

64 WAYS TO HELP!
Dane County Organizations Utilizing Pro Bono Assistance
Dane County Bar Association Delivery of Legal Services Committee
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1. ABC for Health, Inc.

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Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families, particularly those with special needs or who are at risk. ABC for Health's mission is to provide health care consumers with the information, advocacy tools, legal services, and expert support they need to navigate through America's complex and confusing health care financing system. ABC for Health, Inc. would like to find pro bono attorneys for consultation on litigated cases.

2. Access to Independence

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Access to Independence receives over 1500 information and referral calls from people with disabilities who often are low or moderate income. AI tries to refer them to affordable legal services but knows there is a greater need than those resources can handle. They have referred many clients to pro bono attorneys and have used Pro Bono Trust Fund money to train attorneys to better serve clients with disabilities. There is a significant need for more attorneys to take case from AI, especially attorneys to represent the deaf and hard of hearing.

3. The Adjutant General's Office

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Client bases consists of retirees, family members and soldiers who are serving within the continental US and overseas. Please contact the office above if you are interested in providing assistance.

4. AIDS Network

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Currently AIDS Network uses pro bono attorneys for a wide variety of civil legal issues and has a continued need for pro bono attorneys in almost every area, especially family law, bankruptcy, landlord-

tenant disputes, and immigration. AIDS Network provides malpractice insurance for pro bono work by volunteer attorneys.

5. AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Legal Services Program

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ARCW is a state-wide organization committed to providing free, quality legal services to people living with AIDS and HIV in Wisconsin. The program provides legal representation in cases involving discrimination, social security disability, advanced directives and guardianships. Attorneys are needed to provide resources to staff attorneys, act as co-counsel, and take cases directly from ARCW. ARCW expects the need for attorneys for about 12 cases each year.

6. ARC Community Services, Inc.

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The ARC would like pro bono assistance for organizational, personnel issues as well as assistance for women they serve who are facing charges or have custody issues.

7. The Arc-Dane County

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The Arc-Dane County is a 56-year old advocacy group that supports people with disabilities and their families. Arc maintains a Guardianship Referral List and also serves as special education advocates for parents involved in IDEA issues with their school district. They need pro bono help with these issues as well as help developing a plan for an expanded use of pro bono lawyers.

8. Badger Prairie Health Care Center

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Badger Prairie Health Care Center is in need of attorneys to volunteer to serve as legal guardians for our residents. Our residents are Dane County citizens whose special needs prevent them from being served in the private sector. There is a treatment team working with each resident to assist in decision-making if requested.

9. Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

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BFW provides bicyclists throughout the state with education and advocacy services. The BFW "provides bicycle safety education materials and classes" and advocates for bike friendly public policy. The BFW

needs legal assistance with review of their personnel policies and board policies and with consultation on event/teaching liability issues. The need for pro bono attorneys in the next 12 months is 1 to 3 cases or issues.

10. Boys and Girls Club of Dane County

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The Boys and Girls Club needs volunteers to help with organizational issues but currently has their needs met by a member of their board. No current need for more assistance.

11. Business Assistance Program / Nonprofit Assistance

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Mr. Frenn assists in running two programs that help small businesses and nonprofit organizations by providing two hours of free legal assistance on a particular issue. These programs are described on the Business Law Section homepage at the wisbar.org website. If you would like to help with either project please contact Salud Garcia at the Wisconsin State Bar to be added to the list of volunteer attorneys.

12. Catholic Charities, Inc.

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Catholic Charities provides outpatient mental health services for low income individuals and would like pro bono assistance for some of these individuals. They especially need pro bono assistance in the areas of discrimination and disability law, family law and misdemeanor criminal cases.

13. Centro Hispano of Dane County

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Centro Hispano needs pro bono help in the areas of family law, immigration law and other civil litigation. They currently have a great need for more help. Many of their clients need bilingual attorneys.

14. Citizens for Safe Water around Badger

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CSWAB seeks to directly address social and environmental justice issues by raising public awareness, engaging community members in campaigns to change public policy, defending the community's right to

know, and ultimately reducing risks to human health and natural systems. CSWAB needs attorneys to assist with enforcement of environmental laws, environmental justice issues, issues relating to the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, RCRA and other federal environmental laws and regulations, Freedom of Information issues and other environmentally related legal issues. CSWAB expects about 2 cases each year that could benefit from pro bono assistance.

15. Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups Elder Law Center

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CWAG is currently has created a comprehensive system for pro bono development called the Professional Services Network. Many of their programs utilize pro bono assistance, including the Benefit Specialists Program, the Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center, the Elderly Financial Exploitation Project and the Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project. The Network also matches low-income seniors needing legal assistance with volunteer attorneys. CWAG currently needs more assistance from pro bono attorneys for its programs.

16. Community Action Coalition

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CAC would like direct representation for clients in a number of areas, including family, landlord tenant, discrimination and employment law. CAC plans to use case managers to screen clients for pro bono representation.

17. Community Coordinated Child Care

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CCCC needs legal assistance for matters involving revocation of childcare providers.

18. Cornucopia

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Cornucopia could use a pro bono attorney on their board to give advice about board issues and fundraising.

19. Dane County Veterans Service Office

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Assist veterans and their families with obtaining local, state and Federal benefits.

20. Disability Rights Wisconsin

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WCA is a protection and advocacy organization for people with disabilities and provides legal services statewide to people with disabilities and disability related issues. WCA needs legal assistance with issues relating to disabilities, including: SSI/SSDI, Medical Assistance, Guardianships, Ch. 55 Protective Placement, Ch. 51 Commitment, CHIPS, Ch. 980 Sexual Predator, Special Education, Employment Discrimination, Physical Barriers/Accommodations, Vocational Rehabilitation, Fair Housing, ADA, Worker's Compensation, Termination of Parental Rights, Adoption, and Personal Injury cases. WCA anticipates the need for pro bono work in Dane County to be about 30-50 cases per year.

21. Domestic Abuse Intervention Services

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There are many ways that attorneys can support victims of domestic violence and their families. You can agree to answer occasional questions from DAIS Legal Advocates, or indicate that that you would like us to refer clients to you. A more structured option is to participate in our Legal Clinic. The Legal Clinic is held biweekly, and gives consumers the chance to consult with an attorney over the phone. Most consumer questions are about family law issues. Most attorneys volunteer one or two times a year for a two-hour shift. The DAIS Legal Advocates compile a list of questions from a maximum of five consumers (usually it is 2 or 3) and fax it to the attorney the day before their shift. The attorney calls the consumers back during their two-hour shift (usually 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.). The process is semi-confidential, in that we send the consumer's first name only and do not give the attorney's name. Finally, many of our consumers need attorneys who can take their cases on a reduced fee/sliding scale basis, with a payment plan, or *pro bono*. DAIS Legal Advocates can be available to the consumer and the attorney throughout the case for support and consultation, if necessary.

22. Epilepsy Foundation South Central Wisconsin

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The Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons affected by epilepsy and their families through services, education and advocacy. About 500 families in Dane County are assisted each year. The legal issues the Foundation needs assistance with include: employment discrimination, accommodation issues, Social Security benefits, EOC complaints and occasional family law issues. There are usually 6-8 cases per year that could use pro bono assistance.

23. Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

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The Center needs pro bono assistance for the families they serve in many areas, including child custody, restraining orders, housing, SSI, disputes / reviews, and immigration issues.

24. Family Strengthening Program

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The organization is striving to raise awareness and understanding of domestic violence in the Russian-speaking community through direct service, community building, cross-cultural education and collaboration with local service providers. The program is designed to assist Russian-speaking survivors of domestic abuse in a culturally appropriate and language accessible manner. This initiative will assist survivors in developing economic stability, maintaining housing, preventing suicide, and in rebuilding their life free from violence. The program provides safety planning, information, support, advocacy, court accompaniment and referrals in both English and Russian. The program needs assistance with immigration issues for survivors of domestic violence.

25. Family Support and Resource Center

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The FSRC serves families of children with significant disabilities. They would like pro bono legal assistance to assist families with guardianship issues.

26. Friends of Madison School and Community Recreation

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Friends of MSCR has a volunteer attorney on the board of directors and currently does not need pro bono assistance.

27. Habitat for Humanity

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Habitat has no formal plan for pro bono use, but has called the State Bar program for assistance. They'd like to have help finding another real estate lawyer and making a plan or system to find more lawyers when needed.

28. Independent Living, Inc.

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ILI serves elderly and disabled adults in Dane County. In-home services include Home Care/Respite, Visiting Homemaker/Chores, Home Safety Modification, and Financial Management and Counseling. ILI's clients are older and disabled adults in need of financial counseling and assistance with financial management. Some of the legal issues these clients need assistance with include: Financial and Healthcare Power of Attorney drafting and revocation, land contracts and deeds, elder law advice on medical assistance issues, bankruptcy advice and filing, and post judgment family law issues. ILI anticipates about 10-12 cases this year that will need pro bono assistance.

29. Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin (ICWJ)

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The ICWJ operates the Workers' Rights Center and provides counseling and assistance to primarily low-wage workers regarding unpaid wages, discrimination, health and safety, and other workplace issues. The Center needs assistance with Small Claims Court, unpaid wages claims, various types of discrimination cases, work authorization, issues with social security "no-match" letters and worker's compensation cases. Spanish language abilities would be helpful, but not required.

30. Jewish Social Services

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JSS uses pro bono help on occasion and needs more volunteers. They need help in many areas of law, including family law, criminal, estate planning, immigration, guardianship issues, landlord/tenant, SSI/SSDI and are especially concerned about the lack of representative payeeship volunteers in the community. JSS would also like more volunteers to serve as healthcare DPOA's for individuals who do not have an appropriate family member or friend to provide the service.

31. Legal Action of Wisconsin

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Legal Action serves low-income persons in Dane, Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Iowa, Lafayette, Sauk and Rock Counties. Legal Action uses volunteer lawyers through its Volunteer Lawyer Program and anticipates requests for this program from over 100 clients this year. The VLP uses attorneys for a variety of civil matters, including family law, landlord-tenant, consumer law, disability, unemployment compensation, workers compensation, bankruptcy, real estate matters, and equal rights. Attorneys volunteering with the VLP may qualify for free CLE programs offered by Legal Action and may be covered by malpractice insurance from Legal Action for the cases they take pro bono.

32. Legal Defense Program

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The LDP is a law school criminal defense clinical program which could use pro bono services for the non-criminal matters (i.e. family, juvenile and immigration matters) that come up during the criminal representation provided by the LDP.

33. Legal Information Center

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The LIC is a law student run, information only, free service provided to any person who contacts them. The LIC has a volunteer lawyer program in place, limited to low income individuals. Volunteers commit to no more than 2 hours per month to answer questions from LIC consumers. The LIC could use more attorneys to answer questions in many areas, including family law, landlord / tenant, consumer law, and criminal.

34. Lutheran Social Services

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LSS would like Pro Bono assistance for various legal issues.

35. Madison Community Health Center, Inc.

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MCHC provides medical and dental services to low-income persons unable to afford health care. It has used pro bono legal services in the past and is currently using some services.

36. Madison Vet Center

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Madison Vet Center needs help with all kinds of legal issues. They would like help finding pro bono assistance, developing a referral procedure and follow up procedure.

37. Mental Health Center of Dane County

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The Mental Health Center of Dane County is a private non-profit agency that provides mental health services to people of all ages. Consumers of this agency have identified a spectrum of needs for pro bono legal assistance, especially in the areas of landlord-tenant, immigration, and benefits law. To respond to this need, please contact Kathy Wood (above), an attorney and social worker who volunteers for this agency.

38. Middleton Outreach Ministry

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MOM currently has an attorney volunteer who takes care of all of their pro bono needs at this time. Contact Dietrich Gruen for other opportunities.

39. Midwest Environmental Advocates

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MEA is the first and only non-profit environmental law center in Wisconsin. MEA provides legal and technical support to grassroots groups that are working for environmental justice in the Western Great Lakes region. MEA combines litigation and community organizing to effect environmental justice. Founded in 1999 by UC-Berkeley Law School graduate Melissa Scanlan, MEA works with local governments and citizen groups in Wisconsin to protect the environment. MEA also utilizes an Advocacy Network of pro bono attorneys to maximize the efficacy of their organization.

The Advocacy Network is comprised of attorneys and others who have agreed to render free or reduced fee services to groups working to protect the environment. This service can range from an hour-long commitment to fully litigating a case in federal court. Midwest Environmental Advocates serves as a

clearinghouse to screen potential cases and provide referrals to lawyers who are part of the Advocacy Network. MEA provides the framework to link lawyers with groups and individuals who would not otherwise be able to afford access to the legal system. The Advocacy Network is one way to use your legal skills to protect the environment while fulfilling your public service responsibilities.

To join the Advocacy Network send an email to bdenzin@midwestadvocates.org with your name, profession, expertise, address, phone number and email or you can call MEW at 608-251-5047. MEA will contact you for further information to include in the Advocacy Network.

