

THE FLORIDA BAR
EMERITUS LAWYER
ATTACHMENTS

**EMERITUS LAWYER
AMENDED RULES
RULE 1-7.5 & CHAPTER 12**

Rules Regulating The Florida Bar

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL

RULE 1-7.5 RETIRED, INACTIVE, DELINQUENT MEMBERS

A member who is retired, inactive, or delinquent is prohibited from practicing law in this state until reinstated as provided in these rules, except retired or inactive members who are certified as emeritus lawyers under chapter 12 of these rules.

Amended March 30, 1989, effective March 31, 1989 (541 So.2d 110); July 23, 1992, effective Jan. 1, 1993 (605 So.2d 252); amended November 19, effective February 1, 2010 (2009 SC08-1890)(34 Fla.L.Weekly S628a); amended November 9, 2017, effective February 1, 2018 (SC16-1961).

CHAPTER 12. EMERITUS LAWYERS PRO BONO PARTICIPATION PROGRAM 12-1. GENERALLY

RULE 12-1.1 PURPOSE

Individuals admitted to the practice of law in Florida have a responsibility to provide competent legal services for all persons, including those unable to pay for these services. The emeritus lawyers pro bono participation program is one means of meeting these legal needs.

Amended July 23, 1992, effective Jan. 1, 1993 (605 So.2d 252), amended November 9, 2017, effective February 1, 2018 (SC16-1961).

RULE 12-1.2 DEFINITIONS

(a) Emeritus Lawyer. An “emeritus lawyer” is any person who meets the following eligibility and requirements.

(1) *Eligibility.* An emeritus lawyer must be a person who:

(A) is a member of The Florida Bar who is inactive or retired from the active practice of law in Florida;

(B) is an inactive or retired member of the bar of any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(C) has served as a judge in Florida or any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(D) is or was a full-time law professor employed by a law school accredited by the American Bar Association; or

(E) is an authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida under chapter 17 of these rules.

(2) *Requirements.* All emeritus lawyers must meet the following requirements:

(A) not be currently engaged in the practice of law in Florida or elsewhere except for authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida under chapter 17 of these rules;

(B) have been engaged in the active practice of law for a minimum of 10 out of the 15 years immediately preceding the application to participate in the emeritus program, except for authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida under chapter 17 of these rules;

(C) have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar or the entity governing the practice of law of any other state, territory, or the District of Columbia and have not been disciplined for professional misconduct by the bar or courts of any jurisdiction within the past 15 years;

(D) have not failed the Florida bar examination 3 or more times except for an inactive or retired member of The Florida Bar;

(E) agree to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and submit to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida for disciplinary purposes

(F) neither ask for nor receive compensation of any kind for the legal services to be rendered under this rule; and

(G) be certified under rule 12-1.5.

(b) Approved Legal Aid Organization. An “approved legal aid organization” for the purposes of this chapter is a not-for-profit legal aid organization that is approved by the Supreme Court of Florida. A legal aid organization seeking approval must file a petition with the clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida certifying that it is a not-for-profit organization and reciting with specificity:

- (1) the structure of the organization and whether it accepts funds from its clients;
- (2) the major sources of funds used by the organization;
- (3) the criteria used to determine potential clients' eligibility for legal services performed by the organization;
- (4) the types of legal and nonlegal services performed by the organization;

(5) the names of all members of The Florida Bar who are employed by the organization or who regularly perform legal work for the organization; and

(6) the existence and extent of malpractice insurance that will cover the emeritus lawyer.

(c) Supervising Lawyer. A “supervising lawyer” as used in this chapter is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar who supervises an emeritus lawyer engaged in activities permitted by this chapter. The supervising lawyer must:

(1) be employed by or be a participating volunteer for an approved legal aid organization; and

(2) assume responsibility consistent with the requirements of rule 4-5.1 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar for supervising the conduct of the matter, litigation, or administrative proceeding in which the emeritus lawyer participates.

(d) Inactive. “Inactive” as used in this chapter refers to a lawyer who voluntarily elects to be placed on inactive status and was not placed on inactive status due to incapacity or discipline, or who is ineligible to practice law for failure to pay bar fees or complete continuing legal education requirements.

(e) Active Practice of Law. The “active practice of law” as used in this chapter includes, but is not limited to, private practice, working as an authorized house counsel, public employment including service as a judge, and full time employment as a law professor at or by an American Bar Association-accredited law school.

Amended July 23, 1992, effective Jan. 1, 1993 (605 So.2d 252); amended May 29, 2014; effective June 1, 2014 (SC12-2234), amended November 9, 2017, effective February 1, 2018 (SC16-1961).

RULE 12-1.3 ACTIVITIES

(a) Permissible Activities. An emeritus lawyer, in association with an approved legal aid organization and under the supervision of a supervising lawyer, may perform the following activities:

(1) The emeritus lawyer may appear and proceed in any court or before any administrative tribunal in this state on behalf of a client of an approved legal aid organization if the person on whose behalf the emeritus lawyer is appearing has consented in writing to that appearance and representation and a supervising lawyer has given written approval for that appearance. The written consent and approval must be filed in the record of each case and brought to the attention of a judge of the court or the presiding officer of the administrative tribunal.

(2) The emeritus lawyer may prepare, sign, and file pleadings and other documents

to be filed in any court or before any administrative tribunal in this state in any matter in which the emeritus lawyer is involved. The supervising lawyer's name and Florida Bar number must be included on each pleading or paper filed or served by an emeritus lawyer on each pleading or paper. The supervising lawyer is not required to sign each pleading or paper filed or served by an emeritus lawyer.

(3) The emeritus lawyer may engage in other activities as are necessary for any matter in which the emeritus lawyer is involved, including participating in legal clinics sponsored or provided by the emeritus lawyer's legal aid organization, and providing advice and assistance to, and drafting legal documents for, persons whose legal problems or issues are not in litigation.

(b) Determination of Nature of Participation. The presiding judge or hearing officer may, in the judge's or officer's discretion, determine the extent of the emeritus lawyer's participation in any proceedings before the court.

Comment

This rule recognizes that an emeritus lawyer may accept an appointment or assignment from a state or federal judge seeking pro bono assistance for litigants or persons appearing before the judge through a supervising legal aid organization, including but not limited to: direct representation; limited representation; or service as either an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem. However, this rule applies to civil legal assistance and recognizes that emeritus lawyers under this rule may not provide representation and/or legal services in criminal law matters.

