



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DESIGNATING CY PRES FUNDS TO JALA, PLEASE CONTACT:

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After A Class Action Award,
Show You Have The Most Class Of All.
JALA's Cy Pres Giving Program



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The “Next Best Use” of Unclaimed Funds

The Cy Pres doctrine (from the Norman French term “cy pres comme possible,” meaning ‘as near as possible’) is a court-approved method of distributing a damage fund when the original purpose cannot be achieved.

In class action lawsuits, if there is to be a payment of damages to class members, a fund is created. After class members’ claims are paid, there is often an amount remaining. Under the doctrine of Cy Pres, judges and class counsel can recommend that residual funds be distributed to the “next best” use.

The Cy Pres remedy can also be used for the entirety of a statutory damage award when the amount of damages to each class member is too small to warrant distribution.

Making the Case for JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID, INC. (JALA)

Low-income people are often victims of unlawful, unfair, deceptive, discriminatory or predatory consumer practices involving:

- Home Preservation
- Consumer Issues
- Healthcare Issues
- Employment Issues
- Custody Issues
- Bankruptcy Issues

JALA protects the elderly, the working poor, and other vulnerable populations against fraud and abuse, advises low-income people about their rights and responsibilities as consumers, and promotes fair banking and credit practices.

JALA also has many other programs and areas of service that could be supported or expanded with Cy Pres Awards, including:

- Child & Youth Advocacy
- Community Counsel (Development of non-profit community programs)
- Consumer Law & Predatory Lending, including Foreclosure Defense
- Elder Law issues, including Medicare
- Employment/Unemployment Law, WAGES issues
- Fair Housing
- Family Law (Child Support enforcement, Advocacy on behalf of victims of Domestic Violence)
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program (Legal services for the deaf population)
- Health and Benefits (Medicaid, SSI)
- Housing Law
- Mental Health Advocacy Project (Advocacy on behalf of mentally ill children and adults. Program founded and supported by Wayne & Pat Hogan through the Hogan Family Foundation)
- Refugee Immigration Project
- Ryan White Project (Advocacy on behalf of persons living with HIV/AIDS)
- Prisoner Re-entry Project (serving recently incarcerated persons reintegrating into society)

There is a huge unmet need for the kind of services JALA provides. JALA is continually challenged to find additional resources to help more people in need who have nowhere else to turn.

Because JALA seeks to remedy harms similar to those litigated in class action lawsuits, the designation of Cy Pres funds to JALA is one way to help fill the huge unmet need for legal services.

JALA MAKES CY PRES SIMPLE

JALA acknowledges the hard work that goes into preparing Cy Pres Awards. To make it easy for attorneys and judges to include JALA in a settlement agreement, JALA can provide:

- Sample orders approving JALA as a Cy Pres recipient.
- Sample projects that the Cy Pres awards might fund.
- Senior staff availability to meet with counsel or provide testimony at fairness hearings.
- Quick turnaround on general documents, such as the 501(c)(3) tax determination letter or annual audit.
- Accounting for use of earmarked funds at the end of the award period, if desired.



JALA's Mission

JALA has existed in one form or another since 1937, when a group of attorneys in the Jacksonville Bar banded together to provide legal services to those who could not otherwise afford them.

In 1973, the program’s name changed to JALA, and the program achieved 501(c)(3) status in 1976. JALA currently provides legal services to the low-income residents of Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Counties. JALA maintains three fully staffed offices: The main office in downtown Jacksonville, an office in St. Augustine, and an office in Green Cove Springs.

In recent years, JALA has served over 12,000 clients and their families per year. JALA has a staff of over 30 attorneys, and a total staff of almost 80.

At this time, JALA receives approximately 110-150 applications for assistance each week. Due to limited resources JALA is only able to accept approximately 20% of the applications received. Of course that means 80% of the need for legal services for low-income persons in our community goes unmet.

JALA serves primarily very low-income clients. However, there are grants we receive that do not have income restrictions that allow us to serve persons over 60, and persons with HIV/AIDS, to name a few.

With your help, JALA may continue to provide

**“A Wealth of Justice
for THOSE WHO HAVE NEITHER.”**

