

# Celebration of Pro Bono in Maryland

Celebrating Volunteer Attorneys Working to Ensure Justice for All in Maryland.

2023

### Maryland Calendar of Pro Bono Events

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| n 🗞 🏷 30                   | ♠ ♥ ♥ ■ 31 PBRC: Estate Planning Clinic   | <ul> <li>RECURRING PBRC CLINICS:<br/>Register to volunteer at: www.probonomd.org/volunteers.</li> <li>Tenant Volunteer Lawyer of the Day (TVLD)</li> <li>Consumer Protection Clinic (CPP)</li> <li>Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance (MILAP) Clinic</li> <li>PBRC's Tenant and Consumer Hotline</li> </ul> |  |                |                                       |



Oct

9:00 AM

#### Representing Tenants Facing Eviction from Subsidized Housing

Hosted by PBRC, this training will delve into the more intricate details and nuances of representing tenants faced with eviction from subsidized housing. In addition to a short overview, we will cover issues such as reasonable accommodations, practice issue-spotting and take a deeper dive into the impacts of subsidizes on eviction cases such as Tenant Holding Over and Breach of Lease. This training is appropriate for attorneys who have experience with eviction cases who want to learn more about the impact of subsidies on their practice. To learn more, visit probonomd.org/subsidizedhousing-eviction.

#### **Estate Planning Basics with MVLS**

Join MVLS to learn about the basics of drafting a will, advance medical directive, financial power of attorney and life estate deed. This training is also the first in the series of events for the MVLS estate cohort. The purpose of the cohort is to provide newer estate planning and administration volunteers with a network of new and more seasoned practitioners. To learn more visit mvlslaw.org/event/estate-planning-basics-training.



#### **MVLS: Celebrate Pro Bono 2023**

Join MVLS for a night at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum to recognize the incredible impact of pro bono volunteers and community partners. Guests will enjoy special access to the museum's exhibits as well as beer, wine, and lite fare. Visit our website <u>www.mvlslaw.org/celebrate</u> to learn about their 2023 award winners.



#### Fall Into Pro Bono With Community Law Center

Join the Community Law Center for a festive Pro Bono Meet & Greet where they will celebrate your contributions to communities across Maryland, introduce you to CLC's new Executive Director Amy Petkovsek, and enjoy the season of Celebrate Pro Bono. RSVP to Amy Yontef-McGrath by email at <u>amy@communitylaw.org</u> and share this invitation with interested volunteers.

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## **Description of Pro Bono Events**



Oct

11:00 AM

#### Jam for Bread: A Fundraising Event to Benefit Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

On October 19th, join Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MdVLA), volunteer attorneys, and a range of artists for a vibrant night combining the joys of art, music, food, and the thrill of a silent auction! The event will be held at Peabody Heights Brewery (401 E 30th St, Baltimore, MD 21218) from 6-8 pm and is free to attend. Proceeds benefit MdVLA & the generous Jam for Bread artist donors. To learn more about this event, please visit <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/1356261168310723</u> or contact Sarah Scalet at <u>sarah@mdvla.org</u>.

#### **MdVLA Art Clinic**

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MdVLA)'s Art Law Clinics occur one Saturday afternoon each month. During a Clinic, Maryland-based artists can receive 30-minute one-on-one consultations with volunteer attorneys to discuss their short-form legal issues related to their creative work. The goal is to provide legal information to artists to make more informed decisions, ideally helping to solidify their legal concerns prior to receiving legal representation. Artists must pre-register and share their questions in advance. Volunteer attorneys receive all relevant information prior to the event date. Please email Sarah Scalet (sarah@mdvla.org) for details.

## Oct 25 9:00 AM

#### Justice for Breakfast: Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline

During this Justice for Breakfast, the Public Justice Center's Education Stability Project will discuss the state of the school-to-prison pipeline in Maryland. You'll hear about what advocates in the state are doing to oppose the use of school removal and promote alternative, evidence-based strategies to address problem behavior. You'll also hear about new legal developments that affect students' rights and the unique challenge of protecting those rights when political momentum favors harsher discipline and less autonomy for kids. To learn more, visit publicjustice.org/en/events/.



#### Volunteer Attorney Appreciation Happy Hour with Shore Legal Access

Shore Legal Access hosts an annual volunteer attorney appreciation happy hour to honor our volunteers at the Ivy Cafe, 12 W. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601. Refreshments will be provided. Awards to outstanding attorneys will be presented. To RSVP, email LChafey@shorelegal.org or call 410-690-8128.



