

JUSTICE INITIATIVES COMMITTEE PRO BONO PARTNER PROGRAMS

The State Bar of Michigan's Justice Initiatives Committee is pleased to present the following list of Pro Bono Partner Programs. These programs are an important part of Michigan's access to justice community, proudly working together to ensure the delivery of high-quality legal services to a diverse population of low-income clients. Each program on the list submitted a Pro Bono Partner Program Application & Participation Agreement and certified that it maintains a pro bono program that meets the criteria established by the committee. More information on the criteria is available at alawyerhelps.com. Partner programs offer a wide range of pro bono opportunities that include a variety of legal issues, activities, and time commitments. Most partner programs offer training, mentoring, ongoing support for pro bono attorneys, and professional malpractice insurance. The State Bar of Michigan also maintains professional liability malpractice coverage which extends limited malpractice coverage to individuals who take pro bono cases and receive prior approval by SBM staff. More information is available on the A Lawyer Helps website at alawyerhelps.com.

Programs Providing Statewide Services

Elder Law of Michigan Michigan Indian Legal Services, Inc. MSU Law Clinic

Michigan Advocacy Program (MAP) includes

- Farmworker Legal Services
- Michigan Elder Justice Initiative
- Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

Programs Providing Services to a Particular Region

Regional Civil Legal Aid Programs

Lakeshore Legal Aid (M) Legal Aid of Western Michigan (W) Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (E) Legal Services of Northern Michigan (N) Legal Services of South Central Michigan (S)—MAP

Other Legal Aid Programs

Access to Bankruptcy Court (M) Center for Civil Justice (E) Diocese of Kalamazoo Immigration Assistance Program (W) First Step Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services in Wayne County (M) Legal Aid & Defender Association (M) Legal Assistance Center (W) Michigan Law School Civil/Criminal Litigation Clinic (S) Michigan Legal Services (M) Sixty Plus Elderlaw Clinic, Inc.(S) University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Clinical Program (M)



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