

**Pro Bono Opportunities**  
**NJ State Bar Web Posting Form**

**A. Contact Information**

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**B. Organization Information**

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

**Designated State Protection & Advocacy System pursuant to Federal Legislation. Protect civil, legal & human rights of persons with disabilities. Successor to the Department of the Public Advocate.**

2. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors/Elderly      | <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Families   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-income generally | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         |

Eligibility requirements:

**Legal problem must relate directly to disability.**

3. Service area:

- Statewide  
 County based (please list counties served)

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- Locally based (please list areas served)

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**C. Pro Bono Opportunities**

4. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking *pro bono* support.

- Family**
  - Custody
  - Child Support
  - Divorce
  - Domestic Violence
  - Termination of Parental Rights
  - Visitation

- Housing/Landlord Tenant**

- Immigration**
  - Asylum
  - Naturalization

**Health**

- SSI/SSD
  
- Wills

**Consumer**

- Bankruptcy
- Credit/Debt counseling
- Predatory Lending

- Transactional**
  - Non-profit corporate
  - Community Development
  - Tax

- Senior/Elder law**
  - Bankruptcy
  - Credit Counseling
  - Predatory Lending

**Civil Rights** – Discrimination because of disability

**Employment/Unemployment**

- Guardianship**

**Other** Special Education

5. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

- Yes                       No                       In some cases



Currently, NJP&A is looking for two types of pro bono assistance.

Firstly, as we develop major systems litigation, attorneys experienced in complex litigation would be welcomed to provide litigation support and assistance, including co-counseling. Where the case remains an NJP&A case file under the supervision and control of our staff, we would be responsible for the costs of support and any cooperating attorney could be added to our malpractice coverage for that case.

(Co-counseling arrangements where costs are shared would also be welcomed.)

Secondly, throughout the year, there are cases, primarily in employment discrimination and special education, for which we are not able to provide individual representation. Our staff generally refers these individuals to the individual county bar association lawyer referral services, legal services, or specialty legal associations. We would welcome the opportunity to refer some of these individuals to pro bono counsel. In these circumstances, we do not currently have a program in place that would enable us to subsidize costs, etc. Our staff would be available to provide technical assistance if needed.

We would also welcome substantive and skills training.