

# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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## Thanks to the 2025 ATJ Intern Sponsors!

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice (ATJ) Department acknowledges the 2025 ATJ Developing Leadership intern sponsors. ATJ intern sponsors provide mentorship and a stipend to the ATJ interns while they learn about Louisiana's civil legal aid network during the six-week summer program. This year's sponsors include Entergy Services, LLC; Butler Snow, LLP; the LSBA's Civil Law & Litigation Section; and Phelps Dunbar, LLP. 📱

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## Is It Really That Important to Report Pro Bono Hours?

The unequivocal answer is YES! Each year, attorneys provide thousands of hours of pro bono work for those who can't afford to pay for legal services — and, each year, thousands of hours probably go unreported. Some attorneys say it's self-aggrandizement to report. Others say only the office manager sees the reporting form.

Don't do a disservice to your local pro bono and legal services programs by not reporting. When seeking funding, these

organizations are frequently asked, "What are attorneys doing to help?" Help the Louisiana State Bar Association support local public interest organizations by providing them the information to respond to that question.

Complete the "Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting Form" included with the 2025-2026 dues statement or report pro bono hours online at: [www.lsba.org/ProBono/ProBonoVoluntaryReporting.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ProBono/ProBonoVoluntaryReporting.aspx). 📱



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## Attorney Volunteers Needed for Lawyers In Libraries

Volunteers are needed for the LSBA's Lawyers in Libraries 2024 events, taking place in October 2025, in conjunction with National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. During this week, attorney volunteers are needed for two-hour "Ask-a-Lawyer" sessions where patrons can ask legal questions one-on-one. These sessions will be offered in person at libraries across the state and by phone for those who cannot participate in person. Individual events are scheduled based on attorney preference and library availability. To volunteer or for more information, visit [www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org](http://www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org). 📱

# Join *Probono.net/la* Today!

As part of the LSBA's 25 in 2025 campaign, we encourage all Louisiana State Bar Association members to sign up for Probono.net/la — a powerful tool designed to help attorneys make a meaningful difference.

Probono.net/la, maintained by the Lagniappe Law Lab, is an online platform created specifically to support pro bono volunteers across the state. Whether you're just starting to explore volunteer opportunities or are a longtime advocate for access to justice, this site offers everything you need in one convenient place.

By joining, you'll gain access to a comprehensive resource library covering key legal topics and practice areas, a curated listing of current volunteer projects seeking attorney assistance, and a statewide calendar of events, trainings, and opportunities to get involved. Probono.net/la connects you directly with organizations and initiatives that need your time and skills, making it easier than ever to contribute your 25 pro bono hours — or even more — in 2025.



## Keep Going Strong: LSBA's "25 in 2025" Initiative

The Louisiana State Bar Association's "25 Hours in 2025" initiative is well underway, challenging LSBA members to complete 25 hours of pro bono service in 2025 to help expand access to justice across Louisiana to assist those who cannot afford legal representation.

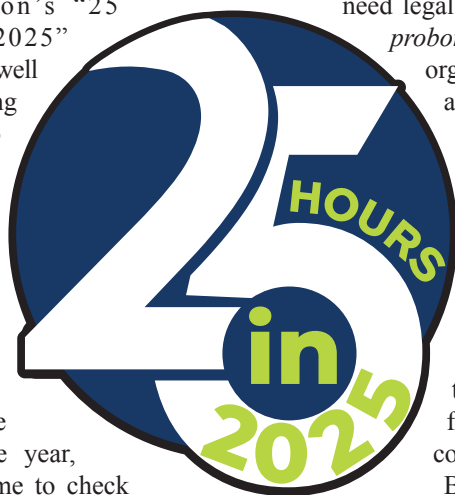
As we reach the halfway point of the year, now is the perfect time to check your progress. Have you started logging hours? Whether you've already contributed or are just getting started, there's still plenty of time to meet your 25-hour goal.

Attorneys are encouraged to break it down into manageable commitments by

connecting with local organizations that need legal assistance. Visit [www.probono.net/la](http://www.probono.net/la) to review organizations in Louisiana actively seeking legal assistance.

Every hour counts! Whether you focus on family law, civil rights, housing or another area, your contribution helps strengthen the legal safety net for underserved communities.

By staying engaged in the "25 Hours in 2025" initiative, you help advance the LSBA's mission to promote access to justice statewide - and there's no better time than now to renew your commitment and help make a meaningful impact.



### A FREE ONLINE FORUM FOR CIVIL LEGAL QUESTIONS

Allows volunteers to:

- Log in whenever/wherever
- Choose the question you answer and respond anonymously
- Receive training and access to resources
- Be covered by malpractice insurance

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