Amended July 23, 1992, effective Jan. 1, 1993 (605 So.2d 252); amended May 29, 2014, effective June 1, 2014 (SC12-2234), amended November 9, 2017, effective February 1, 2018 (SC16-1961)

RULE 12-1.4 SUPERVISION AND LIMITATIONS

(a) Supervision by Lawyer. An emeritus lawyer must perform all activities authorized by this chapter under the direct supervision of a supervising lawyer.

(b) Representation of Bar Membership Status. Emeritus lawyers permitted to perform services are not, and must not represent themselves to be, active members of The Florida Bar licensed to practice law in this state.

(c) Payment of Expenses and Award of Fees. No emeritus lawyer may receive compensation for legal services rendered under the authority of this rule from any source, including but not limited to the legal aid organization with which the lawyer is associated, the emeritus lawyer's client, or a contingent fee agreement. The prohibition against compensation for the emeritus lawyer contained in this chapter will not prevent the approved legal aid organization from reimbursing the emeritus lawyer for actual expenses incurred while rendering approved services. It also does not prevent the approved legal aid organization from charging for its services as it may properly charge. The approved legal aid organization

will be entitled to receive all court-awarded attorneys' fees that may be awarded for any representation or services rendered by the emeritus lawyer.

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RULE 12-1.5 CERTIFICATION

An emeritus lawyer seeking to provide pro bono legal services must obtain approval from the clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida by filing all of the following certificates:

(a) a certificate from an approved legal aid organization stating that the emeritus lawyer is currently associated with that legal aid organization and that a Florida Bar member employed by or participating as a volunteer with that organization will assume the required duties of the supervising lawyer;

(b) a certificate from the highest court or agency in any state, territory, or district in which the emeritus lawyer has been licensed to practice law, certifying that the emeritus lawyer has not been disciplined for professional misconduct by the bar or courts of that jurisdiction within the past 15 years, except that an authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida under chapter 17 of these rules need not provide this certificate; and

(c) a sworn statement by the emeritus lawyer that the emeritus lawyer:

(1) has read and will abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct as adopted by the Supreme Court of Florida;

(2) submits to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida for disciplinary purposes as provided in chapter 3 of these rules and elsewhere in this chapter; and

(3) will neither ask for nor receive compensation of any kind for the legal services authorized by this rule.

Amended July 23, 1992, effective Jan. 1, 1993 (605 So.2d 252); amended May 29, 2014, effective June 1, 2014 (SC12-2234), amended November 9, 2017, effective February 1, 2018 (SC16-1961).

RULE 12-1.6 WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATION

(a) **Withdrawal of Permission to Perform Services.**

(1) The emeritus lawyer must immediately cease performing legal services if the emeritus lawyer ceases to be associated with the approved legal aid organization. The approved legal aid organization must file a statement with the clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida within 5 days after the association has ceased. The legal aid organization must mail a copy of the notice filed with the clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida to the emeritus lawyer.

(2) The emeritus lawyer must immediately cease performing legal services if the approved legal aid organization withdraws certification of the emeritus lawyer, which may be at any time and without stating the cause for the withdrawal. The approved legal aid organization must file a statement with the clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida within 5 days after withdrawing the certification. The legal aid organization must mail a copy of the notice filed with the clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida to the emeritus lawyer.

(3) The emeritus lawyer must immediately cease performing legal services if the Supreme Court of Florida revokes permission for the emeritus lawyer to provide pro bono services, which is at the court's discretion. The clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida must mail a copy of the statement to the emeritus lawyer and the approved legal aid organization.

(4) The emeritus lawyer must immediately cease performing legal services if the Supreme Court of Florida terminates the emeritus lawyer as an authorized house counsel. The Florida Bar must file a statement with the Supreme Court of Florida that the individual is no longer an authorized house counsel. The Florida Bar must mail a copy of the statement to the emeritus lawyer involved.

(b) Notice of Withdrawal. If an emeritus lawyer's certification is withdrawn for any reason, the supervising lawyer must immediately file a notice of the withdrawal in the official file of each matter pending before any court or tribunal in which the emeritus lawyer was involved.

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RULE 12-1.7 DISCIPLINE

The Supreme Court of Florida may impose appropriate proceedings and discipline under the Rules of Discipline or the Rules of Professional Conduct. In addition, the Supreme Court of Florida or the approved legal aid organization may, with or without cause, withdraw certification. The presiding judge or hearing officer may hold the emeritus lawyer in civil contempt for any failure to abide by the tribunal's orders for any matter in which the emeritus lawyer has participated.

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**EMERITUS LAWYER
FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS**

Emeritus Rule Changes FAQ

The Florida Supreme Court has amended two rules to encourage inactive and retired attorneys to provide pro bono service.

What has changed?

As of Feb. 1, the rules will be more in line stylistically with current rules by changing the word “attorney” to “lawyer.” More substantive changes allow a wider range of attorneys to be considered emeritus and therefore able to provide pro bono service.

Who is eligible to be an emeritus lawyer?

Members of The Florida Bar who are inactive or retired from the active practice of law in Florida, inactive or retired members of the bar of any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, any person who has served as a judge in Florida or any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, any person who is or was a full-time law professor employed by a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, or authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida.

Are there any requirements beyond eligibility?

Yes. All emeritus lawyers must not be currently engaged in the practice of law in Florida or elsewhere except for authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida, must have been engaged in the active practice of law for a minimum of 10 out of the 15 years immediately preceding the application to participate in the emeritus program (except for authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida), must have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar or the entity governing the practice of law of any other state, territory, or the District of Columbia and have not been disciplined for professional misconduct by the bar or courts of any jurisdiction within the past 15 years, must have not failed the Florida Bar Examination three or more times (except for an inactive or retired member of The Florida Bar), must agree to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and submit to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida for disciplinary purposes, must neither ask for nor receive compensation of any kind for the legal services to be rendered under this rule, and be certified under the rule.

Do these rule changes affect my current emeritus status?

No. Lawyers who already qualify as emeritus will continue to be designated as such. The amended rule’s use of the word “lawyer” rather than “attorney” is not a substantive change that will affect any lawyer — or attorney — currently certified to serve in an emeritus status. This is simply one of many similar and routine changes made when any rule is modified, for consistency and to conform to Florida Supreme Court style.

Do all emeritus lawyers have to be supervised?

