

# Rooted in Justice: 35 Years of PBRC

*Celebrate PBRC's 35-year legacy  
of justice, growth, and resilience.*

Saturday, November 8, 2025 | 6 PM - 10 PM  
1840s Plaza Ballroom, 29 S Front St, Baltimore, MD 21202



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## About the Event

Join us for the **Rooted in Justice: 35 Years of PBRC** gala! This elegant event will bring together Maryland's legal and philanthropic communities for an evening of celebration and commitment to justice. Guests will enjoy a **sophisticated champagne welcome, a gourmet dinner, an engaging program, auctions, raffles, dancing, prizes, and more**—all set against the stunning backdrop of the 1840s Plaza Ballroom in Baltimore.



## Become a Sponsor Today!

Your sponsorship will directly support PBRC's mission to expand access to justice for Marylanders in need while positioning your firm or company as a leader in corporate social responsibility.

Secure your sponsorship today and join us for a night of elegance, inspiration, and generosity.

For more information or to confirm your sponsorship, please contact  
**Lauren Rubin, Chief Advancement Officer at**  
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# Our Impact in the Community

**The Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) serves a dual purpose:**

- To offer **direct legal services** to people in need, and
- To serve as the **hub for volunteer civil legal services** in the state, matching volunteers with non-profit legal services entities, and offering support, training, mentorship, technical assistance.

## **Direct Services**

**An estimated 80% of Marylanders who need help with a civil legal problem like housing, immigration, and consumer rights do not receive the help they need.** PBRC is committed to closing this justice gap by providing critical legal services to those who would otherwise face life-altering challenges alone. By hosting **over 850 community-based and courthouse clinics** throughout the year, we **closed over 5,600 cases**, preserving home ownership and preventing evictions in low-income communities and offering financial security and safety for consumer debtors, tenants, at-risk homeowners, seniors, and immigrant children and families.



## **In 2024, PBRC:**

- Leveraged volunteers who **provided \$453,250 in donated legal services to low-income Marylanders** who lacked access to legal representation.
- **Impacted 13,994 people** through our direct legal services.
- Achieved a staggering **88-99% success rate** across housing and consumer cases.
- **Avoided \$4,116,433.33** in costs to clients allowing them to spend limited income on necessities like food, housing, and healthcare.
- **Engaged volunteers who provided 2,090 hours of service**, which helped to meet the heightened demand for legal assistance.



## **Professional Training & Support Services**

PBRC serves as the **state's premier coordinator, trainer, and support center for volunteer civil legal assistance.** For 35 years, PBRC's team has recruited, trained, and mentored volunteer attorneys and other advocates to widen access to legal services. For 25 years, PBRC has also hosted the largest access to justice conference in the state, with last year seeing over 315 registrants.

# Client Story:

## Gladys' Fight for Livable Housing Conditions



There was snow on the ground when an attorney from the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland visited Gladys at her Baltimore City home. CBS had already reported four cold-related deaths in the city that winter; the attorney was determined not to let Gladys become the fifth.

As she entered the home, **she noticed a massive hole where the ceiling had been.** This only exacerbated another of Gladys' woes: **she had no heat.** While Gladys was grateful that no one was harmed during the ceiling's collapse, her landlord simply cleaned up the debris—leaving a crater in her ceiling that exposed the underlying rafters.

The home was freezing—inhabitable, yet, **despite her landlord's awareness of Gladys' dire housing situation, he was suing her for failure to pay rent.** The attorney explained to Gladys that she could sue the landlord for the condition of the home, but Gladys was too afraid to even consider it. The attorney spent two months going back and forth with the landlord's attorney to resolve the issue: insisting that the ceiling and heat be repaired and that Gladys be credited on the ledger.

Ultimately, **the attorney was able to compel the landlord to make all the repairs and credit Gladys' ledger \$4,207.50 for the open ceiling and lack of heat.** For the PBRC attorney, the image of Gladys smiling, warm and safe in her home, was all the compensation she needed.



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# Sponsorship Opportunities

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## Wye Oak Sponsor (\$25,000+)

- 12 Gala Tickets
- 6 Partners for Justice Conference Tickets
- Premier logo placement
- Exclusive branding on Champagne Wall
- Ceremonial tree planted
- Named table with priority seating
- Custom recognition
- Social media spotlight
- Featured in Annual Report
- 24 complimentary raffle tickets
- Branded sponsor gift in goodie bags

## Black-Eyed Susan Sponsor (\$20,000)

- 10 Gala Tickets
- 5 Partners for Justice Conference Tickets
- Prominent logo placement
- Named table with priority seating
- Ceremonial tree planted
- Social media spotlight
- Annual Report recognition
- 20 complimentary raffle tickets
- Branded sponsor gift in goodie bags



## Sugar Maple Sponsor (\$15,000)

- 8 Gala Tickets
- 4 Partners for Justice Conference Tickets
- Logo in event materials
- Named table with priority seating
- Ceremonial tree planted
- Social media spotlight
- Annual Report recognition
- 12 complimentary raffle tickets



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## **Eastern Redbud Sponsor (\$10,000)**

- 6 Gala Tickets
- 3 Partners for Justice Conference Tickets
- Logo in event materials
- Named table with priority seating
- Ceremonial tree planted
- Annual Report recognition
- 10 complimentary raffle tickets

## **Dogwood Sponsor (\$5,000)**

- 4 Gala Tickets
- 2 Partners for Justice Conference Tickets
- Logo in event materials
- Ceremonial tree planted
- Annual Report recognition
- 6 complimentary raffle tickets



## **Cardinal Flower Sponsor (\$2,500)**

- 3 Gala Tickets
- 1 Partners for Justice Conference Ticket
- Logo in event materials
- Ceremonial tree planted
- Annual Report recognition
- 4 complimentary raffle tickets

## **Trillium Sponsor (\$1,000)**

- 2 Gala Tickets
- Name in event materials
- Annual Report recognition
- 2 complimentary raffle tickets



# Yes! We Will Support PBRC and Celebrate 35 Years of Pro Bono Advocacy.

## Contact Information:

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve the following sponsorship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Level:  Wye Oak (\$25,000+)  Black-Eyed Susan (\$20,000)  
 Sugar Maple (\$15,000)  Eastern Redbud (\$10,000)  
 Dogwood (\$5,000)  Cardinal Flower (\$2,500)  
 Trillium (\$1,000)

## Payment Method:

- Check made payable to Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland  
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at [probonomd.org/for-donors](http://probonomd.org/for-donors)  
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**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

