

**PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Legal Services to the Public Resolution**

**Committees and Sections Must Report Yearly on Pro Bono Activities**

Whereas the Pennsylvania Bar Association has required its Board of Governors to Report on each member's annual pro bono activities and whereas the PBA Board and House of Delegates has embraced that all members of the Bar should perform pro bono service;

Whereas significant work of the PBA is accomplished through its Committees and Sections;

Whereas many Committees and Sections of the PBA have established programs to support legal aid for the poor and the access to justice for all of the Commonwealth's residents, including but not limited to providing review and updates for the PALawHelp.org client website, registering additional lawyers on PProBono.net, providing phone and email support for the self-represented litigants, organizing and conducting legal aid clinics, making financial donations to legal aid programs, funding public service internships for law students, creating and disseminating public legal educational materials and presentations, and providing support in time and resources for the PBA's Pro Bono Office; and

Whereas the positive pro bono efforts of the PBA's Committees and Sections to help improve the access to justice for all of the Commonwealth's residents should be celebrated:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee requests that each and every Committee and Section of the Association report annually on the activities of the Committee or Section that promote pro bono service, support legal aid and improve the Access to Justice for the neediest among us. Those reports would be made at the first Committee/Section Day of each new year for the previous calendar year's activity and would be featured on the PBA Pro Bono website, in other PBA publications and in press releases to the public. A formal report to the Board of Governors on Committee/Section Pro Bono Activity would be presented at the Board Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Bar.

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