



Pro Bono Mission Statement

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WCBA's Pro Bono Policy arises out of two core values: our profession's calling to help other people, and basic human kindness. Lawyers have special knowledge and skills which can assist people in need of that knowledge and those skills. These are people who are confused, in fear, anxious, and confronted by situations, procedures and outcomes that are beyond their control and their understanding. The members of our Bar Association have agreed to provide *pro bono* (volunteer) legal service to those in our community who do not have the financial resources necessary to hire a lawyer: those who have been allowed by the Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* without having to pay court costs, and those who have been determined by North Penn Legal Services as being eligible to receive free legal services. Relatively modest amounts of a lawyer's time can assist them, ease their misery, and materially improve the quality of life of all who are involved in the matter. At the same time, by assisting them, the lawyer creates the opportunity for personal satisfaction from serving someone with nowhere else to turn, while helping to fulfill the profession's mission to make justice available for all people, regardless of their ability to pay. It is and must remain a priority of the Wayne County Bar Association that all of its members contribute to this mission in all ways that they can.