

PA IOLTA Board
 Summary of Grants for Pro Bono Initiatives
 7/01/2010 to 6/30/2011

	<u>Previous Pro Bono Program</u>	<u>2010-2011 Proposal</u>	<u>Other Sources</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>2010-2011 Grant Awards</u>	
<u>Beaver County - NLSA</u>	13 Attorneys (reduced fee only)	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Volunteer Total Program	26 \$367 \$9,550	\$3,500	\$6,050	\$6,000

The Beaver County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee is requesting start up funding for a pro bono initiative, as services to low-income clients are occurring through reduced fee representation, primarily in family law matters. This project would offer free legal advice by attorney volunteers to 4-6 individual clients once a week in an afternoon clinic setting. All interviews would be held in the Offices of Neighborhood Legal Services Association in Bridgewater, Pennsylvania. Legal Services staff attorneys would be available during the clinic hours as a resource for the pro bono volunteers. CLE's would be offered by NLSA providing background on issues most commonly encountered when serving the legal needs of the indigent.

<u>Butler County Bar Association</u>	0 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Volunteer Total Program	5 \$1,420 \$7,100	\$2,100	\$5,000	\$0
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The Butler County Bar Association will establish a Pro Bono Committee to conduct surveys of members and other non-profit agencies to determine where the largest need exists, to develop a pro bono plan in accordance with the PBA Pro Bono Model Plan that incorporates or follows examples from other County Bar Associations or Foundations that have established programs, to develop a list of pro bono attorneys and determine a means for referring out pro bono cases, to investigate options for the coordination of eligibility screening with Neighborhood Legal Services. Funds will also be used for exploration of opportunities that exist for utilizing internet options like palawhelp.org and paprobono.net.

<u>Chester County Bar Association</u>	145 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Volunteer Total Program	145 \$69 \$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
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The Chester County Bar Association (CCBA) seeks a grant to support, market and expand its "Access to Justice" and Pro Bono Programs. The Bar plans provide volunteer attorneys with education and flash drives containing necessary forms and instructions to assist with family law cases in the area of custody and protection from abuse. A significant amount of resources will be used for marketing and advertising of the Access to Justice Program both to potential volunteers and to the citizens of Chester County. Lastly, CCBA will continue to offer the free CLE program and host an annual reception in order to recruit and retain volunteer attorneys.

<u>Crawford County Bar Association</u>	0 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers Projected Funds per Volunteer Total Program	25 Not provided \$400 \$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000 *
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The proposal represents a partnership of the Crawford County Bar Association, the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County, and Northwestern Legal Services. All three entities are contacted on a regular basis by indigent persons seeking pro bono services, which creates some duplication of effort and inconsistency in the matters handled. The courthouse law librarian would serve as the the initial contact person for persons seeking pro bono assistance. Referrals would be made to NWLS for representation or the Bar Association for assignment of a pro bono attorney. IOLTA funding would be used to support a part-time person hired to free up the law librarian's time to fulfill this role. Other financial support would come from the court and the bar association.

	<u>Previous Pro Bono</u>	<u>2010-2011 Proposal</u>	<u>Other Sources</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	
	<u>Program</u>				<u>Grant Awards</u>	
<u>Cumberland County Bar Association</u>	57 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers	86	\$14,602	\$12,202	\$12,000
		Projected Funds per Volunteer	\$312			
		Total Program	\$26,804			

Currently, pro bono referrals to the Cumberland County Bar Association are made by staff at MidPenn Legal Services. In recognition of budget and staffing pressures at legal services offices, the Pro Bono Committee of the Cumberland County Bar Association identified a need for a part-time Pro Bono Coordinator whose sole function would be administering the program, including outreach to attorneys and law firms, coordinating a referral system, developing CLE programs for pro bono volunteers, and recognizing pro bono service. The effort would include collaboration with MidPenn Legal Services and Penn State Dickinson School of Law.

<u>Washington County Bar Association</u>	46 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers	60	\$55,000	\$12,000	\$9,500
		Projected Funds per Volunteer	\$1,117			
		Total Program	\$67,000			

The Washington County Bar Association (WCBA) Pro Bono program provides legal representation for clients involving conflict-of-interest situations for Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services (SPLAS). WCBA operates a pro bono and reduced fee program for "persons of limited means". IOLTA funding allows it market the program to increase the number of active pro bono panelists. Participating attorneys take the first case on a pro bono basis; additional cases are compensated at a reduced-fee-rate of \$35 per hour.

<u>Statewide</u>						
<u>Montgomery Child Advocacy Project</u>	130 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers	200	\$0	\$14,000	\$10,000
		Projected Funds per Volunteer	\$70			
		Total Program	\$14,000			

The Montgomery Pro Bono Committee will travel to 10 counties strategically located throughout the state and conduct half day seminars outlining the origins, history, operations and accomplishments of MCAP. The purpose of the seminar is to educate other counties as to how to launch a pro bono advocacy program for abused and neglected children. The counties adopting pro bono programs will be closely monitored for possible assistance from the Montgomery Pro Bono Committee. Finally, the Montgomery Pro Bono Committee will help develop a procedure for the county adopting a pro bono program to track and monitor its cases and clients served.

<u>PA Bar Association - SeniorLAW Project</u>	0 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers	500	\$14,600	\$10,000	\$0
		Projected Funds per Volunteer	\$49			
		Total Program	\$24,600			

The SeniorLAW Center will work with the PBA's Legal Services to the Public Committee to set-up and run ten one hour CLEs that will be presented across the state in locations with limited pro bono programs. The CLE courses will focus on senior law legal issues with the goal of increasing volunteers for the SeniorLaw Hotline project while providing counties showing limited pro bono activity as surveyed by the PBA Pro Bono Office a ready to implement pro bono option. The goal will be to have 500 new lawyers sign up for the SeniorLAW hotline pro bono project. PLAN programs will be invited to participate in the program; at least one local legal services office in every corner of the state will be involved.

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PA Bar Association - Lackawanna Pro Bono	0 Attorneys	Projected Volunteers	1000	\$14,600	\$10,000	\$0
		Projected Funds per Volunteer	\$25			
		Total Program	\$24,600			

PBA, Lackawanna Pro Bono, Inc, and PLAN propose to develop CLE programs in each of several substantive legal areas in which there is a need for pro bono representation based on surveys of pro bono attorneys conducted by both the PBA and LPBI. The CLEs would be videotaped at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and copies of the video would be made available to pro bono programs, legal services programs, and bar associations across the state to be shown locally for the purpose of recruiting and retaining pro bono attorneys, especially in underserved areas across the state, as evidenced by surveys conducted by the PBA. Advanced technologies, such as streaming videos connected to the PApronono.net resources, would also be utilized.

Total Requests 2010-11	\$84,252	50,000
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* Contingent upon meeting additional conditions.