



We have Overcome the Barriers to in-House Pro Bono work!

I am not admitted in Colorado.

Easy! In-house attorneys admitted in at least one state can obtain pro bono/emeritus status in CO to perform pro bono legal work for the indigent. See Rule 223: <http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/3235>. Attorney must:

- Pay a one-time fee of \$50.00 (ACC CO will pay this for the attorney)
- Be admitted in at least one state, in good standing, and not subject to disciplinary action
- Work under the auspices of a Colorado non-profit whose purpose includes provision of pro bono legal representation to indigent or near-indigent persons.
- Annually file registration identifying non-profit for which you are performing pro bono work (ACC CO can prepare this for you).

I don't have malpractice insurance.

We've got you covered. ACC Colorado has purchased malpractice insurance to cover pro bono work performed by its members where:

1. the project is approved by ACC Colorado; **and**
2. the member holds him or herself out as performing the work as a member of ACC Colorado.



I don't have resources to commit to long-term pro bono projects.

We understand! The Colorado Supreme Court adopted limited representation or "unbundling rules" to promote pro bono participation. Most ACC Colorado projects are limited to a few hours. Some projects allow continued representation if the volunteer chooses to continue. For example:

- Clinic in a BoxSM: Volunteer lawyers commit to 4.5 hours, but may continue to work with the non-profit after that if they choose to do so.
- Project Homeless Connect: Volunteers commit to a 3-hour shift (morning or afternoon).

I don't have expertise in areas where indigents need help.

No Problem! No expertise is needed for many projects, and ACC Colorado will train you and pair you with an experienced lawyer where expertise is needed. For example: Project Homeless Connect, where volunteers (including paralegals) are partnered with experienced veterans, and Clinic in a Box, where volunteer work is preceded by 1.5 hours of training, volunteers are paired up with another lawyer, and subject matter experts are on-site for consultation.



I am a patent lawyer.

Wonderful! ACC CO has partnered with the Colorado Bar Association to participate in the ProBoPat program, which pairs patent lawyers with individuals who need help prosecuting a patent.



I am a transactional lawyer.

Even Better! ACC Colorado has many pro bono opportunities that use the skills of transactional lawyers, including:

- Clinic in a BoxSM: Half-day program in which lawyers attend 1.5 hours of CLE on legal issues faced by non-profits, followed by 2-hour session in which they work through a legal audit checklist with non-profit representative.
- CU Entrepreneur Law Clinic
- Transactional Pro Bono Initiative: Assist pre-screened micro-entrepreneurs with legal issues.
- Assist CU students with Basic business entity training at Mi-Casa and Centro San Juan Diego.

I am looking for projects that include all members of the Law Department.

Absolutely! Many of the projects that ACC Colorado works on in conjunction with CLC include opportunities for paralegals and admins. For example, Project Homeless Connect pairs paralegals and lawyers who have never worked the event before with experienced lawyers, and has experienced criminal defense and public service lawyers available for consultations on site during the event. The Colorado Bar Association recognizes a Pro Bono Paralegal of the Year every year.

I'd like a comprehensive policy in place before we launch pro bono work.

We'll help you do this. We have prepared a model pro bono policy for in-house lawyers, available here: <http://www.acc.com/chapters/colo/probonooutreach.cfm>. In addition, the Pro Bono Institute has many sample policies and resources for in-house legal departments, available here: <http://www.cpbo.org/resources/sample-documents/>.

