

## Bankruptcy

PSB recruits, trains, and matches pro bono attorneys with indigent debtors needing assistance filing Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy. Clinics are held throughout the Southern District of Florida and in conjunction with the local Bankruptcy Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy Foundation and clinical programs at area law schools.

## Seeking the American Dream

PSB's pro bono immigration project recruits and trains attorneys to staff citizenship and naturalization clinics, to provide representation in limited immigration matters and to handle emerging issues facing unaccompanied minors and others.

## Small Claims Court

Presentations are held by-monthly. Assist with disputes involving \$5,000 or less. Typical Small Claims Court problems include unpaid wages; damages caused by a car accident; car repair problems and landlord-tenant issues involving money.

## Wills on Wheels

Wills on Wheels provides assistance to low-income elderly persons and others in Miami-Dade County. Pro bono attorneys lecture on estate planning and the effects of dying without a will, translate documents, interview clients, and/or draft wills and related documents on-site in conjunction with the Probate Committee.

## Volunteer Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will accept cases in the following areas: (circle all that apply)

Bankruptcy (Ch. 7 & 13), Child Advocacy, Collection, Contracts, Deeds, Divorce (Contested or Uncontested), Domestic Violence, Family Law, General Civil, Guardian Ad Litem, Guardianship, Immigration, Insurance, Landlord/Tenant, Foreclosure Defense, Nonprofits, Patents, Probate, Unfair Sales, Venture Law, Wills, Zoning

- I/we would like to host an event.  
 I am a Law Student and would like to volunteer.

My available hours are:

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Please return your form to:  
"Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back"  
along with a list of your attorneys to:

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# Dade Legal Aid Put Something Back



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## Who We Serve

For over 75 years, Dade Legal Aid has provided free civil legal services to qualifying low-income residents of Miami-Dade County. Priority goes to protecting children, victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable people. Through Put Something Back (PSB), pro bono attorneys are paired with Pre-screened, pre-qualified clients in need of civil legal services. Typical clients include low-income individuals, families, children, the elderly, the disabled, veterans and qualifying nonprofit agencies in Miami-Dade County. In order to meet the increased client demands, PSB recruits volunteers and provides free training, mentors, malpractice coverage, litigation support, research, technical assistance and co-counsel to volunteers. Clients may apply online or interagency. PSB not only brings direct services to clients, but also brings innovative programs to volunteers.

## Guardian Ad Litem

Guardian Ad Litem attorneys act as GAL in contested cases where the child(ren) are caught in the crossfire. After meeting with all parties and reviewing pertinent documents, the GAL submit their report and recommendations to the court as to the best interests of the child(ren). PSB utilizes pro bono attorneys willing to assist neglected, abused, and abandoned children in child welfare, dependency, criminal, and domestic violence proceedings.

## Family Law

Dade Legal Aid processes hundreds of family law cases. Staff attorneys provide zealous representation, mentor volunteers and offer materials and training. Support from the private bar helps to meet the gap between client needs and existing staff attorneys. Cases may be uncontested or contested. Appellate attorneys needed on occasion.

## Transitioning Youth

Teens aging out of foster care are provided legal representation and support to become productive members of society. Volunteers are needed to join this coalition to ensure the success of foster youth. Dade Legal Aid provides CLE training, a team of mentors, and advocates for victims of human trafficking, abuse, abandonment and neglect.

## Domestic Violence

Dedicated staff attorneys advocate on behalf of victims of domestic violence by obtaining permanent injunctions against their batterers. In cases when a staff attorney is unable to do so, pro bono attorneys represent the victim at the permanent injunction hearing to obtain safety and security.

## Not-For-Profit Corporations

Attorneys provide transactional and business legal assistance to nonprofit organizations in need of services. Volunteers review contracts and leases, advise on corporate and tax issues, advise incorporation, and help apply for tax exemption. Clients include arts and educational organizations, social services, community health clinics and affordable housing developers.

## Venture Law

We serve seed and early stage entrepreneurs and startup groups by offering assistance to those seeking a free attorney to consult and advise general legal matters, incorporation, intellectual property, & patent and trademark questions.

## Lawyers for the Arts

Attorneys with PSB help struggling artists, art groups, charities, and organizations. Self-help clinics and workshops are offered to assist artists about various aspects of entertainment law, such as copyright, recording contracts, and patent and trademark infringement. Income-eligible clients are paired with pro bono attorneys for representation.

## Habitat for Humanity

Lawyers interested in helping first-time homeowners with an individual's closing, will, or other legal matters. Habitat for Humanity may request an attorney to undertake representation on their behalf with matters relating to zoning, banking, deeds, taxes, or environmental issues.

## Consumer Law

Pro bono attorneys represent a variety of defrauded consumers such as students who are victims of deceptive trade school practices, debtors suffering from collection agency harassment, home equity, fraud victims, victims of used car schemes, or victims of other fraudulent schemes.