

October Pro Bono Celebration Events in Columbus

Every year in October, the ABA leads a national Pro Bono Celebration to honor the countless volunteers who work to ensure Access to Justice in our communities. In partnership with the Columbus Bar Association, Columbus Bar Foundation, Ohio State Bar Association, and Capital University Law School, LASC will be offering local events to train, thank, and recognize our outstanding volunteers.

Annual Pro Bono Reception Wednesday, October 28th Columbus Bar Association - 175 South Third Street

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Columbus Bar Association, and Columbus Bar Foundation cordially invite you to our annual Pro Bono Reception on Wednesday, October 28th starting at 4:30 PM. We are honored to have Ohio Supreme Court Justice Judith French as our keynote speaker.



Five individuals and one corporation will receive pro bono awards at the event:

[John Hartranft, Porter Wright](#)
[Sherri Lazear, Baker Hostetler](#)
[Chad Readler, Jones Day](#)
[Don Wolery, Law Offices of Don E. Wolery](#)
Betty Appell, [Bricker & Eckler](#) (retired)
[JP Morgan Chase](#)

To RSVP, please complete this [form](#) or call Dianna Howie at [614-737-0184](tel:614-737-0184) by Wednesday, October 21st.

Special Pro Bono CLE
"Justice for All?"
How you can use your legal skills to help clients in need"
Friday, October 30th, 9:00 AM
Capital University Law School

Have you considered pro bono but hesitated for some reason? Afraid you won't know what to do or have enough time? This CLE will address your concerns, provide basic information about the opportunities available, and give you the tools you need to start volunteering!

LASC is thrilled to partner with the [Ohio State Bar Association](#), [Southeastern Ohio Legal Services](#), and [Capital University Law School](#) for this special event. Southern District of Ohio Bankruptcy Judge [John Hoffman](#) will offer remarks on the importance of pro bono, and we will feature a panel of current volunteers comprised of Molly Crabtree ([Porter Wright](#)), Eric Henricks ([Nationwide](#)), Athena Inembolidis ([Athena Legal, LLC](#)), and Kelly McCloud ([Office of the Ohio Attorney General](#)).

See our [CLE Announcement](#) for additional details and registration information!

Current Volunteers — We want to hear from you!



Why do you volunteer? What motivates you to give up your valuable time to help others? As part of our Pro Bono Celebration, LASC would like to share your stories during the month of October via our social media outlets. Send an email with your statement (50 words or fewer please!) to [Dianna Howie](#), and include a picture if you're willing. Attorneys, paralegals, law students, community members – we would like to hear from all of you!

Upcoming CLEs

Family Law Primer - Friday,



November 6th - 1:30-4:45 PM

This program is designed to help volunteer attorneys represent low-income clients in divorces. Information will be included on how to work with low-income clients, service, jurisdiction, venue, temporary orders, calculating child support, mediation and tips on writing divorce decrees. The basic training is designed for those who have not practiced a great deal of domestic law and consequently will not provide coverage of topics like contested custody, discovery, dealing with pensions and other assets, and spousal support. It should equip participants to deal with the kinds of cases referred through the LARP program--the LASC reduced fee program for uncontested divorces and dissolutions.

Note--request for CLE will be made to Supreme Court shortly.



PACO Wills Clinics CLE, Wednesday November 18th, 1:30-4:45 PM

This program is designed to assist volunteer attorneys and paralegals who are participating in the PACO/LASC Pro Bono Wills Clinics which are held monthly at different sites throughout Central Ohio. At these clinics, attorneys talk with the clients after the paralegals prepare the documents. Clients are provided with completed simple wills, health care powers of attorney, living wills, organ donor registry, declaration of funeral arrangements, and financial powers of attorney.

Click [here](#) to register for any of these CLEs, or email [Dianna Howie](#) for more information!

Requests for Help

Family Law Attorneys - We are in need of family law attorneys for several brief advice clinics in Columbus:

- **UALC The Church at Mill Run (CBA clinic)** - Third Tuesday of each month - Email [Mathias Manner](#) for more details.
- **Broad Street Presbyterian Church** - Third Thursday of each month - Email [Dianna Howie](#) if you are available.
- **Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down** - Tuesday, October 20th - 8:30-11:00, 11:00-1:30 - Complete a registration form [here](#).



VRC Housing Project - Eviction Cases:

Providing representation to a low-income tenant in an eviction case can have a tremendous impact on a family's stability and future. Defending eviction cases in which landlords have failed to maintain the rental property and holding landlords accountable will help to improve the low-income housing stock in Central Ohio. Because of the large volume of eviction cases, LASC is hoping to increase the pool of volunteer attorneys who agree to accept pro bono eviction referrals from our Volunteer Resource Center. Comprehensive and free training and materials are available. Can you help? Please email [Dianna Howie](#)

Probate Help:

LASC occasionally experiences a need for help with certain probate matters. If you are willing to provide pro bono assistance in this area, please email [Dianna Howie](#).

Community Partner Updates

Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition Saturday, October 3rd

The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio (APABA-CO) is seeking volunteer judges for the regional stage of a national moot court competition. The event will be held at Moritz (OSU) and begin at 9:00 AM. To register, please follow this [link](#).

*Our next informal LASC Happy Hour is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29th** at **5:30 PM** at the new [Crest Tavern](#) at 621 Parsons Avenue. Email [Dianna](#) to RSVP.*

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