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The Louisiana State Bar Association's 11th Annual Lawyers in Libraries Week (Oct. 20-25, 2025) and National Celebrate Pro Bono Week were made possible by the extraordinary dedication of volunteer attorneys and library partners across the state. Through in-person consultations, phone-based assistance, and educational webinars, attorneys helped bring meaningful legal guidance directly to Louisiana communities—especially those facing barriers to access.

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, 192 attorneys signed up to serve at 206 events in 64 library branch locations statewide, contributing more than 500 hours of pro bono service during the Lawyers in Libraries week.

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SWBLSA Law Students Held *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* Clinic During Annual Convention

On Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, attorney volunteers partnered with law student members of the Southwest Black Law Student Association (SWBLSA) to participate in an *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* clinic as part of a community service project for the SWBLSA 10th Annual Regional Convention held in New Orleans. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* is an online pro bono program created by the American Bar Association and administered locally by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Department.

To ask a question on *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* site, users must meet the following criteria: be 18 years of age or older; not currently in jail or prison; have a civil legal question; and be within 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Volunteer attorneys can view all questions on the site, select which they are comfortable answering and submit responses to users who qualify.

During the SWBLSA *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* clinic, volunteer attorneys were paired with small groups of law students to answer questions submitted through the site. Participants were recruited from current *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* volunteers and the GNO Martinet Legal Society.

In these small groups, volunteers and



SWBLSA law student members and attorney volunteers from GNO Martinet Legal Society and *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* work together in groups to answer questions on the site.

law students selected which questions to answer, discussed the legal issues presented, conducted research and drafted responses. The volunteer attorney ultimately had the final say and submitted responses to site users.

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org clinics involving law students help increase the number of questions answered while providing students with valuable experience in legal research, analysis and client communication. Volunteer attorneys also benefit by contributing pro bono

service in a structured setting, mentoring future members of the profession and expanding access to justice for individuals who may not otherwise be able to obtain legal assistance.

Plans are underway to host future clinics, both in-person and virtually, involving law students. Attorneys interested in volunteering for one of these clinics in the future or with the site in general may contact ATJ Projects Counsel, Rachael Mills at rachael.mills@lsba.org or 504-619-0104. 📞

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