

ASSISTANCE WITH ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, FY25

According to the Attorney Information System (AIS), you are currently behind on one or more of your annual reporting compliance requirements, which were due *last September*.

On behalf of the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) is pleased to assist you with the annual reporting process, in accordance with [Maryland Rule 19-802](#). The information below will help you get into compliance *with all four requirements*.

Please visit the AIS portal (<https://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/ais>) and click **Log in** (middle box) to:

1. Report your **Pro Bono activities** ([Rule 19-503](#)) for the period **July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025**
2. Report current **Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts** (IOLTA) ([Rule 19-409](#))
3. Verify your **Tax Identification Number** (TIN) ([Rule 19-605](#))
4. Pay your **Annual Dues Assessment** to the Client Protection Fund (CPF) of the Bar of Maryland. ([Rule 19-606](#))

The Court provides **Step-by-Step Quick Reference Cards** here:

<https://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/ais/annualcompliance>. **For further assistance, read this entire message.**

LOGIN TO AIS:

- Login here: <https://jportal.mdcourts.gov/aisattorneyportal/security/login.xhtml>
- Your **“Login ID”** is the email address you used to set up your AIS account.
- If you **forgot your Password**, click **“Reset Password”** after entering your login ID, and then follow the link sent to your login ID email address from the AIS Attorney Portal (noreply@mdcourts.gov).
 - Your new password must be **12** characters long, including at least one number, at least one capital letter, and at least one lower case letter.
 - Be sure to save this in a safe place.
- If you are **unable to access the email account** you used for your Login ID, click **“Change Login ID”** on the [login page](#).
 - To complete that step, you will also need your **Attorney ID**, which can be found here: <https://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/attylist>.
 - You will be prompted to change your password; keep it in a safe place!
 - *Once completed, if the system says it’s busy or unavailable, close out of the internet and try again:* <https://jportal.mdcourts.gov/aisattorneyportal/security/login.xhtml>.
- For **ALL technical issues**, contact **Service Now** (the Judiciary’s IT Help Desk) at [410-260-1114](tel:410-260-1114) or via email at mdcourts@service-now.com.

AFTER YOU LOGIN:

- The Compliance Summary tab (top left) has a chart that indicates with **red x’s and green checkmarks** which of those **four requirements** are (and are not) satisfied. **Click on the appropriate tab at the top of the window.**
 - Under the tabs **File Pro Bono Report** and **File IOLTA Report**, click **Start/Edit Report** under “Action.”
 - To pay the CPF dues, click the **Pay Assessments** tab, then **Start Payment**.
 - To update your TIN, click the **Update Personal Details** tab, then **Start/Edit Personal Info**.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- A mobile device often won’t let you see everything or scroll down properly.
- If Chrome doesn’t seem to work, try Safari or another browser.
- Be sure to click **Save & Continue** all the way through until you can click **Submit**.
- If you have problems accessing the **Submit** buttons, try making your screen’s view *smaller*.
 - Hold down the CTRL button and click the “minus” sign on your keypad a few times.
- If you have problems clicking on the links, you may need to clear your browsing history (also known as clearing your browser cache).
 - Windows PC: press Ctrl+Shift+Delete; on a MAC: press Command+Shift+Delete

IOLTA

- If you conduct ANY legal activities in Maryland but hold your IOLTA account in the District of Columbia or a contiguous state, then select option 4 and indicate the jurisdiction.
- If you do NOT conduct any legal activities in Maryland (and therefore do NOT need a Maryland IOLTA account, even if you may hold an IOLTA account in another state), then select option 5.

PRO BONO

- **Step I:** If you changed jobs during the fiscal year, then reference what job you held longer or, if equal time at each, which was held toward the end of the fiscal year.
- **Step III, Letter A:** If you did NOT do any pro bono, leave “Areas of Law” as “Select One.”
 - If zero hours, skip A, B, and D; you will still need to answer letters C, E, and F.
 - All hours must be in full-hour increments (round up to the next whole number).
 - Pro bono legal service provided out of state can be included in the hours reported here.
- **Step III, Letter F:** If the hours are zero, leave the Specify Activities box empty.
- **Step IV:** The amount at the top is simply *the pledge* you made when you completed the Pro Bono report last year, to remind you to include it this year if you actually paid it.
 - If zero dollars, type 0 in the box (sometimes you must click Save & Continue twice).
- **Step V:** Type in your name and click **Submit**, and then **OK**.
- You can make a pledge on the next page to support pro bono efforts, or scroll down to click **Close** at the very bottom.

BOTH REPORTS

- If you need to stop and finish the process later, click **Save & Close**.
- If you started a report, but ultimately did not submit it, you will still see a red x.
 - You may EDIT that same report later; the system will not let you start a new one.
- Finally, click **Close** after seeing the confirmation; you will be able to access all your reports for future reference.
- If you were able to complete one report but not the other, try using a different browser before contacting Tech Support as this usually resolves the issue.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT NUMBERS:

- **Tech Support for AIS**, contact Service Now: [410-260-1114](tel:410-260-1114) or mdcourts@service-now.com.
- **Assessment & Tax ID**, contact CPF: [410-630-8140](tel:410-630-8140) or [visit online](#).
- **Pro Bono Report**, contact PBRC: reporting@probonomd.org (preferable) or [443-703-3045](tel:443-703-3045) (leave message).
- **IOLTA Report/Account**, contact MLSC: iolta@mlsc.org (preferable) or [410-576-9494](tel:410-576-9494) ext. 1000.
- **CHANGE STATUS to Inactive/Retired**, contact CPF: [410-630-8140](tel:410-630-8140) and [visit online](#).

CALENDAR SUGGESTION:

- We recommend that you schedule a recurring appointment on your own personal calendar for **mid-July**; set it up to automatically renew every year, and include a note to visit mdcourts.gov/lawyers/ais. That way you'll be giving yourself ample notice to get all four compliance requirements satisfied before the **September 10th** deadline, and not be reliant on communications from the Court.

Respectfully,

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