MISSION
The Pima County Bar Foundation (PCBF), a 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization, seeks to enhance access to justice, reward innovation in legal services and educational outreach, promote the highest ideals of professionalism and public service, and support the community endeavors of the Pima County Bar Association.

CASE STATEMENT
The PCBF’s main premise is that legal services should be available to everyone, and that we can help make that happen by supporting the community endeavors of the PCBA, as well as our own program initiatives. We engage the public in our work through educational outreach, opportunities to give, and celebrations of our mutual success. We welcome the participation of all who care about our community.

PURPOSE
The purpose for which this non-profit organization is organized is to serve the Southern Arizona community by:

1. Promoting access to justice and legal assistance through the funding and provision of legal services to the indigent, lower income and other underserved members of society
2. Supporting and providing educational outreach to the public
3. Promoting the highest ideals of professionalism, public service, and access to the legal system
4. Providing support to charitable community endeavors identified by the Foundation in collaboration with the Pima County Bar Association

The PCBF’s programs, services, and activities can be classified within four categories that each correspond with the purposes above.

A. Pro Bono Legal Assistance and Services
The PCBF’s main purpose is to promote access to justice and legal assistance through the funding and provision of legal services in Southern Arizona.
- The free, annual LAW DAY “Meet-a-Lawyer” Legal Clinic
- Free, monthly, Saturday afternoon, public presentations on Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship for self-litigants
- Yearly funding opportunities to other charitable, tax-exempt nonprofit organizations with pro bono legal services projects (once fundraising goals enable this future foundation activity)

B. Legal Informational/Educational Outreach
Providing information about the legal processes and raising public awareness of the legal resources and services available in Southern Arizona is an important role in making legal services more accessible to more individuals. We participate in existing, “information distribution” events and seek out new public forums to distribute information and raise public awareness of local, legal services.
- The twice-a-year “Community Court Night” event in collaboration with the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County
- Miscellaneous public events, fairs, & legal clinics in the community that enable the distribution of information about local, legal resources, such as the annual legal clinics for veterans and their families, hosted by the Arizona Disabled American Veterans and the Arizona Disabled Veterans Foundation.

C. Promotion of Attorney Professionalism, Public Service & Contributions
A third category of Foundation activities includes efforts to promote volunteerism, service, and contributions via time, expertise, and financial donations that ultimately help Southern Arizonans in need of legal help and services. After all, assistance and services cannot be offered without the professional involvement, expertise, support and contributions of local, legal professionals in our area. In addition to promoting volunteer involvement, there is the presentation of three, annual related awards:
- John Hawkins Professionalism Award (3L UA law student)
- Robert Hooker Criminal Justice Award (criminal law atty)
- NEW! “Excellence in Public Service” Award (to be presented at the 2017 Skyline Affair)

D. Collaborative, Charitable Endeavors with PCBA
The final category includes activities that reflect the PCBF’s role as “the charitable arm of the bar association,” with two, existing community-oriented projects that fall within this category:
- Lawyers for Literacy (LFL) program
- Legal Community Against Hunger (LCAH) project

Any and all donations to the Foundation and its activities are greatly appreciated!

Donations can be made to: PCBF, 177 N. Church Avenue, #101, Tucson, AZ 85701
Questions? Call us at (520) 623-8258.