

**THE PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The Pro Bono and Public Service committee should promote access to justice through the governance and management of the Volunteer Lawyers Program, primarily focusing on promoting the growth of the, including, but not limited to, recruitment and recognition of volunteers. In carrying out its mission and purpose, the committee should seek assistance and cooperation of other committees and task forces of the ASB as well as the various specialty bars and sections of the Alabama State Bar. Particular mention is made of the committee's need to work with and support outreach and communication to local and circuit bar associations in the medium and small bar associations.

The committee should also investigate and if appropriate, implement other avenues of pro bono outreach and service such as limited representation models and rules, pro bono continuing education conferences to educate and engage members, and any other avenue the committee deems appropriate.

As the challenge for funding sources increases each year, the committee should identify and format its work to compliment funding sources that are available to implement its work in a coordinated effort with local VLP programs throughout the state and other legal service providers. The goal in this charge is to maximize resources available to reach the highest and best use of volunteers in individual representation efforts as well as in clinics, and through any other form or model of service to the indigent and the poor.

The committee can divide itself into such subcommittees as may be necessary to effectively carry out its functions. The chairperson should appoint sub-chairs for each subcommittee.

The committee and subcommittees should meet at the call of the chairperson or sub-chair, as needed, and attendance at all meetings is necessary for continues involvement on the committee. Meetings should be held as much as possible through conference calls and Zoom.

Done this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.



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