

THE PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Pro Bono and Public Service committee should promote access to justice through the coordination of efforts of the Volunteer Lawyers Program, primarily focusing on promoting the growth of 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 Alabama State Bar as well as the various sections of the Alabama State Bar. The committee should work with and support outreach and communication to local bar associations in the medium and small circuits.

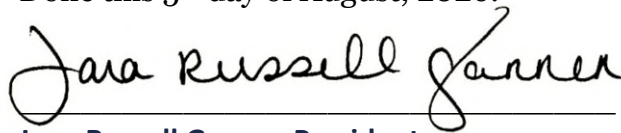
The committee should also investigate and if appropriate, implement other avenues of pro bono outreach and service such as limited representation models and rules, pro bono continuing education conferences to educate and engage members, and any other avenue the committee deems appropriate.

The committee should identify and configure 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.

An initial organizational meeting should be conducted within 30 days of appointment to review this Order, confirm subcommittees as needed, and set a working timeline. 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.

Meetings should be held as much as possible through conference calls and videoconference. A written report should be filed with the President by June 30, 2027, containing the committee's findings and specific, actionable recommendations for each area within its scope. All recommendations of the committee are advisory. Final decisions on implementation rest with the President, the Board of Bar Commission, or such other body as has proper authority over the department.

Done this 5th day of August, 2026.

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Jana Russell Garner, President
Alabama State Bar