40. Nehemiah Community Development Corporation

Dawn Van Hook, Assistant to the President
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They would like pro bono legal assistance with review of hiring/firing procedures, contracts and risk management.

41. Northwest Dane Senior Services

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NDSS would like pro bono assistance with personnel issues, reviewing policies and procedures, and to advise the board of directors.

42. OutReach, Inc.

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OutReach, Inc. is dedicated to positive change for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities by providing services that nurture, strengthen, and celebrate our communities; educate and inform the public and ourselves, and advocate for social justice. OutReach anticipates a need for pro bono help in about 12 cases a year for agency needs (issues specific to non-profits), and individual client needs, including discrimination and family law issues relating to LGBT families.

43. Options in Community Living, Inc.

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Options provides support services to adults with developmental disabilities who live in their own homes in the Madison area. Clients sometimes need legal services to help with issues of housing discrimination, or other housing related issues (failure to return security deposits, etc.). Options occasionally needs legal assistance to establish guardianship in a timely manner when the county is not responding rapidly enough and when family has no funds to hire an attorney. Options has paid for this type of assistance, sometimes offered at a lower rate, on behalf of people they support. As an organization, Options needs consultation on employment issues, and assistance with occasional contract questions, such as business leases.

44. Parental Stress Center

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PSC has a need for pro bono assistance in a number of areas of law, including family law.

45. Porchlight, Inc.

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The mission of Porchlight, Inc. is to provide "temporary shelter, support services, and ultimately, permanent housing for people who are homeless, while vigorously promoting collaboration with the community providers to reduce the homeless population in Madison." Porchlight, Inc. (formerly Transitional Housing, Inc.) served 8,290 people in 2004 and currently the shelter houses 100 people each night. Porchlight, Inc. has attorneys from Legal Action come to screen people on a fairly regular basis, but there is additional need for pro bono attorneys, especially for things LAW can't do, including class actions and conditions of homelessness issues. Also, "homeless people need a legal voice in dealing with government benefits for which they are no longer 'entitled', such as Interim Assistance, as well other programs such as the Expedited Food Stamp program." For these types of problems caseworkers need to be contacted to get things moved along.

46. Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin

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PCAW "provides training and public awareness, and carries out advocacy activities in order to strengthen child abuse [prevention] efforts across Wisconsin." PCAW receives inquiries from families looking for legal information regarding child abuse, grandparent rights and custody issues, often during a divorce. Pro bono assistance would be helpful with these situations and PCAW anticipates about 3-6 cases each year in Dane County.

47. Project Home

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www.projecthomewi.org

Project Home provides affordable housing through Prairie Crossing, an affordable housing apartment complex and serves over 1,000 low to moderate income households each year with weatherization, home repair, and accessibility modifications. Project Home needs assistance with client bankruptcy, loan issues, and contract and collection negotiations. PH expects fewer than 25 cases in the next year.

48. Rainbow Project

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Rainbow Project assists families and their children who are under 7 years of age. Services include therapy, counseling, support and advocacy for children and families. RP keeps an informal list of attorneys they call if there is a need. They could use additional help with family law, especially focused on domestic violence, divorce, custody, and some other non-family law issues, including landlord tenant, criminal defense and health care access. The Rainbow Project anticipates 20-25 cases a year that could use pro bono assistance.

49. Small Claims Assistance Program

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The Legal Resource Center and the Dane County Bar Delivery of Legal Services Committee partnered to create the Small Claims Assistance Center. Every Tuesday morning 9-11 am, a volunteer attorney from the Dane County Bar Association is available to assist people with questions, forms, and procedures regarding Small Claims actions, including replevins, garnishments, and evictions. The Program meets on the Third Floor of the Courthouse. The volunteers staffing the program do not give legal advice. SCAP asks for attorneys to volunteer approximately 2 to 3 times per year for a two hour shift. Please contact Paula Seeger if you would like to volunteer with SCAP.

50. Task-Force on Money, Education and Prison

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The Task-Force is located in the Madison Social Justice Center at 1202 Williamson Street and provides support and assistance to prisoners and returning prisoners with projects such as Project Reentry. Project Reentry assists prisoners returning to Dane County in preparing for interviews, finding jobs, housing and other services in Dane County. The Task-Force could use pro bono help with family law, criminal law, and general organizational issues.

