

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.

Mission Statement: Our purpose is to provide advice, support and skilled negotiation to individuals and families in crisis.

Help Now! Advocacy is a non-profit corporation that has been based in Oregon from 2004 until late last year. Clients are not charged any fee for its services although those who can donate. The organization is now in the process of expanding its nationally-unique services by establishing the first-ever national advocacy hotline to assist individuals and families across the nation who find themselves in the throes of a crisis. Help Now!'s services are unique because the organization will assist on any type of crisis, and there are no pre-qualifiers or "red tape" to gaining assistance. The process is streamlined and immediate. Hence the name. Hotline calls, identified as such, are routed through the phone system to attorneys working from their homes or offices at times they choose to be "on call" to take hotline calls.

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

There are no eligibility requirements although the lowest age group the organization has ever assisted are individuals in their mid-teen years.

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

The organization performs both non-legal and legal advocacy on behalf of clients. Common issues on which Help Now! would perform legal advocacy for clients include landlord-tenant disputes, creditor harassment, issues with unscrupulous merchants, recovering monies lost in scams, and issues arising from non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

4. 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

5. 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

Health

- SSI/SSD

Wills

Transactional

- Non-profit corporate
- Community Development
- Tax

Civil Rights

Guardianship

- Other** law enforcement issues
- disputes between family members
- recovering monies lost in scams

Housing/Landlord Tenant

Immigration

- Asylum
- Naturalization

Consumer

- Bankruptcy
- Credit/Debt counseling
- Predatory Lending

Senior/Elder law

- Bankruptcy
- Credit Counseling
- Predatory Lending

Employment/Unemployment

- disputes between neighbors
- estate/inheritance issues

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

- Yes
- No
- In some cases