#### **Estate Planning Clinic with PBRC's Home Preservation Project (HPP)**

Volunteer lawyers will provide one-on-one brief advice and assist clients with preparing wills, powers of attorney, and advance medical directives. Particularly with respect to clients who are homeowners, this is an important way that families can preserve their accumulated wealth, which is often the equity in the home. Writing a will fosters community stability through the efficient transfer of property. Executing a financial power of attorney ensures that the client has a trusted person who will be able to access his or her funds to be able to keep up with things like bills, the mortgage, and property taxes should the client become medically frail or incapacitated, which can also prevent the loss of a home. To learn more, visit probonomd.org/estate-planning.

#### www.Maryland.FreeLegalAnswers.org

Maryland Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice clinic in which qualifying users post their civil legal questions at no cost to be answered by pro bono attorneys. Question topics include Family, Divorce, Custody, Housing, Eviction, Homelessness, Consumer Rights, Financial, Work, Employment, Unemployment, Health and Disability, Civil Rights, Income Maintenance, Juvenile and Education Law. Volunteer attorneys are tasked with remotely reviewing and answering brief legal questions for low-income Marylanders as part of this ABA-sponsored initiative. Malpractice insurance provided.

### Rent Court Clinics with the Tenant Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Program (TVLD) with PBRC

Volunteer attorneys provide limited-scope, day-of-court pro bono representation to Baltimore City and Baltimore County tenants being sued for nonpayment of rent. With PBRC training and mentorship, lawyers will be qualified to representing tenants in Failure to Pay Rent Actions, advising them about available defenses and helping to ensure that they stay housed. To learn more visit probonomd.org/rent-court.

#### Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project (MILAP) Clinics with PBRC

Volunteer attorneys help immigrant children and families fleeing violence in their home countries gain access to critical legal assistance with their valid claims to remain in the country. Remote and in-court opportunities available. Training and mentorship offered by PBRC will cover immigration benefits and defenses to deportation (asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, U visas, family petitions and more), best practices for interviewing, tips for working with an interpreter, and providing pro se assistance as a pro bono volunteer. To learn more visit probonomd.org/immigration-legal-triage.

Baltimore City: M, T & F, 8:30 am - 11:30 am W, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Baltimore County: *Essex:* M, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm *Catonsville:* T, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm *Towson:* F, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**ALL MONTH** 

LONG

Baltimore City: T & W, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Prince George's County: Mon 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 2023

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#### **Tues** 9:30am – 1pm

**1st Thurs of the month** 5pm-7:30pm

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#### **Consumer Protection Project (CPP) Clinics with PBRC**

Volunteer attorneys provide limited scope, day-of-court pro bono representation to Baltimore City and Prince George's County consumers who have been sued by creditors in district court debt collection actions. With PBRC training and mentorship, lawyers will be prepared to effectively interview and advise clients and defend, settle, and negotiate common types of debt collection cases in Maryland District Court, including actions involving debt buyers, residential leases, and auto loans. To learn more and train to volunteer, visit probonomd.org/consumer.

#### **PBRC's Tenant and Consumer Hotline**

Landlord/tenant law and the court process can be very confusing in Maryland, and the PBRC hotline is there to answer these types of questions from tenants and to help them understand their rights. It can make a huge difference in a tenant's ability to stay in their home if in a moment of crisis, they have access to an attorney who can calmly give them reliable, free advice on their next steps. Consider volunteering, which can be done from the convenience of your own office, to ensure that low-income Marylanders know their rights as renters and can navigate complex laws. To learn more, visit probonomd.org/caphotline-volunteer.

#### **Employment Law Hotline with Women's Law Center**

Despite significant progress, remarkable disparities continue in the treatment of women and men. Persistent wage disparities between women and men, discrimination in hiring and promotions and sexual harassment are inequities that have legal remedies. As a response, the Women's Law Center of Maryland created and operates the Employment Law Hotline. Volunteer attorneys answer questions about discrimination in hiring, firing, promotions and other working conditions, pay equity, sexual harassment, and more. To learn more, visit wlcmd.org/how-we-help/employment-law.

#### **Experience Pro Bono Your Way with MCLA**

The Maryland Center for Legal Assistance (MCLA) provides free brief civil legal advice to Marylanders via phone, live chat, and walk-in services. Volunteer attorneys are needed to provide brief legal advice and information to unrepresented litigants in a variety of civil case types. Volunteer online via live chat or by phone! Flexible hours with no time commitment or ongoing client representation. Volunteer as much as you want, as often as you want, on your own schedule. MCLA assist clients with a wide range of civil legal issues, including family law, landlord-tenant, debt collection, peace and protective orders, expungement, and foreclosure. Training, malpractice insurance & support provided! To learn more, visit mdcla.org/probono or contact C. Tattiana Goluskin at cgoluskin@mdcla.org.