Yes. Emeritus lawyers must continue to be supervised by a lawyer at an approved legal aid organization. However, to reduce the burden on both the emeritus lawyer and the supervising lawyer, the rule change no longer requires the supervising lawyer to sign each pleading. Still, the supervising lawyer’s name and bar number must be included on each pleading or paper filed with the court. The emeritus lawyer must also be identified as a “certified emeritus lawyer” on each pleading or paper filed with the court.

EMERITUS LAWYER FORMS

Link to Forms Online:

http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/forms/03-16-2018_Emeritus-Lawyer-Form-Package.pdf

(Date)

_____, Director
(Legal Services Program)
(Address)
(City, State, Zip Code)

Re: Emeritus Lawyer Statement

Dear _____,

As an applicant for the Emeritus Lawyer Pro Bono Participation Program under Chapter 12 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar:

- (1) I have read and am familiar with the Code of Professional Responsibility as adopted by the Supreme Court of Florida, and will abide by its provisions;
- (2) I submit to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida for disciplinary purposes, as provided by Chapter 3 of these rules, and elsewhere in this chapter; and;
- (3) I will neither ask for nor receive compensation of any kind for the legal services authorized by this rule.

I certify that I have graduated from _____,
a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, and have not failed The Florida Bar examination three or more times.

I further certify that I have not been disciplined for professional misconduct by the Bar or courts of any jurisdiction within the past fifteen years.

(Name of Emeritus Lawyer) (typed)

(Signature)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
20____.

Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

(Date)

John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court of Florida
500 S. Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Emeritus Lawyer Pro Bono Participation Program, Chapter 12 of the Rules
Regulating The Florida Bar

Dear Mr. Tomasino:

I certify that _____ (name of emeritus lawyer):

- (1) is currently associated with _____ (Legal Services Program) and that a Florida Bar member employed by or participating as a volunteer with said Legal Service Program will assume the required duties of the supervising lawyer;
- (2) has been engaged in the active practice of law for a minimum of ten (10) out of the immediately preceding fifteen (15) years, except this requirement does not apply to authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of Florida under chapter 17 of these rules;
- (3) has been a member in good standing before _____ (agency or court), governing the practice of law in _____ (state), and has not been disciplined for professionalism misconduct in this jurisdiction within the past fifteen (15) years.

Submitted by:

Name

Title

Form 3

(Date)

John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court of Florida
500 S. Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Emeritus Lawyer Pro Bono Participation Program, Chapter 12 of the Rules
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Dear Mr. Tomasino:

_____ (name of legal aid organization)
is an approved legal aid organization under the Emeritus Lawyer Pro Bono
Participation Program.

Enclosed are:

- (1) a sworn statement by _____
(name of emeritus lawyer) that he/she meets the requirements set forth
in the rule governing this program;
- (2) a certificate from the highest court or agency in any state, territory, or
district in which the emeritus lawyer has been licensed to practice law,
certifying that the emeritus lawyer has fulfilled the requirement of
active bar membership and has not been disciplined for professional
misconduct by the bar or courts of that jurisdiction with the past 15
years. An authorized house counsel certified by the Supreme Court of
Florida under chapter 17 of these rules need not provide this
certificate.

Furthermore, I certify that _____
(name of emeritus lawyer) is currently associated with this organization and that
_____ (name of supervising lawyer), a
member in good standing of The Florida Bar and employed by/participating as a
volunteer with (underline one) this organization, has been approved by me to be the
supervising lawyer.

Submitted by:

(Director's Name)

Form 4

**EMERITUS LAWYER
PRO BONO ORGANIZATION
CONTACT LIST**

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FL Pro Bono Organization Contact List

Circuit	Pro Bono Organization Name	Contact Name	Contact Title	Address	Phone Number	FAX Number	Notes
1st	Legal Services of North Florida*	John J. Fenno	Dir. of Development/ Private Attorney Involvement	2119 Delta Blvd. Tallahassee, FL. 32303	850-385-9007	850-385-5684	
2nd	Legal Services of North Florida*	John J. Fenno	Dir. of Development/ Private Attorney Involvement	2119 Delta Blvd. Tallahassee, FL. 32303	850-385-9007	850-385-5684	
2nd	The Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association	Marva Williams	Pro Bono Coordinator	301 S. Monroe St., Suite 108 Tallahassee, FL. 32301	850-702-5009		
3rd	Three Rivers Legal Services	Donna MacRae	Pro Bono Director	334 NW Lake City Avenue Lake City, FL. 32055	386-752-5960	386-752-5999	
4th	Three Rivers Legal Services	Felicia Wilcox	Managing Attorney	3225 University Blvd. South Ste. 220, Jacksonville, FL. 32216	904-423-8961		
4th	Pro Bono Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (Pro Bono JALA)	Kathy Para	Director	126 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, FL. 32202-3849	904-356-8371		
5th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Lena Smith	Pro Bono Manager	1610 SE 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34471	352-629-0105	352-629-8877	
5th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Margaret Harrell	Pro Bono Coordinator	1610 SE 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34471	352-629-0105	352-629-8877	
6th-N. Pinellas, Pasco	Bay Area Legal Services/Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program -NW	Julie Ann Embler Nery Alonso	Staff Attorney Staff Attorney	800 Drew Street Clearwater, FL 33755	727-490-4040		
6th	Community Law Program	Kimberly Rodgers	Executive Director	501 1st Avenue North, Rm. 519 St. Petersburg, FL 33701	727-582-7480	727-582-7267	
7th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Lena Smith	Pro Bono Manager	1610 SE 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34471	352-629-0105	352-629-8877	
7th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Julie Rademacher	Pro Bono Coordinator	128-A Orange Avenue, Suite 100 Daytona Beach, FL. 32114	386-255-6573	386-257-6824	
8th	Three Rivers Legal Services	Marcia Green	Pro Bono Coordinator	1000 N.E. 16th Avenue, Bldg 1, Suite B, Gainesville, FL. 32601	352-372-0519	352-375-1631	
9th	Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association	Catherine A. Tucker	Pro Bono Coordinator	100 E. Robinson St. Orlando, FL. 32801	407-841-8310	407-648-9240	
9th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Lena Smith	Pro Bono Manager	1610 SE 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34471	352-629-0105	352-629-8877	

