

How Can You Participate in DCBA Pro Bono Month?

It's easy as ABC:

- A. Reply to the pro bono email
- B. Read a Book
- C. Take a FREE CLE

Since 2009, the **National Pro Bono Celebration** is held the last week of October as a means to draw attention to the need for pro bono participation. Not being content with merely a *week* to focus on Pro Bono, the Dauphin County Bar Association declared October to be **DCBA Pro Bono Month**.

The National Pro Bono Celebration was launched due to the increasing need for pro bono services during harsh economic times (remember 2008?). Now, we again face challenges – not just in our country, but all over the world. In these difficult times, the DCBA reminds each of us that pro bono work is our professional responsibility and needs to be an individual ethical commitment.

- A. Annual Pro Bono Email** - Here at DCBA, we take that responsibility seriously. 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.

Recently, we emailed the **Annual Pro Bono Participation Form** to you. Thus, an excellent way for you to participate in DCBA Pro Bono Month, is to reply to that message. Your response will

- let us know how you plan to participate in pro bono service, and
- help you avoid getting follow-up emails asking you to respond.

- B. Read a Book** - After you respond to the Annual Pro Bono Participation email, another way to participate in DCBA Pro Bono Month is to read “**A Knock at Midnight**” by Brittany K. Barnett. For bonus points, purchase the book at [Amazon Smile](#) and select MidPenn Legal Services as the charity and Amazon will also donate 0.5% of each eligible purchase that you make to that charity. There are no fees or extra costs.

The publisher describes the book as a “riveting memoir is at once a coming-of-age story and a powerful evocation of what it takes to bring hope and justice to a system built to resist them both. “ **Amazon Description:**

Brittany K. Barnett was only a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever—that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, business owner, and, like Brittany, Black daughter of the rural South. A victim of America’s devastating war on drugs, Sharanda had been torn away from her young

daughter and was serving a life sentence without parole—for a first-time drug offense... Moved by Sharanda's plight, Brittany set to work to gain her freedom.

This had never been the plan... By day she moved billion-dollar deals, and by night she worked pro bono to free clients in near hopeless legal battles. Ultimately, her path transformed her understanding of injustice in the courts, of genius languishing behind bars, and the very definition of freedom itself.

Then on **October 27 at 4 PM** join us for a complimentary webinar discussion with “**A Knock at Midnight**” author Brittany K. Barnett. Register on the ABA website or https://americanbar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VFvjFw3oQS-NND1mIA59vA

C. FREE 10/26 CLE – For many reasons, we are seeing more grandparents raising grandchildren. They often face unique obstacles as third parties in custody disputes. After receiving the knowledge and tools provided in this FREE CLE, you will be well-equipped to join the effort to support this vulnerable population and the heroic role grandparents are taking on.

Pro bono attorneys make an enormous difference in the lives of these families at both ends of the life cycle. We hope you will join us in this work.

Date: Tuesday, **October 26, 2021**

Time: **10:00 am**

Duration: 60 min to earn **1 Substantive Credit**

Cost: **FREE**

Presenters:

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- Heather Kelly, Esq., Staff Attorney, SeniorLAW Center

How: **Zoom** Video Conference (Link provided upon registration)

Advance Registration Required at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpfuuspzsrH9zmDRdH-i4wxHXQgRxHtUhn>

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But its up to you and me!