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In partnership with LexisNexis, the Partnerships for Success Award honors bar foundation initiatives making a significant impact in their community on issues for which lawyers are uniquely positioned to lead. An underlying goal of this foundation initiative is to establish new or leverage existing partnership opportunities through the meaningful involvement and support from an affiliated bar association and/or their allied members of the legal community. This award will be given out each year at the joint Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Conference of Bar Foundations and National Association of Bar Executives. The Award comes with an unrestricted \$1,500 prize that the Foundation can use to advance its mission.

Q3.

Name of Nominee:

Tom Tinder

Q4. Nominee's position:

West Virginia Bar Foundation

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Q7.

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Tom Tinder

Q10. Name of program:

Student Legal Clinic Grant

Q11. Please describe the program in 1-2 paragraphs:

West Virginia University, the state's land grant higher education institution, initiated a new campus (Beckley) for the first time in the southern part of the state, an area of chronic poverty with a strong economic reliance on the mining of coal, which in a very declining situation. The WVU College of Law, the only law school in the state, added a student legal clinic on the new campus, the first time that a clinic was set up outside the law school's 40 year old clinic on the Morgantown campus in the northern part of the state. The Bar Foundation made a \$10,000 grant, the second largest grant ever to a separate entity in its twenty-eight year history, to the new student legal clinic on the Beckley campus to achieve a positive "perfect storm" of providing legal assistance to citizens in that underserved area of WV, providing beneficial expertise and experiences for the law students and by providing those law students with the ability to see firsthand the opportunities that await them if they will practice law in that underserved rural area after their admission to practice law. The grant funds are being utilized for law students travelling to Beckley to participate in the legal clinics as reimbursement for mileage, lodging and per diem meals.

Q13. What is the program budget?

\$10,000

Q13. How is this program funded?

Q14. How has the program made an impact on the justice system and/or the community?

Citizens, primarily low income and underserved, receiving legal assistance and information. Law students having the opportunity to utilize their legal skills and abilities in real life situations that will be beneficial in their legal careers. Law students realizing that there is a definite need for their legal services in the underserved, rural southern area of the state.

Q14. If applicable, please share details regarding:

Number of people who helped/influenced the program

Number of volunteers involved in the program

List of "partners" involved with the program

West Virginia University College of Law/Raleigh County Bar Association (Beckley)/WV State Bar

Q15. Can this program be replicated by other bar associations and foundations?

Most definitely. Every state has underserved areas for legal services. Every state has law schools that are providing clinical or similar programs to enable law students to have "real life" legal experiences. Law students strongly desire the opportunity to use their skills and abilities to be better prepared for their legal careers as solo practitioners, in all sizes of multi attorney offices or other law related pursuits.

Q12.
Thank you for taking the time to submit your program for the NCBF/ LexisNexis Partnerships for Success Award! If you have any supplemental materials you'd like to attach to your submission, please do so here. For any questions regarding the award, please contact:

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