

Grants and Funding Grading System

Case Category

- **Meritorious:** A case that arises in the defense or promotion of legitimate legal claims consistent with the mission of ADF.
- **Strategic:** A case that is likely to set substantive, pioneering appellate precedent or build on an existing division within the appellate courts that furthers the ADF mission.
- **Priority Alignment:** A case that directly addresses legal issues identified as an organizational priority by an ADF direct advocacy team positioned to impact the ADF mission.

5. Direct Advocacy highly likely to set national or international precedent/policy that furthers the ADF mission.

4. Direct Advocacy likely to set pioneering, multi-jurisdictional precedent that furthers the ADF mission.

3. Direct Advocacy with the potential to set pioneering precedent or likely to reaffirm positive multi-jurisdictional precedent that furthers the ADF mission

2. Direct advocacy of a meritorious case that is likely to reaffirm positive precedent, or indirect advocacy focused on a strategic objective that furthers the ADF mission.

1. Direct advocacy of a meritorious case that likely has limited impact beyond the parties involved, or indirect advocacy that generally furthers the ADF mission.

0. Advocacy that lacks merit or is outside the scope of the ADF mission.
(Does not qualify for funding)