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9th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Allison Rivera	Pro Bono Coordinator	122 E. Colonial Drive #200 Orlando, FL 32801	407-841-7777	407-246-1661	
10th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Sheena Robinson	Pro Bono Coordinator	1321 E. Memorial Blvd., Suite 101 Lakeland, FL. 33801	863-688-7376		
11th	Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Vivian Chavez	Director of Operations	4343 W. Flagler St., Suite 100 Miami, FL. 33134	305-438-3813	305-438-3813	
11th	Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back	A. Bruce Levine	Pro Bono Director	123 NW First Avenue Miami, FL 33128	305-579-5733	305-372-7693	
12th	Legal Aid of Manasota	Pamela Fields	Pro Bono Coordinator	1900 Main Street, Suite 302, Sarasota, FL 34236	941-366-0038	941-364-8855	
13th	Bay Area Legal Services/Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program	Jena Hudson	Pro Bono Manager	800 E. Twiggs St., Rm. 207 Tampa, FL 33602	813-226-8685	813-226-8510	
14th	Legal Services of North Florida	John J. Fenno	Dir. of Development/ Private Attorney Involvement	2119 Delta Blvd. Tallahassee, FL. 32303	850-385-9007	850-385-5684	
15th	Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County	Kim Rommel-Enright	Supervising Attorney	423 Fern Street, #200 West Palm Beach, FL 33401	561-655-8944	561-655-5269	
16th	Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Vivian Chavez	Director of Operations	4343 W. Flagler St., Suite 100 Miami, FL. 33134	305-438-3813	305-576-5112	
17th	Broward Lawyers Care/Legal Aid Service of Broward County	Chanel A. Winter	Pro Bono Coordinator	491 North State Road 7 Plantation, FL 33317	954-736-2427	954-736-2480	
18th	Brevard County Legal Aid	Robert L. Johnson, Jr.	Executive Director	1038 Harvin Way, Suite 100 Rockledge, FL. 32955	321-631-2500	321-633-4822	
18th-Brevard	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Julie Rademacher	Pro Bono Coordinator	128-A Orange Avenue, Suite 100 Daytona Beach, FL. 32114	386-255-6573	386-257-6824	
18th-Seminole	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Allison Rivera	Pro Bono Coordinator	122 E. Colonial Drive #200 Orlando, FL 32801	407-841-7777	407-246-1661	
18th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Lena Smith	Pro Bono Manager	1610 SE 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34471	352-629-0105	352-629-8877	
19th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Glenda Montes de Oca	Pro Bono Coordinator	121 N. 2d Street, 4th Floor Fort Pierce, FL 34950	772-466-4766	772-489-3176	
20th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Ethel Wells	Pro Bono Coordinator	3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 101 Ft. Myers, FL 33901	239-334-4554	239-233-9220	
20th	Legal Aid Service of Collier County	Jeff Ahren	Pro Bono Coordinator	4436 Tamiami Trail East Naples, FL 34112	239-775-4555	239-775-3886	

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Circuit	Pro Bono Organization Name	Email Address	Provides Professional Liability Insurance	Provides Training	Reimburses Litigation Expenses	Provides Mentors	Notes
1st	Legal Services of North Florida	john@lsnf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2nd	Legal Services of North Florida	john@lsnf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2nd	The Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association	volunteer@tallahasseebar.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3rd	Three Rivers Legal Services	donna.macrae@trls.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4th	Three Rivers Legal Services	felicia.wilcox@trls.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4th	Pro Bono Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (Pro Bono JALA)	kathy.para@jaxlegalaid.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	lenas@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	margareth@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6th-N. Pinellas, Pasco	Bay Area Legal Services/Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program -NW	jemblem@bals.org ; nalonso@bals.org	Yes	Yes	Yes-preapproval required for litigation expenses over \$100	Yes	
6th	Community Law Program	krodgers@lawprogram.org	Yes	Yes	Yes-preapproval is required	Yes	
7th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	lenas@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
7th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	julier@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
8th	Three Rivers Legal Services	marcia.green@trls.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
9th	Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association	ctucker@legalaidocba.org	Yes	Yes	Payment for nonwaivable court costs such as depositions, interpreters	Yes	
9th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	lenas@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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9th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	allisonr@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
10th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Sheena.robinson@frls.org	Yes	Yes	Pay for certain litigation costs and expenses-Chk w/program	Yes	
11th	Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	vchavez@legalservicesmiami.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
11th	Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back	blevine@dadelegalaid.org	Yes	Yes	Yes-reimburse pre-approved costs-Chk w/program	Yes	
12th	Legal Aid of Manasota	PamelaF@legalaidofmanasota.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
13th	Bay Area Legal Services/Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program	judson@bals.org	Yes	Yes	Yes-preapproval required for litigation expenses over \$100	Yes	
14th	Legal Services of North Florida	john@lsnf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
15th	Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County	kenright@legalaidpbc.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
16th	Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	vchavez@legalservicesmiami.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
17th	Broward Lawyers Care/Legal Aid Service of Broward County	cwinter@legalaid.org	Yes	Yes	Pays for certain litigation costs and expenses-Chk w/program	Yes	
18th	Brevard County Legal Aid	rob@brevardlegalaid.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
18th-Brevard	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	julier@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
18th- Seminole	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	allisonr@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
18th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	lenas@clsmf.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
19th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Glenda.MontesDeOca@frls.org	Yes	Yes	Pay for certain litigation costs and expenses-Chk w/program	Yes	
20th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	ethel.wells@frls.org	Yes	Yes	Pay for certain litigation costs and expenses-Chk w/program	Yes	
20th	Legal Aid Service of Collier County	jahren@legalaid.org	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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Circuit	Pro Bono Organization Name	Types of Pro Bono Oppty's Offered	Assist With Clearing Title to Homes/Mobile Homes
1st	Legal Services of North Florida	No Place Like Home Pilot-Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Develop Training Mat'ls for PB Attorneys, Legal Information Clinics, Mentor Legal Services Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
2nd	Legal Services of North Florida	No Place Like Home Pilot-Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Develop Training Mat'ls for PB Attorneys, Legal Information Clinics, Mentor Legal Services Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
2nd	The Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association	Client Representation, Mobile Law for All Clinics, Mentor PB Attorneys	Yes-Limited to City of Tallahassee
3rd	Three Rivers Legal Services	Client Intake, Client Representation, Legal Education/Outreach, Train PB Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys	Yes
4th	Three Rivers Legal Services	Client Intake, Client Representation, Legal Education/Outreach, Train PB Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys	Yes
4th	Pro Bono Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (Pro Bono JALA)	Ask a Lawyer, Client Intake, Client Representation, Legal Advice Clinics, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Lawyers in Libraries, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
5th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
5th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
6th-N. Pinellas, Pasco	Bay Area Legal Services/Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program -NW	Client Intake, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Review and Assess, Develop Training Mat'ls, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
6th	Community Law Program	Advice Clinics, Assist With Script Writing for Education Videos, Client Representation, Develop Training Mat'ls for General Public and/or PB Attorneys, Legal Education Seminars, Mediators in eviction cases, Mentor PB Attorneys, Train PB Attys	Yes
7th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics; Client Representation; Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
7th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics; Client Representation; Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
8th	Three Rivers Legal Services	Client Intake, Client Representation, Legal Clinics, Legal Education/Outreach, Train PB Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys	Yes
9th	Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association	Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Representation, Community Education, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Office and Outreach Intake, Develop Training Mat'ls, Telephone Screening, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
9th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes

