

Pro Bono Opportunities

Utah State Bar Pro Bono Commission Projects

Pro Bono Commission

-Take on a pro bono case! The Bar covers malpractice insurance and can provide mentors. All the clients are screened for income eligibility through Utah Legal Services or referred by the judiciary. We need the most help in family law, but also have pro bono cases in adoption and termination of parental rights, bankruptcy, estate planning, expungements, landlord tenant, limited assistance for military service members, minor and adult guardianships, probate, protective orders, post conviction, and public benefits.

-Contact probono@utahbar.org

Pro Se Calendars (SLC, West Jordan, Bountiful)

- The Pro Se Calendar is an innovative and integrated clinical model. It is a hands-on, in-the-courtroom, immediate resolution and results clinic. It covers a judge's designated pro se calendar, where volunteer attorneys provide on-the-spot legal advice, limited representation, and procedural information to pro se litigants. The calendar lasts approximately two hours. This is a great way to do pro bono in a limited scope setting, get client and courtroom experience, and do substantial pro bono service.

Debt Collection Pro Se Calendar (SLC)

-This calendar is held nearly every Wednesday at 1pm at the Matheson Courthouse, assisting debtors with collections and garnishment issues.

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Debt Collection/Landlord Tenant Pro Se Calendar (Bountiful)

-This calendar is held nearly every Thursday at 8:30am at the Bountiful Courthouse assisting debtors with collections and garnishment issues and tenants with occupancy hearings.

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Landlord Tenant Pro Se Calendar (West Jordan)

-This calendar is held nearly every Tuesday at 8:30am at the West Jordan assisting tenants with occupancy hearings.

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Pro Se Family Law Calendar (SLC and West Jordan)

-This calendar is held on alternating days and times in SLC and WJ dealing with family law issues.

-Contact Virginia@lovs.biz

Justice Court Clinics (2nd District)

-Volunteer attorneys provide legal advice at arraignments for defendants at justice courts in the 2nd district.

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Guardianship Signature Project

-This project, administered primarily by the AOC, provides judges with a roster of attorneys, which the judge may appoint to represent adult respondents in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

These attorneys must have malpractice insurance and have completed training.

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Immigration Asylum Project

-This project is a collaboration between Holy Cross Ministries and the Pro Bono Commission. Holy Cross Ministries performs the intake and screening on potential applicants for asylum to the U.S., and pro bono attorneys take on these cases.

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Senior Center Legal Clinics

-Attorneys provide 20 minute legal consultations on any topic to senior citizens (age 60 and greater) at Salt Lake County Senior Centers.

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Modest Means

-This program will provide you with referrals from an area of the public that greatly needs the assistance of attorneys. These individuals cannot afford full-priced legal assistance and they do not qualify for free (pro bono) legal services. They, however, would seek representation if offered at a reduced-price. This program is designed to bridge the gap and provide paying clients to attorneys who want to supplement their clientele, but are willing to charge lower fees to qualifying clients.

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Remote Pro Bono Programs

Lawyer of the Day

-Help people from the comfort of your office at a time convenient to YOUR schedule!

The *Lawyer of the Day* program is seeking volunteer attorneys to give brief legal advice over the phone to individuals pre-screened by the Utah Courts' Self-Help Center. No responsibility of being attorney-of-record, no document preparation, no court appearances, etc. Free CLE web modules in family law are available to participating attorneys. Sign up for a time that works for you to be "on call." Be the Lawyer of the Day for a person in need.

-Contact tchristensen@utahlegalservices.org

Free Legal Answers

-Utah.FreeLegalAnswers.org is a website where financially qualifying Utahns can post questions about their civil legal issue. Volunteer attorneys can log in whenever/wherever, choose which question they'll answer, receive a weekly reminder about posted questions, covered by the program's Malpractice Insurance, training and resource materials built into the site for quick reference.

-Contact Probono@utahbar.org

Timpanogos Legal Center Virtual Document Clinic

-Volunteer attorneys and law students assist clients online with domestic document preparation.

-Contact babatsonnenberg@gmail.com

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law Pro Bono Initiative

Free Legal Clinics

-The Pro Bono Initiative, or PBI, is a one-of-a-kind noncredit volunteer program that allows students to build real world problem-solving skills to serve their community. Clinics operate year-round and are staffed by our volunteer students and volunteer lawyer supervisors. PBI also pairs students with practitioners in various placements including law firms, where students assist on pro bono matters, as well as nonprofit organizations and legal-related agencies. Clinics include: American Indian Law, Debtors Counseling, Expungement, Family Law, Medical-Legal, Rainbow Law, Street Law, and Community Legal Clinics.

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Young Lawyers Division Projects

Tuesday Night Bar

The Utah State Bar Access to Justice department and the Utah Young Lawyers Division works to manage a Tuesday Night Bar Program designed to provide legal advice to the people of Utah. The program runs the first four Tuesdays of each month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

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Wills for Heroes

-The Utah State Bar Young Lawyers Division in partnership with the Wills for Heroes Foundation unveils Wills for Heroes, a new statewide program to help police officers, firefighters, and other first responders. Through the program, volunteer attorneys provide wills and other estate planning documents for emergency first responders and their spouses or partners.

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Serving Our Seniors

-America's quickly-growing senior population faces numerous challenges. Senior citizens are one of our most vulnerable and underrepresented populations, with many seniors living near or below the poverty line. Many seniors face critical economic and healthcare decisions without the ability to hire legal counsel. Serving Our Seniors helps fulfill this need by educating seniors about their estate planning options and providing legal assistance through volunteer actions by Utah attorneys.

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Other Pro Bono Projects

Street Youth Legal Clinic

-The Street Youth Legal Clinic's mission is to remove legal barriers for homeless youth. Volunteer attorneys advocate for the youth and guide them through the court system until the resolution of the legal matter whenever possible.

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Pro Bono Patent Program

-Pro Bono Patent Program seeks to connect low income inventors with patent attorneys for patent application preparation and prosecution legal services on a pro bono basis. With a current wait list of 20 inventors and a wait time of at least four to six months to be matched with an attorney, ProBoPat is actively recruiting attorneys and patent agents to be paired with inventors.

-Contact Jennifer Rothschild at probopat@micasaresourcecenter.org

Veterans Legal Clinic

-The Utah Veterans' Legal Clinic is an opportunity for a lawyer to provide answers to legal questions that veterans may have. The Salt Lake City clinic is held the Second Thursday of each month except December. It is held from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room in Building 8 at the VA Hospital which is located at 500 Foothill Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84108.

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