



# Your help is needed & it's yours to give.

Pro bono for attorneys licensed in Wisconsin

## Brief Legal Advice



### By Email

Increase access to advice and information about non-criminal legal matters for those who cannot afford it. Answer questions from anywhere at any time for as long as you'd like.



### Civil/Family

Work with law students at 2-hour shifts once a month at in-person clinics in Milwaukee, Wis. and on Zoom (volunteer from anywhere!)



### Expungement & Pardon

Review criminal records and advise clients on their options for relieving barriers to work and housing. (3 hour shift once a month)



### Consumer Debt Defense

Evaluate collection cases, identify, and prepare documents for negotiating dismissal, and prepare initial discovery requests. (2.5 hour shift once a month)



### Driver's License Recovery

Resolve driver's license problems, review the DOT records of clients to provide advice about how the client can reinstate a license or resolve other suspension issues. (3 hour shift once a month)



### Bankruptcy

Meet virtually or by phone to evaluate and provide brief services regarding unresolved debt issues, credit harassment, and bankruptcy eligibility. (2 hour shift once a month)

## Limited Scope Representation



### Eviction Defense

Same day advising and limited scope representation at 1st hearing in front of a court commissioner for people in eviction proceedings in Milwaukee County. (3-hour shift once a month)

## Full Scale Representation or Longer Term Commitment



### Tax Clinic

Resolve tax controversies with the IRS and in Tax Court for low income clients related to: Return Preparation, Examination Response, Collection Alternatives, Appeals, and Tax Litigation.



### Full Scope Representation

High need case types:

- Security Deposit Return
- Auto-Fraud (repair and financing)
- Wills/Probate
- Domestic Abuse Injunction
- Divorce/Placement/Support

# Why Pro Bono?

## Did you know...

Civil legal aid providers in WI turn away over **HALF** of eligible clients because they don't have capacity to serve them.

Civil legal aid in WI has a great return on investment: **\$8.40 for each \$1 of aid**. It makes financial sense to invest in civil legal aid!

WI has some of the **LOWEST** civil legal aid funding nationwide. Bridging the access to justice gap through pro bono service is critical.

Only licensed attorneys can provide pro bono legal service. If we don't do it, no one else can. It is our privilege **AND** our responsibility.



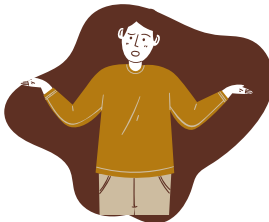
### It's Your Professional and Ethical Responsibility

Every lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. A lawyer should aspire to render at least 50 hours of pro bono publico legal services per year. Supreme Court Rule 20:6.1



### Enough CLE for All Reporting Requirements - FREE

- Free CLE sessions on substantive law, professional development, or professional ethics.
- Earn one CLE credit for every 5- hours of volunteer service per Chapter 31 of the WI Supreme Court Rules.



### Increase Access to Justice While Developing Legal Skills

Increase access to justice while embodying the best ideals of our profession. Pro bono is also a great place to fine-tune your legal skills and develop new areas of expertise.



### Networking

- Meet colleagues. Pro bono is a natural networking avenue.
- Build important mentoring relationships with law students.



### Inactive and Emeritus Lawyers Can Participate

Lawyers in inactive and emeritus status can participate by joining a special practice status per SCR 10.03(3)(am). Ask us how!

## Why do Wisconsin lawyers do pro bono?

For all these reasons & more. [Read their stories](#) & join them in increasing access to justice.