

PRO BONO MADE EASIER

WHAT IS PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND?

The Pro Bono Resource Center (PBRC) is the "pro bono arm" of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA), and is proudly sponsored by the MSBA, the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. PBRC recruits, trains, mentors, and supports pro bono lawyers, connecting hundreds of volunteers with meaningful legal services opportunities, in addition to serving as the resource and technical assistance program for public interest organizations. Over the years we have also focused resources on specific areas of acute legal need to positively impact at-risk individuals and economically distressed neighborhoods. Each project offers direct legal services to the community and works to balance the inequities of the justice system.

TRAINING

PBRC offers free or discounted training in a broad range of topics including:

Family Law | Foreclosure Prevention | Tax Sale Prevention | Consumer Bankruptcy | Immigration | Copyright and Art | LGBTQ+ Law
Special Education | Veterans' Assistance | Criminal Records Expungement | Consumer Protection | Nonprofit Law | Medicaid | Elder Law

In addition to live training sessions, PBRC also offers **webcast trainings** that can be viewed online at a time and place convenient for attorneys. Additionally, PBRC and the MSBA offer free and discounted slots for a selection of **MSBA CLE** courses. **For more information about trainings, visit: www.probonomd.org/training.**

MENTORING

PBRC recognizes the value of mentors, especially for newer lawyers or those entering a new practice area. Most programs connect volunteers with more experienced practitioners as needed, and all of PBRC's Pro Bono Projects engage mentors to assist new volunteers.

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

The vast majority of legal services programs provide malpractice insurance to their volunteers. All volunteers in PBRC's Pro Bono Projects, including government and corporate counsel and retired attorneys, receive primary malpractice insurance coverage for their pro bono casework or clinic service.

LITIGATION FUND

The Litigation Fund, an annual grant funded by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC), allows volunteer lawyers to request reimbursement for many types of litigation expenses incurred during pro bono work. Examples include process server fees, mileage, and postage and copying. It is available to volunteer lawyers handling pro bono and Judicare cases through MLSC-funded organizations. For more information about the Litigation Fund, visit: www.probonomd.org/litigation-fund.

MARYLAND FREE LEGAL ANSWERS™

As part of an American Bar Association initiative, PBRC coordinates Maryland's Free Legal Answers website, which allows low-income Marylanders to submit civil legal questions online, and volunteer attorneys to browse and select questions they wish to answer. Interested in getting involved? Visit Maryland.FreeLegalAnswers.org to sign up. **Questions? Contact Lidija Jurovich, Maryland State Administrator, at ljurovich@probonomd.org.**

PBRC E-BULLETIN

To make pro bono service opportunities more accessible, PBRC compiles and circulates a free, online E-Bulletin twice a month. This publication summarizes current pro bono training and service opportunities available throughout the state from a variety of legal services programs, and announces relevant events and job opportunities. Visit probonomd.org/volunteers/subscribe/.

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