

The DCBA Pro Bono Trust Fund

The DCBA Pro Bono Trust Fund was established by the Dane County Bar Association in 1992 to fund civil legal services for low-income persons in our community.

The Fund makes grants to non-profit organizations that provide legal services to persons most in need in Dane County. These grants are made possible entirely by contributions from the community.

Lawyers Have An Obligation To Help

All lawyers are ethically obligated to provide public interest legal services. The Rules of Professional Conduct specify that this responsibility may be discharged by providing free or reduced fee services to persons of limited means, or by financial support for organizations that provide legal services to low-income persons.
SCR 20:6:1

Community's Need For Legal Services

Many low-income persons in our community lack basic legal representation.

Pro bono legal advocacy can help with:

- » health care
- » housing
- » employment or public benefits
- » consumer matters
- » domestic disputes
- » child custody cases

Trustees (2016)

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Pro Bono Trust Fund**

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***Supporting
Basic Legal Services
to People in Need
For Over 20 Years***



*Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic
advocate working with a client.*

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The **Pro Bono Trust Fund**, a project of the **Dane County Bar Association**, provides essential support to non-profit organizations that provide civil legal services for persons who fall below 300% of the federal poverty rate. Its grants go directly to pay the cost of legal services as well as the cost of equipment and materials needed by non-profit organizations to operate effectively and leverage other volunteer or low-cost resources.

The **Pro Bono Trust Fund** is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support for this important work.

A pledge card is attached or you may contribute online at
www.dcba.net/pbtf

Some Dane County organizations the PBTf has supported

- » **ABC For Health**
- » **Community Justice Inc.**
- » **Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic Inc.**
- » **Disability Rights Wisconsin**
- » **Neighborhood Law Project**
- » **AIDS Network**
- » **UW Law School - Economic Justice Institute**
- » **Tenant Resource Center**
- » **Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
- » **Jewish Social Services of Madison**

Your Support Matters

The generous support from the Pro-Bono Trust Fund funded legal internships at ABC for Health that not only helped us to serve our clients but also helped sensitize future lawyers to the legal needs of low income people in Dane County. This quote from a client's letter expresses how we help:
"We are so thankful we were able to find Bobby Peterson and his group of interns at ABC for Health in Madison. ABC was able to, in a very efficient way, recoup [from the insurance company] a good portion of our out of pocket dollars."
- Public Interest Attorney ABC for Health Inc.

After losing work and seeking unemployment benefits, individuals look to the Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic in Madison for help in getting a fair hearing and presenting their case. Law students and volunteer attorneys meet with these folks and provide guidance and representation regarding the issues at stake in their cases. If not for the generous financial support of the DCBA Pro Bono Trust Fund, this volunteer work would simply not be possible.
- Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic, Inc.

"The services [CJI] devoted to our case provided us with the family unity we have been seeking through adoption. We felt like we were treated as a family. Another lawyer would have been beyond our ... budget" and "Thank you for all your help during a very difficult time in my life. You made the process easier even though divorce is hard regardless of the situation."
- Quotes from clients of **Community Justice, Inc.**

Dane County Bar Association Pro Bono Trust Fund Supporting Basic Legal Services to People in Need

Yes, I wish to make a financial contribution to help provide legal services to low-income residents of Dane County.

\$250 \$150 \$100 \$50 \$ _____
 Individual gift Firm gift (name) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

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