

Shore Legal Access

Volunteer Attorney Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in joining Shore Legal Access (formerly Mid-Shore Pro Bono) as a volunteer attorney. Please fill out this form so that we can provide you with an appropriate volunteer opportunity.

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

State/City/Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Legal Assistant: _____ Email _____

Date of Admission to Maryland Bar (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Are you now, or have you ever been, disciplined by the Attorney Grievance Committee? ____

If yes, please list date(s) and outcome: _____

Are you fluent in any language besides English? _____

Counties available to volunteer in: _____

I can provide representation in the following area(s) (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Medical Directives/POA | <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Foreclosure/Mediation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy/Consumer Debt | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody and/or Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills or Probate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Law | <input type="checkbox"/> SSI/Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts/Warranties | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Separation | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration/SIJS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Family Member(s)/ Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Tort Defense Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment (discrimination/wage claims) | <input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL CLINICS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> CASE REVIEW/Triage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord-Tenant /Real Property | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE ADVICE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid/Medicare/Other Health | <input type="checkbox"/> MENTORING |

Please let us know what we can refer to you for clients who are not eligible for *pro bono* service.

*****For other referrals that are not within Shore Legal Access Guidelines:

_____ Criminal _____ Workers Comp. _____ DUI _____ Personal Injury _____

Other (please list) _____.

PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE

**SHORE LEGAL ACCESS
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY AGREEMENT**

Mission: Shore Legal Access connects low income individuals and families who need civil legal services with volunteer attorneys and community resources.

Vision: All people are empowered to resolve civil legal issues.

Core Values: Integrity; Service Oriented; Compassion; Professionalism; Respect; Dignity and Collaboration.

Shore Legal Access expects all volunteer attorneys to handle their cases, the clients, opposing counsel and staff with our Core Values the Mission and Vision Statements in mind.

SHORE LEGAL ACCESS PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES/BENEFITS TO OUR PANEL ATTORNEYS:

1. Malpractice insurance for referred cases.
2. Court Costs and Service of Process Waivers for taking cases from MLSC Funded Program.
3. Use of our office space for client meetings. Offices located in Easton, and Salisbury.
4. Flexible pro bono options – direct representation/clinics/case review/limited scope.
5. Free or reduced fee training through Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.
6. Mentoring: Get a mentor or be a mentor.
7. Networking opportunities throughout the year.
8. Customized Annual Pro Bono Hours Report.
9. Access to the Litigation Fund for reimbursement of administrative costs associated with Shore Legal Access cases.
10. JUDICARE FAMILY LAW PROJECT: Earn \$120.00/hr. (35 hour cap) for qualified cases. All Judicare Invoices must be received by 15th of each month for prompt payment.
11. EXTENDED REPRESENTATION Reduced-Fee Project. Earn up to \$3000 per case (\$50/hr.) for representing eligible clients in civil, non-domestic cases.
12. REDUCED-FEE PROJECT – Shore Legal Access will refer clients not eligible for pro bono representation to attorneys willing to accept a reduced fee directly from the client. Shore Legal Access will screen and provide case management when needed.
13. Recognition in our weekly and quarterly newsletters.

PANEL ATTORNEY EXPECTATIONS:

1. Volunteer Lawyers shall abide by applicable rules: MD Rules of Professional Conduct and/or Maryland Rules of Judicial Conduct.
2. Volunteer Lawyers shall submit status updates to Shore Legal Access if a case runs beyond 6 months.
3. Attorneys shall notify Shore Legal Access immediately if terminating representation of a Shore Legal Access Client.
4. Attorneys shall not carry more than 10 open cases at a time.
5. Attorneys shall provide timely Closed Case Forms at the end of the case.

*I am interested in the Judicare Program, in which attorneys accept contested family law cases for a reduced-fee. Judicare attorneys are **required** to accept one *pro bono* case/ work a Civil Clinic for every Judicare case referred. I agree that I have more than 2 years family law experience. Yes _____ No _____
(Judicare terms available by contacting Mandy Caulk at mandy@shorelegal.org)

Signature: _____

Date: _____