Allegheny County Bar Association Donates $11,000 to Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in Memory of Shooting Victims

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Bar Association has donated $11,000 to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society for use in providing direct support for refugee and resettlement work in Allegheny County, ACBA President Bryan Neft announced today. The donation is made in honor and remembrance of the 11 victims who lost their lives during the Oct. 27 shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

“Words cannot adequately express the shock and grief still being felt throughout Pittsburgh and across the nation following last month’s terroristic shooting,” Neft said. “The Allegheny County Bar Association and the members of the Pittsburgh legal community continue to stand in solidarity with the victims, their loved ones, the Pittsburgh Jewish community and everyone affected by this tragedy. As attorneys, believing in justice is inherent to our profession. Consistent with these principles, the Pittsburgh legal community will not tolerate intolerance.”

The ACBA chose to donate to HIAS not only because the organization was directly targeted in the attack but also because it is an organization with values consistent with those of the ACBA and contrary to those of the suspect. HIAS not only helps people of the Jewish faith, but it also helps to resettle refugees of all beliefs and origins. HIAS works to provide legal protection, psychological care and economic opportunities for displaced individuals, and it advocates for their legal rights.

“While nothing can ease the pain we all are feeling, the ACBA wants to help those impacted in some way. Donating to HIAS – an organization that helps those in need with legal issues, among many other worthy pursuits – makes perfect sense,” Neft said. “We are providing this donation in memory of the 11 victims – members of the Tree of Life Synagogue*Or L’Simcha Congregation, Dor Hadash Congregation and the New Light Congregation – who lost their lives because of antisemitism and hate.”

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About the ACBA
Chartered in 1870 and headquartered in downtown Pittsburgh, the Allegheny County Bar Association is a professional organization with approximately 6,000 member attorneys, judges, district justices, legal administrators, and paralegals

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