



VOLUNTEER LAWYERS BIRMINGHAM

CHAMPIONS FOR JUSTICE



OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION...

Birmingham law firms and companies are the number one funding source for Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham. Thanks to you, 3,331 low-income clients with nowhere else to turn received legal help last year. Your support allows us to provide programming, training, and professional support so attorney volunteers can effectively help low-income clients with legal issues affecting their housing, finances, and families. Providing necessary funding to Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham is one of the best and most efficient ways to ensure justice for all.

THANKS TO YOU, WE HAVE:

- Focused on legal matters involving basic life needs such as safe housing, safe finances, and safe families
- Started a new legal program to help low-income veterans with nowhere else to turn
- Increased our services to homeless clients so they can obtain identification, jobs, and housing

Our work resulted in the American Bar Association bestowing us with their highest honor, the Harrison Tweed Award, for greatly improving access to justice for the poor. We could not have accomplished any of this without you.

You have our heartfelt thanks for being a "Champion for Justice."

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MISSION: To improve access to justice through pro bono legal work.

**VOLUNTEERS DONATED
4,500 HOURS**
which is \$1 million dollars' worth of free legal services to the poor

**550
ATTORNEYS
VOLUNTEERED
LAST YEAR**

*nearly 20 percent of the
Birmingham Bar Association*

**3,331
LOW-INCOME CLIENTS
SERVED LAST YEAR**
more than any other pro bono organization in Alabama

IN 3 YEARS

*Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham expanded from
2 PROGRAMS WITH 15 HELP DESKS a month
to 10 PROGRAMS WITH 32 HELP DESKS a month*

OUR PROGRAMS:

SAFE HOUSING

- Civil Help Desk, twice weekly: Volunteer attorneys help low-income clients stop evictions, ensure safe living conditions, and overcome other legal housing issues
- Homeless Help Desk, monthly at Cooper Green: Volunteer attorneys help homeless clients obtain identification necessary to get jobs and housing. Volunteer attorneys also represent homeless clients at the special monthly Turning Point Court as well as once a year at Project Homeless Connect
- Extended Representation Program: Volunteer attorneys help low-income clients with their entire case from start to finish

SAFE FINANCES

- Civil Help Desk, twice weekly: Volunteer attorneys help low-income clients fight wrongful creditor actions, avoid garnishments on their wages, and solve other financial legal issues
- Bankruptcy Help Desk, monthly: Volunteer attorneys advise low-income clients seeking a fresh start
- Patent Program: Volunteer patent attorneys help low-income inventors obtain patents
- Extended Representation Program: Volunteer attorneys help low-income clients with their entire case from start to finish

SAFE FAMILIES

- Domestic Relations Help Desk, weekly: Volunteer attorneys help low-income clients with family issues, including victims of domestic violence
- Domestic Relations Pro Se Docket, monthly: Volunteer attorneys assist low-income clients at a special docket for self-represented litigants
- Extended Representation Program: Volunteer attorneys help low-income clients with their entire case from start to finish

SERVING VETERANS

- Veterans Help Desk, monthly: Volunteer attorneys help low-income veterans with any legal issue threatening their housing, finances, or families
- Extended Representation Program: Volunteer attorneys help low-income veterans with their entire case from start to finish

DEAR FRIENDS,

There is tremendous energy around Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham and the positive difference attorney volunteers are making in the Birmingham community. We have more programs, serve more clients, and have more attorneys volunteering with us now more than ever before.

Although we served a record-breaking 3,331 clients last year, another 17,000 low-income Birmingham residents had no access to legal help. (*Alabama Access to Justice Commission*) This staggering amount of unmet legal needs harms low-income individuals, families, the community as a whole, and diminishes our judicial system. Your support helps us change that statistic.

We are enthusiastic about our future because of our partnership with Birmingham law firms and companies committed to responding to the need to enhance access to the civil justice system. We are grateful for your trust in Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham to improve the lives of Birmingham residents in need. Thank you for your continued support.

With sincere appreciation,

Nancy Yarbrough

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Executive Director

**1,213%
return on your
Volunteer
Lawyers
Birmingham
investment**

For every \$1 invested, the Birmingham community receives an average of \$12.13 of immediate and long-term return on investment (*Study by the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation*).

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	PLATINUM <i>\$15K PER YEAR</i>	GOLD <i>\$10K PER YEAR</i>	SILVER <i>\$5K PER YEAR</i>	BRONZE <i>\$1K PER YEAR</i>
Exclusive placement of logo on front page and donor pages of website and Pro Hops Vino! website	●			
Logo on largest banner at Pro Hops Vino! (1,000 attendees)	●			
Feature story in Birmingham Bar Association magazine (5,000 circulation)	●			
Pro Hops Vino! Tickets (\$50 each in value)	40	20	10	5
Name recognition in Birmingham Bar Association magazine	●	●	●	
Logo on donor page of website and Pro Hops Vino! website	●	●	●	
Logo with other donors on banner at Pro Hops Vino!		●		
Name in Pro Hops Vino! Program	●	●	●	●
Recognition in newsletter (circulation 7,000) and social media	●	●	●	●