

PRO BONO CAMPAIGN FACT SHEET

Campaigns 2005-2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Contributions	\$42,000	\$63,000	\$77,946	\$ 67,512	69,140
Pro Bono Attorneys	440	582	615	685	680

Individual Legal Services

Since its inception 29 years ago the Pro Bono Program has relied on volunteer attorneys to assist low income individuals and families in resolving legal problems. Pro Bono attorneys provide a wide range of legal services including representation in court. Cases often involve family problems, consumer credit, probate, and real estate issues.

Cases and Attorney Hours

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (YTD)
Cases Opened	829	1250	1023	1331	1389
Cases Closed	920	1168	946	1226	1494
Pro Bono Attorney Hours	2457	2508	2428	2640	2983
In Kind Value Pro Bono Attorney Hours @ \$125/hr	\$307,125	\$313,540	\$303,270	\$330,000	\$372,875

Pro Bono Projects

Domestic Violence Program

Fourteen attorneys at Cooper Walinski assist families in domestic violence cases. Pro Bono provides training and links clients to attorneys. This project has enhanced the ability of Pro Bono to address cases that have short deadlines and that tend to constitute emergencies for the families involved.

Juvenile Court

Attorneys from the law firm of Anspach, Meeks, Ellenberger, LLP, and corporate attorneys from HCR ManorCare teach groups of pro se litigants at Juvenile Court to fill out the challenging pro se papers to file for custody, visitation, paternity, and motions to show cause. Since the project began August, 2005, over 2,800 people have been trained. The numbers grow each week and the Court appreciates that the Program helps litigants proceed through the process more quickly and with less court intervention. A number of law students also have been assisting

Wills, Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney

Spengler Nathanson has agreed to provide volunteer attorneys to assist low income, elderly and disabled individuals with the preparation of wills, living wills and durable powers of attorney.

Guardianships

Eastman and Smith has been providing attorneys to help volunteer guardians become guardians of nursing home residents who have no family members or no family members willing to step forward and become guardians of the person. The volunteer guardians undergo a rigorous screening and training program and rely on the attorneys at Eastman & Smith to guide them through the process.

Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick, LLP provides the legal assistance necessary to establish guardianships for other clients. The Pro Bono Program receives a number of referrals from the Department of Developmental Disabilities for parents of adult children who are in need of guardians once they reach the age of 18.

Divorce Program at Domestic Relations Court

The Court has received \$45,000 from the Lucas County Commissioners to provide representation to previously unrepresented litigants. Attorneys agreeing to take cases may be compensated up to \$450. The Pro Bono Program links attorneys to clients. This project can serve 200 families annually.

Pro Se Family Law Clinic

The Pro Se Family Law Clinic provides classroom training, materials and information to enable low income people to file for and obtain divorces on a pro se basis. The project is encouraged by the court since the trained pro se litigants are well prepared for their final hearings and need less help from court personnel. Since its inception numerous law students, paralegals and paralegal students have volunteered time at the clinic. The Clinic assists 240 people annually.

Expungement Clinics/Second Chance Tuesday

Recently the Pro Bono Program added two pro se expungement clinics for individuals who qualify for expungements. Clients fill out pro se forms developed by the Program with the help of the local judiciary. At the clinic the clients fill out the Petition as well as the Journal Entry granting the expungement. Since adding The Second Chance Tuesday Program at The Source as a base for clients the over 250 people have attended the do it yourself expungement clinics

Law Tuesday

Two Tuesday evenings each month volunteer attorneys hold 'office hours' at two different locations for walk-in clients. This program provides a comfortable, non-threatening setting for people who have legal problems or questions to meet with a "real live" attorney. Warren AME Church has hosted Law Tuesday for over 16 years and Family Services of NW Ohio has served as a Law Tuesday Center for the past six years. Attorneys listen to client problems, read documents, offer legal advice, and make appropriate referrals. Law Tuesday reaches many individuals lacking easy access to lawyers and simple legal advice.