

## **Pro Bono and Public Service Committee Volunteer Position Description**

The Pro Bono and Public Service Committee works to enhance a culture of legal service by promoting opportunities and best practices that encourage members to engage in pro bono and public services, especially for low to moderate-income communities. This past year, the Committee successfully led the effort to make changes to the Emeritus Pro Bono license. Click [here](#) for more information. Committee members also partner with pro bono stakeholders across the state to connect, build, and deepen relationships. These relationships help inform the Committee's projects and priorities. Current projects include revamping the pro bono online [clearinghouse](#), evaluating other policies impacting pro bono, and exploring CLE needs for pro bono volunteers.

**Position overview:** Members are expected to participate in monthly Committee meetings. Committee members are also expected to join at least one workgroup: Rules/Policies, CLE, Technology, and Communications.

Appointment is for a two-year term with eligibility to be reappointed for a second two-year term.

**Time commitment:** Full committee meetings are held monthly for generally 1-2 hours. Workgroups meet monthly at a time convenient for workgroup members. Twice a year the Committee will hold two longer strategic planning meetings – one at the start of the fiscal year and one mid-year. Workgroup-related projects may require time outside of meetings, approximately 2-3 hours a month.

**Requirements:** Applicants must be active WSBA members in good standing. One emeritus pro bono position is available. There are no requirements for years of practice or practice area. Applicants should be committed to advancing WSBA's mission to serve the public and champion justice, through pro bono and public service-oriented opportunities. A willingness to attend and participate in the meetings and workgroups is required.

**Preferred qualifications and skills:** Interest and/or experience doing pro bono and public service work.

**Benefits:**

- Develop a deeper understanding of statewide pro bono and legal aid needs and services delivery;
- Create connections, build relationships, and network with the pro bono and legal aid community;
- Enhance leadership development through project management and committee work; and
- Earn pro bono public hours (as defined by RPC 6.1).

**Reimbursement policy:** This is an unpaid volunteer position. Reasonable travel and other expenses will be reimbursed per the WSBA Expense Reimbursement Policy.

**Selection and appointment process:** Candidates are reviewed by a team including the committee co-chairs, staff liaison and BOG liaison. Recommendations are made to the Board of Governor's Nominations Committee, which makes the appointments.

**For further information:** See <https://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/Pro-Bono-and-Public-Service-Committee>

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