

PRO BONO COMMITMENT

The Dauphin County Bar Association asks each member to recommit to pro bono service. Now, more than ever, your time and talents are desperately needed. The good news is that you have so many ways to serve.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the members, we ask each member (regardless of employment status) to participate annually by

1. Accepting two pro bono cases screened by MidPenn Legal Services,
2. Participating in another pro bono program, or
3. Contributing \$300.00.

1. Pro Bono Referrals – MidPenn Legal Service refers appropriate low-income clients in need of pro bono representation to the DCBA. These cases often involve Custody (only for the conference); No-fault, No-asset Divorces; Child Support or other matters.

Due to the importance of this work, MidPenn offers these resources for pro bono attorneys taking referral cases:

- **Malpractice insurance** to cover your pro bono referral work,
- Staff attorney's **assistance** and advice, and
- One **FREE CLE credit** for every 5 hours spent on the referred matter - up to 3 CLE credits per year.

We encourage you to accept two referral cases per year.

2. Pro Bono Options -- We know it is difficult for some lawyers to participate in traditional pro bono programs and that your employment status, work hours or an employer's policy may limit your participation. However, we do not want to exclude anyone.

There are many pro bono options through which many attorneys in a variety of professional categories are able to participate. Here are just a few:

- Monthly Custody Clinics via Zoom
- Neighborhood Dispute Resolution
- Hon. Todd A. Hoover Pro Bono Guardian Monitors
- ACLU
- Middle District Federal Bar Association
- NEW OPTION - Now, you can help any time from any location – through the new **Pa Free Legal Answers**, a web site where income-eligible users post questions and volunteer attorneys can answer them.
<https://www.freelegalanswers.org/> You
 - Choose the questions that you want to answer,
 - Have no ongoing legal responsibility, and
 - Are covered by ABA malpractice insurance!

Please let me know if you want help finding a pro bono opportunity that works for you!

3. Pro Bono Tax-Deductible Donation -- Many attorneys choose to participate by making a financial contribution. If you prefer this option, please make checks payable to
Dauphin County Bar Foundation
Please mark in the memo field: "pro bono donation"
213 North Front St,
Harrisburg, PA 17101

The suggested amount is \$300.00. These contributions provide the critical foundation for our pro bono efforts in the community. Rest assured; your donation will go a long way to help those who have nowhere else to turn.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and all your work to increase access to justice for low-income and disadvantaged people during this difficult time.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pro Bono Participation Preference Form

Attorney's Name: _____

Please mark any items that apply and email the information to me at sandy@dcba-pa.org.

- I will take **Two Referral Cases** from MidPenn Legal Services and watch my email for referral cases!
- I **Already Participate** in pro bono work through this project: _____
- I **Already Participate** in pro bono work by taking pro bono cases from the following agency:

- Please send me more information about **Other Pro Bono Options**.
- I prefer to participate by making a **Tax-Deductible Donation** and will send a check payable to **Dauphin County Bar Foundation** to 213 North Front St, Harrisburg, 17101.

Please note: If you do not hear from you October 20, 2021, we will send you an invoice to remind and encourage you to donate to the Foundation.

Please return this form to:

Sandy Ballard, Esquire
Public Services Coordinator
Dauphin County Bar Association
213 North Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101; (717) 232-7536 ext. 7

Please note: We do NOT have voice mail before 9 AM or after 5 PM.

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