Each day this week, we are highlighting pro bono opportunities available to you as a member of the Dauphin County Bar Association.

On occasion, we ask you to respond to a special pro bono need. For example, in 2007, we created the **Pro Bono Guardian Monitors Project** in response to Judge Todd Hoover’s request for assistance. Thirty Pro Bono Monitors became the court’s “eyes and ears” to assure that incapacitated persons are not being personally or financially mistreated. Once a year, the assigned Monitor visits the guardian and ward, reviews records, and reports to the court on the forms provided. This ongoing project welcomes new pro bono participants.

Some of these special requests are not ongoing needs but arise fairly quickly. In 2008, members responded to a national request for **Election Protection** assistance in ensuring fair and open elections. More recently, members responded to in abundance to the statewide **Get Help Now, PA!** pro bono program by staffing our “help center” every Tuesday and Thursday for ten weeks over the summer. Also over the summer, pro bono attorneys took extra cases after a special plea from MidPenn Legal Services for assistance with **Unemployment Compensation** cases.

This fall, MidPenn is experiencing a large number of requests for bankruptcy assistance. Please contact Sandy Ballard at sandy@dcba-pa.org if you might be willing to take a pro bono bankruptcy case.