations, including legal aid providers, law school clinics, and domestic violence prevention programs.

Leadership Bank Recognition

Banks and credit unions offering IOLTA account rates at or greater than 65% of the low end of the Federal Funds Target Rate (FFTR) earn the designation of an IOLTA Leadership Bank. If the FFTR falls below 1%, a minimum floor rate of 1% will apply.

By increasing interest rates on IOLTA accounts, financial institutions directly expand funding for legal aid, ensuring that more Vermonters receive the help they need.

Leadership Bank Benefits

- Year-round advertising on the Vermont Bar Foundation website.
- Announcement at annual meetings of the Vermont Bar Foundation.
- Promotional posts on VBF social media, reaching attorneys, legal professionals, and community stakeholders.
- Inclusion on the IOLTA one-pager, a key informational resource for attorneys.

- Listing in the new attorney booklet, ensuring visibility with Vermont's newest legal professionals.
 - Advertising in the Vermont Bar Journal, a widely read publication within the legal community.
 - Recognition in VBF newsletters and reports, highlighting the bank's leadership in supporting access to justice.
 - Opportunity for co-branded marketing campaigns showcasing the bank's commitment to Vermont communities.
 - Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) credit documentation to support regulatory evaluations.
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Local Impact

VBF grants, funded in large part by IOLTA, impact every corner of the state. Our support ensures that legal services reach Vermonters in every community, including:

- HOPE Works
 - NewStory Center
 - Vermont Law and Graduate School
 - Vermont Asylum Assistance Project
 - Association of Africans Living in Vermont
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Join Us

By partnering with the Vermont Bar Foundation and offering competitive IOLTA rates, financial institutions play a vital role in expanding access to justice. Together, we can build a stronger, more equitable Vermont.

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