* No Place Like Home Pilot

Circuit	Pro Bono Organization Name	Types of Pro Bono Opptys Offered	Assist With Clearing Title to Homes/Mobile Homes
9th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
10th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Ask a Lawyer, Client Representation, Legal Education Seminars, Mentor PB Attorneys, Provide Advice and Limited Services,	Yes
11th	Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Mento PB Attorneys, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Legal Education/Outreach, Develop Training Materials and Train PB Attorneys	Yes
11th	Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back	Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake & Screening, Client Representation, Co-Counsel, Mentor PB Attorneys and Train PB Attorneys	Yes
12th	Legal Aid of Manasota	No Place Like Home Pilot (Manatee & Sarasota Counties only)-Client Intake, Client Representation, Community Outreach/Speaking Engagements, Clinic Teacher, Mentor PB Attorneys	Yes
13th	Bay Area Legal Services/Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program	No Place Like Home Pilot -Client Intake, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Review and Assess, Develop Training Mat'ls, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
14th	Legal Services of North Florida	No Place Like Home Pilot-Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Develop Training Mat'ls for PB Attorneys, Mentor Legal Services Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys, Train PB Attorneys	Yes
15th	Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County	No Place Like Home Pilot-Advice Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Serve as Trainer, Develop Training Materials for PB Attorneys, Mentor PB Attorneys	Yes
16th	Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Mentor Pro Bono Attorneys, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Legal Education/Outreach, Develop Training Materials and Train Pro Bono Attorneys	Yes
17th	Broward Lawyers Care/Legal Aid Service of Broward County	No Place Like Home Pilot-Client Representation; Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys; Provide Advice and Limited Services	Yes
18th	Brevard County Legal Aid	Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Intake, Client Representation, Mentor Pro Bono Attorneys/Legal Services Staff, Legal Education/Outreach, Develop Training Materials for PB Attorneys and Train Pro Bono Attorneys	Yes
18th-Brevard	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
18th-Seminole	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
18th	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida	Legal Advice Clinics, Client Representation, Mentor Legal Services Staff, Mentor PB Attorneys, Pro Se Forms Workshops	Yes
19th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Ask a Lawyer, Client Representation, Legal Education Seminars, Mentor PB Attorneys, Provide Advice and Limited Services,	Yes
20th	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Ask a Lawyer, Client Representation. Legal Education Seminars, Mentor PB Attorneys, Provide Advice and Limited Services	Yes
20th	Legal Aid Service of Collier County	Advice & Counsel Clinics, Client Representation, Develop training materials for PB Attorneys, Legal Education/Outreach, Mentor PB Attorneys; Pro Se Assistance Clinics	Yes

* No Place Like Home Pilot

**EMERITUS LAWYER
EXAMPLES OF PRO BONO
OPPORTUNITIES**

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one client. one attorney. one promise.

The Fourth Judicial Circuit offers a variety of pro bono opportunities serving low-income persons that provide professional development and that are personally rewarding.

Pro Bono Case Representation:

- Pro bono attorneys indicate their preferred practice areas and review case summaries and documents prior to acceptance.
- Pro bono attorneys may also indicate a specific client group such as NFMLP patients, veterans, immigrants, senior citizens, children, nonprofits or Community Development Corporations, Guardian Ad Litem cases, Office of Public Defender, or Veterans Legal Collaborative cases.
- Pro bono attorneys may indicate their willingness to accept judicial appointments in Civil and Dependency Courts, serve as a Guardian Ad Litem, or serve in the One Lawyer One Life project.

Pro Bono Projects (one-day, non-case representation opportunities):

- Ask-A-Lawyer Events, quarterly
- Legal Phone-In (*First Coast News*)
- Client In-take (*offsite with partner agencies*)
- Estate Planning Intake Night (monthly)
- Family Law, Bankruptcy. Or Tax Q & A Clinic Presenter (monthly)
- Nonprofit Agency Counsel & Support
- Teach CLE for other Pro Bono Attorneys
- Expert Resource for another Pro Bono Attorney
- Citizenship Day (annually)
- Advance Directives for Seniors Events, quarterly
- Seal/Expunge Clinic Presenter (quarterly)
- Restoration of Civil Rights Clinic presenter (quarterly)
- CLE Presenter for trainings to support other pro bono attorneys and/or legal services staff.
- Lawyers in Libraries (annually)
- Monthly Missing Link, Family Law Pro Se forms assistance.
- Bankruptcy Assistance for Pro Se Filers Clinic (monthly)

Pro Bono Attorneys are provided with the following resources:

CLE Courses (online and in-person) Expert Resource Attorneys
Law Students (*to assist in document prep or serve as translators, if needed*)
Access to Westlaw (*for pro bono case research*)
Professional Liability Insurance (*for legal services cases*) Meeting Space

Review Pro Bono Cases Awaiting Placement with Pro Bono Attorneys:

www.jaxlegalaid.org and click "Cases in Need of Placement with Pro Bono Attorneys". Cases listed are from Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Northeast Florida Medical Legal Partnership, and Three Rivers Legal Services.

To volunteer and for more information:

Kathy Para, Esquire, Chairperson, The Jacksonville Bar Association, Pro Bono Committee, at (904) 356-8371, ext. 363 or e-mail kathy.para@jaxlegalaid.org





EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Three Rivers Legal Services [TRLS] provides free civil legal assistance to eligible persons who are low-income, disabled, or elderly in areas of law such as Domestic Violence, evictions/foreclosures, VA and Social Security benefits, end of life planning, consumer, taxes, and public benefits. To volunteer to provide advice and/or representation, contact volunteer@trls.org or go to <http://www.trls.org/volunteer/>.

TRLS Small Claims Clinic is a twice-monthly clinic for eligible clients to meet individually with volunteer attorneys to discuss their claim, receive assistance with pleadings or gain advice on small claims, wages claims or security deposit returns. To volunteer to provide advice and/or representation, contact volunteer@trls.org or go to <http://www.trls.org/volunteer/>.

