

## Recognizing Your Commitment

By adopting the pro bono pledge, you are inspiring others and expressing your dedication to justice for all. Individual and firm pledge signatories will be recognized in the *Multnomah Lawyer*. Additionally, we would like to thank the following firms who have taken the pledge:

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# Pro Bono Pledge

*Take a matter that matters*



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“Our system of justice works only if the people we serve believe that the system is truly fair and just for all. Lawyers make a difference. Without lawyers, many litigants are simply unable to navigate the legal system. Please make a difference for low-income people in this community. Take the Pro Bono Pledge and help make access to justice for all a reality.”

*Stephen K. Bushong  
Presiding Judge  
Multnomah County Circuit Court*

Thousands of low-income members of our community are facing serious legal problems. Families are losing their homes. Women are threatened by abusive relationships. People with disabilities are being unfairly denied benefits. Having the law on their side is not always enough. Sometimes they need a lawyer by their side. Unfortunately, only about 15% of low-income Oregonians receive needed legal representation.

The Multnomah Bar Association’s Pro Bono Pledge seeks to dramatically increase access to justice by calling on attorneys to commit to at least one pro bono matter in 2020. In addition, law firms are asked to adopt a written pro bono policy and encourage participation in the individual pledge. Both are asked to financially support legal service organizations of their choice.

The benefits of pro bono representation are many. Lives are often changed and sometimes saved. Belief in our justice system is restored. Attorneys who accept pro bono work receive personal satisfaction and valuable training, and law firms often receive public recognition.

The MBA Pro Bono Pledge aims to mobilize lawyers’ time and money to knock down the barriers that block access to the justice system for so many Oregonians. By giving a relatively small amount of each, together we can make a significant contribution to our community and a profound difference in the lives of individuals.

Attorneys and firms can sign the pledge online at [www.mbar.org/probonopledge](http://www.mbar.org/probonopledge).



## Resources

To aid you in fulfilling your pledge, consult the following resources:

- **The Multnomah Bar Association Pro Bono Pledge**  
Downloadable versions of both the individual and firm pro bono pledges.  
[www.mbar.org/probonopledge](http://www.mbar.org/probonopledge)
- **Pro Bono Opportunities**  
A listing of various pro bono opportunities available in Multnomah County.  
[www.mbar.org/probono](http://www.mbar.org/probono)
- **Pro Bono Policy Toolkit**  
An online resource to help your firm create a written pro bono policy.  
[www.osbar.org/probono](http://www.osbar.org/probono)
- **Pro Bono Oregon Listserv**  
Allows attorneys to select pro bono cases online from a list emailed weekly.  
[www.oregonadvocates.org](http://www.oregonadvocates.org)

“Every Oregon lawyer has an obligation to help ensure access to justice for all. The MBA Pro Bono Pledge - to represent a client of limited means or an organization serving that community and to provide financial support for legal services for the poor - is a public commitment to that bedrock principle of democracy. I encourage all lawyers to take the Pledge - you will learn much about the interrelated nature of reality and you, your clients, and our system of justice will benefit immensely from your participation.”



*Martha L. Walters  
Chief Justice  
Oregon Supreme Court*

**Take the 2020 Pro Bono Pledge at [www.mbar.org/probonopledge](http://www.mbar.org/probonopledge).**

“A 2018 statewide study found that more than 84% of low-income Oregonians with legal problems are unable to access any legal assistance. The full report, by Portland State University, is entitled “Barriers to Justice” and is available on the Oregon State Bar website. Inability to access legal assistance means that our legal system is severely skewed in favor of wealthy people. We can offset the injustice in our current system through volunteering our time. Plus, volunteering can be meaningful and interesting, and bring us into contact with people whose paths we wouldn’t otherwise cross.”



*Sarah Radcliffe  
2019-20 MBA President*



“The ability to provide pro bono legal services to vulnerable members of our community is a gift. A gift not only for our community, but for ourselves. Offering pro bono services makes a world of difference to the clients and their families. In addition to gratitude from clients, the sense of accomplishment and self worth

that working with pro bono clients provides is one of the best benefits of the profession. The need for pro bono services in our community is staggering, it is important for Oregon lawyers to respond and meet this demand.”

*Holly Hayman  
2019-20 YLS President*

“[The volunteer attorney] was courteous, patient, did not make condescending remarks or assumptions. He explained the process fully and in plain English.... He was very pleasant to deal with.”

*Client  
Senior Law Project*