Mid-Shore Pro Bono

Volunteer Attorney Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in joining Mid-Shore Pro Bono as a volunteer attorney. Please fill out this form so that we can provide you with an appropriate volunteer opportunity.

Name: _________________________________________________________________________ Gender M F

Firm: __________________________________________________________________________

Business Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

State/City/Zip: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Work Phone: __________________________ Fax: ______________________________

Email: __________________________ Email________________________________________

Legal Assistant: __________________________ Email_____________________________________

Date of Admission to Maryland Bar (mm/dd/yyyy): ______________________________

Are you now, or have you ever been, disciplined by the Attorney Grievance Committee? ___

If yes, please list date(s) and outcome: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Are you fluent in any language besides English? ________________________________

Counties available to volunteer in: ________________________________________________________________________________________

I can provide representation in the following area(s) (check all that apply)

___ Adoption
___ Advanced Medical Directives/POA
___ Bankruptcy/Consumer Debt
___ Custody and/or Visitation (Reduced fee)
___ Collaborative Law (Reduced fee)
___ Contracts/Warranties
___ Divorce/Separation (Reduced fee)
___ Elderly Family Member(s)/Elder Law
___ Employment (discrimination/wage claims)
___ Guardianship
___ Landlord-Tenant/Real Property
___ Medicaid/Medicare/Other Health
___ Child Support
___ Mortgage Foreclosure/Mediation
___ Veteran’s Benefits
___ Wills or Probate
___ SSI/Disability
___ Unemployment Compensation
___ Immigration/SIJS
___ Tort Defense Small Claims
___ LEGAL CLINICS
___ CASE REVIEW/Triage
___ PHONE ADVICE
___ MENTORING

Please let us know what we can refer to you for clients who are not eligible for pro bono service.

*****For other referrals that are not within MSPB Guidelines:

_____ Criminal  _____ Workers Comp.  ___________ DUI  ___________ Personal Injury ___________

Other (please list) __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE
MID-SHORE PRO BONO
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY AGREEMENT

Mission: Mid-Shore Pro Bono connects low income individuals and families who need civil legal services with volunteer attorneys and community resources.

Vision: All people are empowered to resolve civil legal issues.

Core Values: Integrity; Service Oriented; Compassion; Professionalism; Respect; Dignity and Collaboration.

MSPB expects all volunteer attorneys to handle their cases, the clients, opposing counsel and staff with our Core Values the Mission and Vision Statements in mind.

MSPB PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES/BENEFITS TO OUR PANEL ATTORNEYS:

1. Malpractice insurance for referred cases.
2. Court Costs and Service of Process Waivers for taking cases from MLSC Funded Program.
4. Flexible pro bono options – direct representation/clinics/case review/limited scope.
5. Free or reduced fee training through Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland and Anne Arundel Legal Studies Institute.
6. Mentoring: Get a mentor or be a mentor.
7. Networking opportunities throughout the year.
9. Access to the Litigation Fund for reimbursement of administrative costs associated with MSPB cases.
10. JUDICARE FAMILY LAW PROJECT: Earn $100.00/hr. (30 hour cap) for qualified cases. All Judicare Invoices must be received by 15th of each month for prompt payment.
11. EXTENDED REPRESENTATION Reduced-Fee Project. Earn up to $3000 per case ($50/hr.) for representing eligible clients in civil, non-domestic cases.
12. REDUCED-FEE PROJECT – MSPB will refer clients not eligible for pro bono representation to attorneys willing to accept a reduced fee directly from the client. MSPB will screen and provide case management when needed.
13. Recognition in our weekly and quarterly newsletters.

PANEL ATTORNEY EXPECTATIONS:

2. Volunteer Lawyers shall submit status updates to MSPB if the cases runs beyond 6 months.
3. Attorneys shall notify MSPB immediately if terminating representation of a MSPB Client.
4. Attorneys shall not carry more than 10 open cases at a time.
5. Attorneys shall provide timely Closed Case Forms at the end of the case.

*I am interested in the Judicare Program, in which attorneys accept a contested family law case for a reduced-fee. Judicare attorneys are required to accept one pro bono case/ work a Civil Clinic for every Judicare case referred. I agree that I have more than 3 years family law experience. Yes _____ No ______
(Judicare terms available by contacting Mandy Caulk at mcaulk@midshoreprobono.org)

Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________