Ask-a-Lawyer Project is a series of monthly or bi-monthly events to provide advice and brief services to persons facing homelessness. Free legal advice is offered in both civil and criminal law. The project is a collaborative effort the the EJCBA, TRLS, Southern Legal Counsel, UF Levin College of Law and the Public Defenders Office. To volunteer contact Ray Brady at rbrady1959@gmail.com or volunteer@trls.org.

Southern Legal Counsel [SLC] is a Florida statewide not-for-profit public interest law firm located in Gainesville which seeks systemic solutions in areas such as general and special education, homelessness, fair housing, and disability and other civil rights. You can volunteer at <http://www.southernlegal.org/index.php/pro-bono-opportunities/>.

The Self-Help Center at the Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center is available on the fourth floor of the Alachua County Family Civil and Justice Center, located at 201 East University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601-3456. Volunteer attorneys are needed to provide advice to individuals using the center for civil legal complaints in areas such as housing, small claims, and family law (such as Dissolutions of Marriage, Establishment of Paternity and/or Timesharing, and Modification of Child Support). To volunteer, contact Annemarie Schuller at (352) 491-4636.

Law in the Library Series is a partnership of the EJCBA and the Alachua County Library District to bring informational legal sessions to local residents. To volunteer for the monthly workshops, contact jan.bendik@trls.org.

The Guardian Ad Litem Program provides advocacy to abused and neglected children. To volunteer for the Guardian Ad Litem in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, go to <http://gal.alachua.fl.us/volunteer-info.aspx>.



PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Help us increase the quality legal advice, representation, and education we provide the indigent citizens in our community.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

- ◆ Accept a pro bono case for full representation
- ◆ Provide advice and limited services
- ◆ Participate in an ask-a-lawyer event
- ◆ Present a Legal Education Seminar
- ◆ Participate in a legal advice clinic:
 - ◆ Bankruptcy/Consumer
 - ◆ Estate Planning
 - ◆ Family Law
 - ◆ Veterans
- ◆ Participate in outreach events
- ◆ Present at senior center advice clinics
- ◆ Provide advice on FRLS Legal Aid Advice Hotline

Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS), Inc. takes the worry out of attorneys providing pro bono assistance by offering: FREE malpractice coverage, CLEs, internet access and meeting space, and forms in the areas in which we have cases and projects. Clients are pre-screened prior to being referred to volunteer attorneys, and we pay for certain litigation costs and expenses.

**There is no commitment of representation unless you accept a case.*

**Evening and/or weekend opportunities may be available.*

CELEBRATE
PRO BONO
www.celebrateprobono.org



To volunteer or for more information:

Sheena Robinson (863) 688-7376 X3018 sheena.robinson@frls.org

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."

-Albert Schweitzer



Legal Aid
Manasota
Access To Justice

LEGAL AID OF MANASOTA'S PRO BONO PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc. is a nonprofit civil law firm that provides quality legal services for the most vulnerable residents of Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Ways you can help

Client Representation
Client Intake in one of our offices
Speaking Engagements/Community Outreach
Clinic Teacher
Mentoring

Special Projects

Pro Se Dissolution of Marriage Clinics- Teach a class about how to file a pro se divorce.

Senior Will Project- Prepare simple Wills and Advance Directives for senior citizens or the terminally ill.

Community Counsel Project- Provide pro bono assistance to local non-profits and community based organizations who primarily serve low income clients or who are working to revitalize low income communities.

Medical Legal Partnership- in conjunction with the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Newtown Internal Medicine Practice. Assisting patients of the practice who have civil legal issues that are negatively impacting their health.

Youth Aging out of Foster Care – Assisting Foster Care Youth who are in the Independent Living Program with a variety of issues from attending Independent Living hearings and general civil legal issues.

Domestic Violence- in collaboration with SPARCC and HOPE. Representation for victims of domestic violence at Injunction hearings.

No Place Like Home Project - in conjunction with the RPPTL Section of the Florida Bar – Assist homeowners in clearing title to their properties through probate or real property actions. This is a preventative program to clear property titles prior to a natural disaster such as Katrina in New Orleans.

Please contact Pamela Fields, Esq., Pro Bono Coordinator for more information.
941-366-0038 Ext. 101 or PamelaF@legalaidofmanasota.org

Pro Bono Opportunities for Hillsborough County Attorneys

Donate your time and legal expertise to help low-income residents of Hillsborough County by participating in a pro bono project. There are numerous opportunities to fit your desired level of service and schedule. Take the first step today by deciding how YOU want to help. Contact the program below and we'll get you started!

GENERAL/CIVIL

ASK A LAWYER: Respond to calls from local residents seeking legal help. Volunteers appear on Fox 13's morning television show on the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 a.m. No experience necessary. Contact: Lupe Vazquez-Mitcham at (813) 221-7783 or at lupe@hillsbar.com.

BAVLP* CASE REFERRAL: Accept civil case referrals in those areas of the law that you have designated. Low-income clients are screened for eligibility and cases are reviewed for legal merit prior to referral. Projects for which training is provided include **Basic Family Law, Guardian Advocacy, Clearing Title (No Place Like Home Project), and Bankruptcy**.
<https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

BAVLP* CLIENT INTAKE: Interview and advise legal aid applicants at the George Edgecomb Courthouse two evenings a month from 5:30 to 8 p.m. No experience is necessary. New volunteers may shadow experienced attorneys. Training provided. <https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

BAVLP* MENTOR PANEL: Become a mentor. We need your expertise! Attorneys with specialized expertise assist less experienced volunteer attorneys handling pro bono cases or mentor BALS staff attorneys.
<https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

FEDERAL LITIGATION PROJECT: Provide limited one-time consultations to pro se litigants in civil matters filed in federal courts in the Middle District of Florida. Organized by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Contact: (813) 227-8418 or scott.mclaren@hwlaw.com.

PROJECT H.E.L.P. (Homeless Experience Legal Protection): Volunteers provide advice and counsel to homeless individuals at Metropolitan Ministries' Outreach Center. Training is provided. Clinics are held Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7:30 pm. Contact: Ella Shenhav at EShenhav@shutts.com (813) 227-8121 or Katherine Kobos, kkobos@shutts.com (813) 463-4888.

