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Donor Spotlight



Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso, West Virginia's largest litigation firm, is a leader in the legal community in many ways, including in its long-time support of Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV). For nearly 15 years, the firm and its attorneys have contributed to LAWV through leadership, pro bono work and annual financial support.

When Legal Aid of West Virginia formed in 2002, several Flaherty attorneys stepped up to assist in its first-ever fundraising campaign. In subsequent years, members Tyler Dinsmore and Tom Flaherty even took on primary roles as LAWV campaign co-chairs, helping raise over a million dollars in support from the private bar.

Flaherty is also among a handful of firms that have actively encouraged individual giving by matching attorney contributions. Between the firm and its employees, it has independently raised tens of thousands for Legal Aid. Flaherty attorneys have also contributed hundreds of hours answering phones on Tuesday Legal Connect, an after-hours legal hotline which is a joint project between LAWV and the West Virginia State Bar.

Says founding member Tom Flaherty, "The firm is dedicated to investing in the community, and we support a number of charitable organizations. But as attorneys, we believe we have a responsibility to help ensure that our court system is strong and fair, and that all people enjoy equal access to justice. This is why Legal Aid retains a special place in our philanthropy."