

2024

Celebration of Pro Bono in Maryland

Celebrating Volunteer
Attorneys Working to Ensure
Justice for All in Maryland

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of Maryland (PBRC)*



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Maryland Calendar of Pro Bono Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 MVLS & KIND: Preparing your SIJS Case	3 PBRC: Estate Planning Clinic	4	CLS: 5 Expungement Clinic in Anne Arundel County MdVLA: Art Law Clinic
7	8 EVERY TUESDAY Women's Law Center: Employment Law Hotline Volunteering	9 PBRC & KIND: Custody, Guardianship, & Obtaining a Predicate Order for SIJS: Mock Hearing Edition	10 MD Legal Aid: Expungement Clinic PBRC: Estate Planning Clinic	11	ALL MONTH LONG: Maryland.FreeLegalAnswers.org Remotely review and answer brief legal questions for low-income Marylanders.
14	15	16 MVLS: Estate Planning Clinic	17 MD Legal Aid: Expungement Clinic MVLS: Impact of Mental Illness on Parenting Capacity in a Child Custody Matter Senior Legal Services: Cabaret & Cabernet	18	
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RECURRING PBRC CLINICS:
 Register to volunteer at: www.probonomd.org/volunteers.

- Tenant Volunteer Lawyer of the Day (TVLD)**
- Consumer Protection Clinic (CPP)**
- Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance (MILAP) Clinic**
- PBRC's Tenant and Consumer Hotline**

Description of Pro Bono Events

Oct**2**

12:00 PM

Preparing Your SIJS Case: Filings/Pleadings and Preparation

Please join the MVLS Judicare Project and KIND for a practice workshop featuring guest speakers, Jennifer Molina, Esq., Principal, Molina Immigration Legal Services, and Alejandra Morisi, Esq., Managing Director – Baltimore, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), as they review the necessary filings in a SIJS case as well as other filing and hearing preparation tips to successfully represent SIJS matters in court. To register for this event and to learn more, please visit mvlslaw.org/event/sijs-prep-webinar.

Oct**3**

9:30 AM

Estate Planning Clinic with PBRC's Home Preservation Project (HPP) - Baltimore City

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 or contact Madonna Lebling at mlebling@probonomd.org.

Oct**5**

10:00 AM

Expungement Clinic in Anne Arundel County - Community Legal Services of Prince George's County (CLS)

Attorneys will be available to meet one-on-one with Maryland residents to determine eligibility and prepare expungement petitions. To learn more and register to volunteer as an attorney at an upcoming expungement clinic, please visit <https://shorturl.at/AAkQG> or email info@clspgc.org.

Oct**5**

1:00 PM

Art Law Clinic - Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

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. Attorneys who are interested in participating should contact Sarah Scalet at sarah@mdvla.org.

Description of Pro Bono Events

Oct**9**

12:30 PM

Custody, Guardianship & Obtaining a Predicate Order for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Mock Hearing Edition

Nearly all immigrant children who appear in immigration court without legal representation are deported. You can make a difference by volunteering to represent a child who suffered abuse, abandonment, or neglect by one of their parents and is eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (“SIJS”). This training will prepare volunteers to represent caregivers before the MD Circuit Court – the first important part of obtaining SIJS. Learn more and register at probonomd.org/sijs.

Oct**10**

9:30 AM

Estate Planning Clinic with PBRC’s Home Preservation Project (HPP) - Baltimore County

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Oct**10**

10:00 AM

Expungement Clinic - Maryland Legal Aid

Maryland Legal Aid will host an expungement focused clinic on Thursday, October 10th from 10am - 2pm at the Towanda Recreation Center. Your help is needed to assist clients with expunging their criminal records. No expungement experience necessary and obligation is limited to the day of the clinic. Malpractice insurance and training are provided by Maryland Legal Aid. To learn more about this opportunity and to register, please visit app.joinpaladin.com/!/maryland-legal-aid-2/opportunities.

Oct**16**

3:00 PM

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) October Estate Planning Clinic

Please consider volunteering at the upcoming MVLS estate planning clinic. It will be at Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries on October 16, 2024. Attorneys arrive at 3pm for an orientation and the clinic will be from 4-7pm. We’ll draft and execute the will, power of attorney and advance medical directive. Volunteers will be well supported with annotated templates, a recorded estate planning training and other written materials. There will also be MVLS staff attorneys available to answer any questions before and during the clinic. To register to volunteer, please visit mvslslaw.org/event/estate-planning-clinic-fall-2024/.

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Oct**17**

12:00 PM

Impact of Mental Illness on Parenting Capacity in A Child Custody Matter

Representing clients who present with behavioral issues or mental illness can be challenging and complicated for clients and the attorneys who represent them. Josef Passley, PhD, a licensed psychotherapist, consultant, educator, author and owner of Passley Consulting & Psychological Services, LLC will help us as attorneys to identify parenting and co-parenting tasks and behaviors that may be influenced by mental illness, how they are linked to child outcomes, and how to integrate effectively impactful mental health information into matters of custody and child custody evaluations.

To learn more and register today, please visit mvslaw.org/event/mental-health-family-law-webinar.

Oct**17**

4:00 PM

Expungement Clinic - Maryland Legal Aid

Maryland Legal Aid in partnership with UMBC and the Baltimore County Bar Association will host an expungement-focused clinic on Thursday, October 17th from 4pm - 7pm at the Erickson School of Aging Studies at UMBC located at 5523 Research Park Drive, Suite 230, Catonsville, MD 21228. Your help is needed to assist clients with expunging their criminal records. No expungement experience necessary and obligation is limited to the day of the clinic. Malpractice insurance and training are provided by Maryland Legal Aid. To learn more about this opportunity and to register, please visit app.joinpaladin.com/!/maryland-legal-aid-2/opportunities.