BAVLP* COMMUNITY COUNSEL: Provide transactional legal assistance to community groups and nonprofits that serve indigent residents or distressed neighborhoods. The project is an ideal opportunity for transactional attorneys, in-house counsel, and attorneys representing management.
<https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

iLAWYER: NEW! Provide legal advice and brief services to clients via Skype from the comfort of your own home or office one evening a month from 5 to 7 p.m. This project is ideal for attorneys looking for after hour volunteer opportunities that require no travel and little to no follow up. To volunteer or for more information please e-mail or call Linda Anderson at landerson@bals.org or (813) 232-1222, x128.

TAMPA BAY PRO BONO PARTNERS: Partner with a colleague to handle a pro bono project together. Tampa Bay Pro Bono Partners helps teams find opportunities that fit their interests and availability. Contacts: Traci Koster at traci@nelsonlg.com or Ashley Trehan at ashley.trehan@bipc.com.

BANKRUPTCY /TAXES

BAVLP* LOW INCOME TAXPAYER PANEL:

Assist eligible clients with their income tax issues. Matters include victims of ID theft and innocent spouse relief.
<https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

BANKRUPTCY COURT LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Assist low-income litigants in certain adversary proceedings. The program is organized by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida.
http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/legal_assistance.

TAMPA BAY BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION'S

PRO BONO CLINIC: Provide limited advice/information and assistance with the preparation of court documents for pro se bankruptcy litigants. The clinic is open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: tbkprobonoclinic@gmail.com.

*For more information on a pro bono opportunity with the Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program (BAVLP), please call (813) 226-8685, ext. 110.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS/GUARDIANSHIP

CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA KIDS, INC.

A nonprofit that trains and mentors pro bono attorneys to represent children in dependency proceedings, including the "Crossovers" charged with delinquencies. The organization also oversees the Juvenile Delinquency Attorney Ad Litem Program. Professional liability insurance is provided. Please join us in helping children in our community. Contact: rosemary@crossroadsfloridakids.org or Allison.willis.singer@gmail.com.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

Volunteer to become an appointed guardian to a young child in need. Training is provided. Contact: www.galtampa.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BAVLP* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE PROJECT:

Assist victims of domestic violence complete petition for injunction forms. Participation does not require court appearances or representation. A one-hour training DVD is provided. The project is located at the George Edgecomb Courthouse. <https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

ARE YOU SAFE: A nonprofit dedicated to providing free legal and social services to victims of domestic violence. Volunteers represent victims of domestic violence during the injunction process. Training is provided. New volunteers may shadow experienced attorneys. Contact: (813) 997-7432 or r.u.safe.tampa@gmail.com.

FAMILY LAW

FAMILY FORMS CLINIC / FFC EN ESPAÑOL / YLD FFC:

Help pro se litigants complete family law forms. The Clinic is located at the George Edgecomb Courthouse. BAVLP* staff is on hand to answer any questions. New volunteers may shadow experienced attorneys. A thirty-minute training DVD is provided. No family law experience needed. <https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

FAMILY LAW GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM:

Experienced volunteer Guardian Ad Litem attorneys are needed to serve as children's representatives in family court proceedings. Contact: Courtney Bowes at Courtney@BowesFamilyLaw.com.

FAMILY MATTERS: Handle a family law case or serve as a family law mentor with BAVLP*. Volunteer attorneys new to the practice of family law agree to accept a simple divorce case and are matched with an experienced family law attorney.

Family law training is available. <https://www.bals.org/pro-bono-registration>.

ST. MICHAEL'S LEGAL CENTER: Located at Christ the King Catholic Church. The Center offers free legal services primarily to low-income women and children. The Center does not discriminate as to gender, race, creed or any church or non-church membership. Volunteers assist in family law matters, including child support collection and domestic battery cases, foreclosure defense, bankruptcy and immigration matters. Contact: J. Michael Shea at mike@michaelshea.com.

WILLS & ESTATES/ ELDERLY/ VETERANS

AGING SOLUTIONS, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC

GUARDIAN (OPG): Volunteers assist in providing legal services to guardians for indigent wards. Services may include preparation of annual accountings, scheduling and attending case management conferences. Contact: Lona DiCerb at lonadicerb@aging-solutions.org or Tamara Cribben at (813) 949-1888 or Toll Free at (866) 922-4464.

WILLS FOR HEROES: Provide essential legal documents free of charge to first responders in Hillsborough County. The project uses volunteer attorneys and paralegals to provide wills, living wills, and powers of attorney during scheduled events. Training is provided. Contact: Katie Everlove-Stone at Katie@everlovelegal.com.

MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Provide legal assistance to military personnel and veterans. Contact Greg Orcutt at greg@orcuttlaw.com.

*For more information on a pro bono opportunity with the Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program (BAVLP), please call (813) 226-8685, ext. 110.

Pro Bono Opportunities for Palm Beach County Attorneys

Pro Bono Clients Served

The most vulnerable members of our community:

Victims of domestic violence

Abused and neglected children

Abused and exploited elders

Disabled individuals

Victims of discrimination: racial, ethnic, religious, disability, familial or gender-based

Homeless families

Donate your time and expertise to provide legal advice and representation to the disadvantaged residents of Palm Beach County by participating in a pro bono case and/or other special project

Examples of Pro Bono Projects

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Chapter of FAWL, Guardian Advocacy Training

Palm Beach County Chapter of FAWL is hosting a luncheon where attorneys will be trained in the area of Guardian Advocacy. Participants agree to accept one pro bono guardian advocacy case for an under-resourced caregiver in Palm Beach County

Palm Beach County Coalition for Immigrant Rights Hosts DACA Renewal Clinics

Palm Beach County attorneys appear at local area high school to provide assistance to DACA beneficiaries whose work authorization will soon expire.

Expulsion Hearings

Representation of children who have been recommended for expulsion, at quasi-judicial hearings before the Palm Beach County School Board. Training is available.

Domestic Violence Restraining Order Hearings

Representation of victims of domestic violence at Temporary Restraining Order hearings. Each case involves a 2 – 4 hour approximate time commitment. Training is available.

For more information on Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Projects, please contact

Kimberly Rommel-Enright, Supervising Attorney

(561) 655-8944 Ext. 265. or kenright@legalaidpbc.org

Professional Liability Insurance Provided



Broward Lawyers Care



Broward Lawyers Care (BLC) enables busy attorneys to make a difference in their community. Legal Aid manages the administrative issues so that the attorney's time is spent directly on the clients' legal needs. Services at Legal Aid are designed to help clients build self-sufficiency. When you help a Legal Aid client, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are part of a process that is geared toward helping someone in need turn their life around.