51. Tenant Resource Center

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TRC is the primary resource center for low-income tenants who are denied their legal rights or threatened with losing their housing. TRC facilitates a number of programs, including the TRC Housing Counseling Office at 1202 Williamson St., the Mediation Program in Dane County Small Claims Court (used to reach agreements between landlords and tenants and prevent evictions) and the Housing Help Desk, which helps people who are in search for affordable housing, homeless or in danger of being homeless, women fleeing abuse situations and people with mental disabilities, as well as others. The TRC needs assistance with tenants who fight illegal evictions that can result in the loss of Section 8 vouchers, tenants forced to leave housing due to undisclosed health and safety hazards, and tenants forcibly evicted for retaliatory

reasons. Many cases involve mandatory double damages and attorney fee awards under Wisconsin Law. TRC could refer about 12 cases to pro bono attorneys.

52. United Refugee Services of Wisconsin Inc.

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608-256-6400

URSW's mission is to help refugees and minorities to remain or become self-sustaining and to be integrated into the fabric of American culture while preserving their cultural heritage. URSW services Cambodian, Laoation, Hmong, and Albanian-Cosovaran refugees and would like an attorney familiar with at least one of these languages or cultures. URSW has not used pro bono attorneys in the past but would like an attorney to sit on their board of directors as well as attorneys to help with clients' legal needs, including housing, court hearings, driving citations, and landlord tenant conflicts. URSW anticipates needing attorneys for about 12 cases in a year. URSW also needs an attorney to advise the director and the board on organizational issues.

53. United Way of Dane County

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The UW of Dane County has several member organizations that use pro bono services. If you would like information about volunteering directly with the United Way of any other information please contact the office directly.

54. Vets for Vets

Contact: Chuck Goranson
714 University Avenue Madison 53715
608-263-3456

Vets for Vets is a UW student service organization for veterans. Clients need legal assistance in various types of cases, administrative proceedings involving veterans benefits, and matters of military law. Vets for Vets would also like assistance in constitutional law questions relating to military benefits.

55. Work Plus, Inc.

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Work Plus Inc. is a non-profit organization that has provided job opportunities, job training, and case management services to adults with disabilities since 1985. Work Plus Inc. needs pro bono assistance for clients on issues like SSI benefits as well as help related to their organizational needs. They are also recruiting board members.

56. VIP of Dane County

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VIP works with people involved or at-risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system. The legal issues handled include discrimination, consumer/credit issues, and assistance in handling criminal complaints or other aspects of the criminal system (including actions by attorneys). VIP does not need volunteers to take cases as much as consultation on organizational issues (and perhaps other issues the agency might have) and assistance in providing clients with a better understanding of the criminal system.

57. Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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The Coalition needs pro bono help for the following: reviewing contracts, personnel matters, nonprofit management, case consultation (family law, defamation, sexual harassment, civil suits on the basis of sexual assault, expert psychological evidence), review of policies and procedures in the above areas and issues of confidentiality, and review of model forms.

58. Wisconsin Council on Children and Families

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WCCF currently uses pro bono services for 501(c)3 organizations. They have used services in the past for employment termination issues. WCCF would especially like pro bono assistance for organizational needs.

59. Wisconsin Democracy Campaign

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WDC is a non-profit, nonpartisan political watchdog group that tracks money in state politics and advocates for campaign finance reform, media reform and other pro-democracy reforms. WDC anticipates needing a pro bono attorney 1 or 2 times a year to help with issues relating to elections, such as formal complaints to the State Elections Board (and possibly the State Ethics Board).

60. Wisconsin Family Ties

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Wisconsin Family Ties works to create greater understanding, respectful acceptance and support in the community for families with children and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental disorders. It is a non-profit, family run, statewide agency that provides a variety of support, education and advocacy services. The agency needs assistance with personnel/ employment issues and by-law changes. The

families served may need assistance in juvenile justice and special education issues. WFT may need pro bono assistance for 1 or 2 cases each year.

61. Women in Transition

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"WIT provides residential and social services along a housing continuum of care for adult women who experience a severe and persistent mental illness." WIT anticipates the need for pro bono attorneys to work on 3-4 cases a year providing consultation for the organization (regarding contracts, legal documents, as well as becoming a representative on the Board of Directors) as well as assisting with client legal issues, including SSI, SSDI and Title 19. There may also be some landlord/tenant issues.

62. Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin

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Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin would like pro bono legal assistance to review contracts and advice concerning personnel issues and other organizational issues.

63. YWCA

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The YWCA has used pro bono services in the past but there is no plan in place at this time. The YWCA would like assistance with direct representation, family law, immigration, and general consumer education, as well as consultation with social workers.

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