Oct**17**

6:00 PM

Senior Legal Services: Cabaret & Cabernet

Senior Legal Services (SLS) and the Baltimore Bar Foundation present Cabaret & Cabernet, featuring members and friends of the Bench and Bar. We are pleased to invite you to an unforgettable evening of music, captivating performances, and wine as we recognize the achievements of our volunteers. The evening will feature a cocktail hour, award presentation, and end with a cabaret performance. Proceeds from the Cabaret & Cabernet directly support SLS programs, including Law Day for Seniors, which is attended by over 200 local seniors and their caregivers. To learn more and register, please visit baltimorebar.org/calendar/.

Oct**22**

9:00 AM

MVLS Family Law Cohort Kickoff

The MVLS Family Law Program will be launching its first ever Family Law Volunteer Cohort. The purpose of this cohort is to provide newer Family Law volunteers with a network of new and experienced family law attorneys. Participation in the cohort will require a commitment of 1-3 hours per month over the course of 6 months. Each cohort participant will be matched with an experienced mentor. The cohort will commence with a welcome breakfast and a Family Law basic training presented by Thomas E. Mulinazzi, Esq., Mulinazzi Law Firm. To learn more and register, please visit mvslaw.org/event/family-law-cohort-kickoff/.

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Oct**22**

12:00 PM

Pro Bono Coordinating Council: Making Non-Legal Referrals

You are invited to the Pro Bono Coordinating Council's October meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd, from 12 - 2pm at Union Mill. In an effort to help our legal service providers become better versed in all of the non-legal services and resources available for Marylanders in need, this meeting will cover the topic of making non-legal referrals. We will be hearing from experts on this topic and share resources during our lunchtime meeting. Please be sure to RSVP at tfaforms.com/5148558.

Oct**23**

6:30 PM

MVLS: Celebrate Pro Bono 2024

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 www.mvlslaw.org/celebrate to learn about their 2024 award winners.

Oct**24**

5:00 PM

Volunteer Attorney Appreciation with Shore Legal Access

Each year, Shore Legal Access hosts a social gathering to honor our volunteer attorneys for their dedication to pro bono work. This year our annual Volunteer Attorney Appreciation will be held at Legal Assets in Easton on Thursday, October 24th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Join us for light appetizers, beverages, and mingling! To learn more and register, visit shorelegal.org/event/volunteer-event-volunteer-attorney-appreciation-social.

Oct**25**

12:00 PM

Professional Skills Series: Trial Techniques

Valda Ricks, Staff Attorney of PBRC's Courtroom Advocacy Project, will host a Professional Skills training discussing trial techniques. The skills training will include a 20-minute exercise and a 20-minute mentoring roundtable where attendees can bring litigation questions they're currently facing (whether related to the presentation topic or not) and get input from the group. The skills training portion of each event will be made available as an on-demand webcast recording. Register at probonomd.org/skills-mentoring.

Oct**25**

12:00 PM

Pro Bono Week Panel Discussion - CLS

Join the Community Legal Services of Prince George's County for our Pro Bono Week panel discussion on "How Pro Bono Can Benefit Your Practice and Growth as a Young Lawyer." The discussion will take place in-person at the Lawyers' Lounge, which is located on the third floor in the Duvall Wing of the Upper Marlboro Courthouse. To learn more and register, visit clspgc.org/event/pro-bono-week-panel-discussion/.

Description of Pro Bono Events

Oct
26
10:00 AM

Expungement Clinic & Resource Fair - Maryland Legal Aid

Maryland Legal Aid will host an expungement focused clinic on Saturday, October 26th from 10am - 3pm at the Turner Auditorium at Johns Hopkins Medical Campus. Your help is needed to assist clients with expunging their criminal records. No expungement experience necessary and obligation is limited to the day of the clinic. Malpractice insurance and training are provided by Maryland Legal Aid. To learn more about this opportunity and to register, please visit app.joinpaladin.com/!/maryland-legal-aid-2/opportunities.

Oct
26
10:00 AM

Expungement Clinic in Prince George's County - Community Legal Services of Prince George's County

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Oct
29
6:00 PM

Community Law Center: Powering Forward Together

Welcome to Community Law Center's annual fundraiser. This year's theme is Powering Forward Together! Join us at the beautiful Vollmer Visitor Center at Cylburn Arboretum for an evening of fun and fundraising. This in-person event will celebrate the strength of our communities, recognize CLC champions, and raise funds to continue our work. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks as we power forward together and continue to make a positive impact throughout Maryland. To learn more and register, please visit communitylaw.org.

**ALL MONTH
LONG**

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.

Description of Pro Bono Events

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

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.

Baltimore City:

Wednesday

8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Prince George's
County:

1st three Fridays of the month

8:15 am - 11:00 am

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.

Baltimore City:

T & W,

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Prince George's
County:

Mon

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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.

Mon - Fri

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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.

Description of Pro Bono Events

Tues

9:30am – 1pm

**1st Thurs of
the month**

5pm–7:30pm

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.

**ALL MONTH
LONG****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.

**ALL MONTH
LONG****Free State Justice’s Ongoing Legal Clinics**

FreeState Justice is Maryland’s leading legal nonprofit that connects pro bono attorneys with LGBTQ+ locals in need. By joining our pro bono panel, you will receive regular opportunities to offer your services in our ongoing clinics and represent Marylanders. Our case types are: Discrimination Matters, Estate Planning, Criminal Record Expungements, Family Law Matters, Protective and Peace Orders, Income Maintenance Issues, Individual Rights. To learn more about how to volunteer and to register today, please visit <https://form.jotform.com/202518792155155>.