

## BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

DESCRIPTION	PARTNERING ORGS	COMMITMENT & TRAINING	BBA SECTION COMMITTEE
<p><b>Bankruptcy General Pro Bono</b> Represent debtors in Chap. 7 or 13 cases through VLP.</p>	Volunteer Lawyers Project of the BBA	Average 15-25 hours commitment Annual training session	BANKRUPTCY SECTION
<p><b>Bankruptcy Reaffirmation Clinic</b> Provide legal advice to debtors contemplating reaffirmation agreements.</p>	BBA	Average 2-4 hours commitment: prep time 1-2 hours, clinic 1-2 hours	BANKRUPTCY SECTION
<p><b>Board Service Program</b> Trains attorneys to serve on boards and helps locate nonprofit boards seeking board members</p>	United Way of Massachusetts Bay	Ongoing commitment Training=4-5 hours	BBA PUBLIC INTEREST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
<p><b>Boston Municipal Court/BBA ADR Program</b> BBA members serve as volunteers in BMC mediation and case conference program.  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	Boston Municipal Court	Mediation volunteers must have 30 hours of formal training. Case Conf. volunteers need 6 years of litigation/ ADR experience	VARIOUS
<p><b>Business Law Pro Bono Project</b> Assists nonprofit organizations that aid low-income entrepreneurs.  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	Lawyers Clearinghouse Lawyers Comm. for Civil Rights Under Law	Average 20 hours/case commitment, depending on the complexity of the case and volunteer's experience.	BUSINESS LAW SECTION
<p><b>Children's Mental Health Guide</b> Comprehensive guidebook designed to help parents and others identify and access mental health services for children  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	Children's Hospital,	N/A	HEALTH LAW SECTION
<p><b>Estate Planning for Artists</b> Provide legal and educational services to artists, art organizations and attorneys throughout the Boston area people.</p>	Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts	Varies, includes representation and presenting information in workshop format.	TRUSTS AND ESTATES SECTION

<p><b>Family Law Limited Representation Pro Bono Project</b> BBA members provide services to pro se parties at Probate and Family Court in conjunction with the Court's limited representation program.</p>	<p>BBA Probate &amp; Family Court</p>	<p>Periodic trainings. Commitment 3-6 hour sessions</p>	<p>FAMILY LAW SECTION</p>
<p><b>Housing Court Lawyer for the Day</b> Assist pro se parties appearing in housing court  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	<p>VLP, GBLS, Harvard LSC WilmerHale Legal Services</p>	<p>3-6 hours/session average commitment VLP trainings</p>	<p>REAL ESTATE SECTION</p>
<p><b>Housing Court Trial Attorney Project</b> Provide representation to otherwise unrepresented parties in Housing Court Trials</p>	<p>VLP, GBLS, Harvard LSC WilmerHale Legal Services</p>	<p>3-6 hours/session average. VLP trainings</p>	<p>REAL ESTATE SECTION  LITIGATION SECTION</p>
<p><b>Incarcerated Parents' Rights Sessions</b> Educate inmates on their rights and responsibilities in the context of family law</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Training to be determined</p>	<p>FAMILY LAW SECTION</p>
<p><b>Law Day in the Schools</b> Volunteer lawyers and judges visit classrooms in Boston to speak about the legal system  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	<p>Boston Public Schools</p>	<p>1X commitment 6 hours (training and service)</p>	<p>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT</p>
<p><b>M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program</b> 5 part educational program teaching high school students about the wise use of credit  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	<p>U.S. Bankruptcy Court</p>	<p>6 hours (training and service)</p>	<p>FINANCIAL LITERACY COMMITTEE (BANKRUPTCY SECTION)</p>
<p><b>MA Environmental Justice Assistance Network</b> MEJAN volunteers provide assistance to low-income community groups and communities of color dealing with environmental issues.</p>	<p>Alternatives for Community &amp; Environment</p>	<p>Time commitment varies by case.</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION</p>
<p><b>Medical Legal Pro Bono Network</b> Pro bono opportunities that benefit children and families served by the Boston Medical Center's Family Advocacy Program. Areas include: housing, immigration, education, and government benefits.</p>	<p>Medical Legal Partnership at Boston Medical Center</p>	<p>Periodic trainings. Commitment generally involves one matter.</p>	<p>VARIOUS</p>

<p><b>Pro Bono Holiday Reception</b> Annual event highlighting BBA-affiliated pro bono projects opportunities for New Lawyers</p>	N/A	N/A	NEW LAWYERS SECTION
<p><b>Pro Bono Response Project</b> Annual recruitment, training &amp; pro bono placement in response to emerging needs.</p>	Varies	Case-by-case commitment Training in the Spring	LITIGATION SECTION
<p><b>Public Interest Leadership Program</b> Year-long leadership development program for lawyers in the first ten years of their careers who exhibit outstanding commitment to pro bono, public service, and bar activities.</p>	N/A	Yearly commitment 250 hours/year commitment  Program application in spring/early summer each year	VARIOUS
<p><b>Summer Jobs Program</b> 8 week paid legal internship for Boston high school students  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	Boston Private Industry Council, Boston Public Schools	8 week commitment	SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE
<p><b>Trust &amp; Estates Pro Bono</b> Engages experienced estate planning attorneys to offer hotline assistance as well as prepare wills, durable powers of attorney, and health care proxies for low-income people.</p>	Legal Advocacy & Resource Center  Volunteer Lawyers Project	Varies, generally one matter.	TRUSTS AND ESTATES SECTION
<p><b>U.S. Tax Court Pro Bono Project</b> The Program provides useful and timely legal and tax advice to unrepresented petitioners in Tax Court at calendar call.</p>	United States Tax Court	Annual Trainings  Approx. 2 hours	TAX LAW SECTION
<p><b>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)</b> Volunteers help low-income citizens complete income tax forms.  for more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>	Boston Income Earned Income Tax Coalition	9 hour commitment 3 hour training	NEW LAWYERS SECTION

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For information about any of the projects described, please contact the BBA Department of Community Affairs at (617) 778-1934 or [Probono@bostonbar.org](mailto:Probono@bostonbar.org)