



Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteers,

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Cases

Below are cases from individuals who recently called to inquire if a volunteer was available. If you would like to view the entire case list: **Click here.**

Defense - Collections: We've received several requests for help from recipients of elevation funds from Louisiana. Many utilized the funds for alternative purposes than intended and/or were victims of contractor fraud. The State of Louisiana has initiated legal proceedings against them at this time. Volunteer attorneys are needed to assist these individuals with their defense.

Defense - Insurance: Client accidentally started a fire on stove in rental property. The fire reached the homes' attic and caused significant damage. The homeowners' insurer is suing client directly. Client seeks assistance in the matter. Case Number: 19-45000505 (F19)

Municipality Taking: Shortly after losing her husband, a fire engulfed over half of her family home. Thinking she could slowly repair the space herself, ten years have come and gone. Local municipal leaders have initiated code violation remedies. A volunteer attorney is needed to assist the individual with these actions and any next step legal advice. 19-04500551

Wage Claim: Client was certified as a nurse for 16 years and continued to work as such unaware that the certification was no longer in place. When the agency for whom she was working found out, they refused to pay her for over 70 hours of service. She has her timesheets and an app where she has to sign-in/sign-out. 19-45000565 (H19)

Have you wanted to accept a case but simply wanted more information before doing so? **Click here to visit our Case Acceptance Reference Guide.**

Self Help Resource Centers (SHRC)

Through data collection, we've identified that individuals choose to represent themselves because they do not believe they can afford an attorney or they do not qualify for civil legal aid. In our "DIY" society, it is in the best interest of the community and judicial efficiency to provide brief legal information to those accessing the court unrepresented. Volunteers are needed to assist self-represented litigants at

both the **24th Judicial District Court** and **Orleans Civil District Court**.

The 24th Judicial District Court is located in Gretna and is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-noon. The Orleans CDC is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to noon. To volunteer during the month of October, please register using the following link: <http://bit.ly/2lMsaUa>

***Baker Donelson,
thank you for adopting our self-help centers
for the month of October!***

**Celebrate National Pro Bono Week with us!
October 21 to 27, 2019**

"The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service chose to launch [this national celebration to address] the increasing need for *pro bono* services during these harsh economic times and the unprecedented response of attorneys to meet this demand." (from <https://www.probono.net/celebrateprobono/>)

At The Pro Bono Project, we have a lots of ways you can volunteer this week!

Monday - October 21: Volunteer at the Orleans CDC SHRC from 9 to noon

Tuesday - October 22: Volunteer at the 24th JDC SHRC from 10 to noon

Wednesday - October 23: Volunteer at the Orleans CDC SHRC from 9 to noon. The Pro Bono Project will be at Loyola Law's 2nd Annual Pro Bono Publico Fair from 3 to 5:30 pm.

Thursday - October 24: Come visit our location to discuss getting involved and to toast the week of service! 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at 935 Gravier St., Ste. 1340 - see below to learn more about our Ethics CLE with guest presenter Scott Sternberg.

Friday - October 25: The Pro Bono Project will present a professionalism hour regarding the 24th JDC and its efforts to assist self-represented litigants in their parish (Jefferson Bar Association)

Review our case list and accept a case any day of the week!

Saturday - October 26: Meet with visitors from noon to 2 pm at St. Peter Claver Ujima Center (1019 N. Prieur Street)

Would you like to help celebrate *pro bono* week with us?! Email me, Kathleen, at klegendre@probono-no.org to learn more.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

**Special Immigration Juvenile Status
4 hr. FREE Ethics/Professionalism CLE
Fri., Oct. 18, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM CDT**
Register at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2neKyoY>

The Pro Bono Project, Catholic Charities Archdiocese New Orleans, and members of the Louisiana Immigration Working Group will be hosting a 4-hour CLE seminar on **Friday, 18 October**, including an hour each of ethics and professionalism. The first hour is an optional review of basic SIJS procedure, while the remaining time will be a deeper dive into more particular topics.

**Ethics CLE Presentation
1-hr PENDING APPROVAL - FREE
Thursday, October 24th from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM CDT**
Register at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/75153647583>

We want YOU to use your legal skills to help others. Board Member Scott Sternberg will present an ethics course drafted by the LSBA's Leadership Class of 2010, a class of which Mr. Sternberg was a member. The course reviews our ethical obligation to provide legal services for those who cannot afford an attorney. The Pro Bono Project will also discuss the various ways you can volunteer.

The Big Impact of Small Successions
1 hr. FREE Prof. CLE (pending)
Thu, Nov 7, 2019 from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Co-Sponsored with Louisiana Appleseed
Register at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2l9AvRr>

Louisiana Appleseed and The Pro Bono Project will host an informative, FREE PROFESSIONALISM CLE (credit pending). The seminar will cover the history of small successions laws, the importance of title clearing methods, and how to use the Small Succession Affidavit. Attendees will learn more about the new rules that allow attorneys to earn CLE credit for doing pro bono work and will be encouraged to take on a pro bono case.

The seminar will be presented by:
Malcolm Meyer, Underwriting Counsel for Stewart Title, &
Alexis Clay, Staff Attorney at The Pro Bono Project

Annual Child In Need of Care CLE
6-hrs of Mandatory CLE - (pending)
Friday, November 15 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Register at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2APPWm3>

Volunteering as an attorney for the Child in Need of Care opportunity is as rewarding as it is challenging. If you are interested in learning how you can be of service to a child in the Louisiana's foster care system, this is the ideal CLE opportunity to do so. Experienced practitioners Jesse George, Managing Attorney for The Pro Bono Project, and guests will train you on the process from beginning to end. The day-long CLE is 6 credit hours (CREDIT PENDING AS OF 10/7/2019) - Registration begins at 8:30 am; CLE begins at 9:00 am. There will be a break for lunch. If you would like any additional information on this CLE, please call Jesse at 504-581-4043. You may also email him at jgeorge@probono-no.org

SAVE THE DATE

Volunteer Appreciation Event
December 4, 2019 at Noon
Details coming soon.

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