Menu of Opportunities

Please select from the following:

- Volunteer for the Advice & Counsel Hotline (Tuesdays, 2-5 pm)
- Take a Pro Bono Case
- Take a Tracey McPharlin Dependency Project Pro Bono Case
- Volunteer for a special project to assist veterans
- Volunteer for the Broward Legal Immigration Project (BLIP)
- Make a minimum contribution of \$350

Place Your Order

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

For additional information about these and other BLC Pro Bono opportunities, please contact Chanel Winter | 954-736-2427 | cwinter@legalaid.org

*BLC was established in 1983 as a joint effort between Legal Aid Service of Broward County (LAS) and the Broward County Bar Association. BLC is the **only** pro bono program in Broward County recognized by the Florida Bar Foundation.*

EQUAL JUSTICE

The Judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit invite you to help protect the health and safety of our most vulnerable citizens and ensure equal justice under the law.

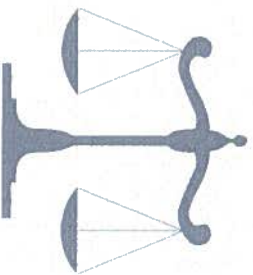
"Equal justice under law is not merely a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court building; it is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society. It is one of the ends for which our entire legal system exists. ... It is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability without regard to economic status."

*U.S. Supreme Court Justice
Lewis Powell, Jr.*



R. Regulating Fla. Bar 4-6.1 PRO BONO PUBLIC SERVICE

(a) Professional Responsibility. Each member of The Florida Bar in good standing, as part of that member's professional responsibility, should (1) render pro bono legal services to the poor and (2) participate, to the extent possible, in other pro bono service activities that directly relate to the legal needs of the poor.



EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center
2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

Phone: 321-637-5355
E-mail: publicinformation@flcourts18.org

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BREVARD COUNTY ATTORNEYS

The pro bono opportunities outlined in this brochure represent just a few areas where attorneys can use their legal skills in service to our community. If you would like other pro bono opportunities to be added to this list, please send your request to the Chief Judge via the following email:

publicinformation@flcourts18.org.

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

The programs listed below are just a few of the ways that Brevard County attorneys can volunteer their legal expertise in service to our community.



COURT MONITOR - GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION

Pursuant to sections 744. 107 and 744.1075, Florida Statutes, the court may appoint a court monitor to investigate, seek information, examine documents and interview the ward when an issue arises as to the safety and/or well-being of a Ward. An attorney may add his or her name to the list of court monitors by contacting Chris Trammell, Judicial Assistant to Judge Davidson.
Phone: 321-617-7281
Email: Chris.Trammell@fcourts18.org

ATTORNEY AD LITEM - DEPENDENCY DIVISION

Section 39.01305, Florida Statutes requires appointment of attorney to dependent children with certain special needs:

- ◆ Resides in, or is being considered for placement in, a skilled nursing facility;
- ◆ Is prescribed a psychotropic medication and declines to assent to it;
- ◆ Has been diagnosed with a developmental disability;
- ◆ Is being placed in, or is considered for placement in a residential treatment center
- ◆ Is a victim of human trafficking;

Additional needs for an Attorney Ad Litem:

- ◆ 17 year-olds transitioning out of foster care
- ◆ Any stage of a Dependency proceeding where a child is alleged or adjudicated Dependent

An attorney may add his or her name to the Attorneys' Ad Litem list by contacting:

John Hubbard, Supervising Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Phone: 321-690-6823, ext. 56246

Email: John.Hubbard@brevardfl.gov



Make A Difference in the Life of a Child!

GUARDIAN AD LITEM - FAMILY LAW DIVISION

The Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program is a project of the Brevard County Bar Association for high conflict family law cases. The GAL is appointed to promote the best interest of the child.

An Attorney may add his or her name to the list of GALs by contacting:

Michelle Studstill, Esq.

Phone: 321-255-2332

Email: mstudstill@uslegalteam.com

LEGAL AID OF BREVARD

Areas that Legal Aid needs volunteers:

- ◆ Family law
- ◆ Domestic Violence IFP
- ◆ Bankruptcy
- ◆ Guardianship
- ◆ Attorneys Ad Litem
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Probate - Simple Wills
- ◆ Consumer - repossession, collection, garnishment, insurance, unfair sales, contract
- ◆ Landlord-Tenant
- ◆ Foreclosure
- ◆ Adopt an Agency (legal work for non profits serving poor and disadvantaged)

Attorneys who wish to volunteer for Legal Aid cases can contact:

Silvia Cowan

Phone (321) 631-2500, ext. 518



PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES IN THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Through Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS)

Throughout the 19th Circuit there are many opportunities for you to
change lives while advancing justice`

- ◆ Accept a pro bono case for full representation
- ◆ Provide advice and limited services
- ◆ Provide advice/pro se assistance at the Martin County Courthouse (satellite office)
- ◆ Provide advice /pro se assistance at the Saint Lucie County Courthouse (satellite office)
- ◆ Participate in an ask-a-lawyer event – all counties
- ◆ Present a Legal Education Seminar – all counties
- ◆ Participate in a legal advice clinic:
 - ◆ Bankruptcy/Consumer – all counties
 - ◆ Estate Planning – all counties
 - ◆ Family Law – all counties
 - ◆ Veterans - all counties
- ◆ Participate in various outreach events:
 - ◆ Mobile unit homeless outreach – all counties
 - ◆ Senior center advice clinics – all counties
 - ◆ Provide advice on FRLS Legal Aid Advice Hotline
 - ◆ Mentor another pro bono attorney

FRLS WILL COVER CERTAIN COSTS
FRLS PROVIDES MALPRACTICE COVERAGE
FRLS PROVIDES FREE CLE TRAINING
FRLS WILL PROVIDE A MENTOR

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one client. one attorney. one promise.

For more information or to volunteer please contact:
Carolyn Fabrizio, PAI Director, FRLS
Phone: 772-466-4766 x 7024
Email: carolyn.fabrizio@frls.org

Imagine the impact we could make if every attorney in the state of Florida helped one pro bono client.

20th Judicial Circuit Pro-Bono Service Providers

LEE CHARLOTTE COLLIER GLADES HENDRY

WHERE CAN I GET AFFORDABLE LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

The following organizations provide free or low-cost legal assistance in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit:

Legal Aid Service of Collier County

www.collierlegalaid.org

4436 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, FL 34112
(239) 775-4555

Florida Rural Legal Services

www.frls.org

3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 101
Fort Myers, FL 33909

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