# COVID-19 Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunities (as of 5/4/2020)

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| **Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project**<br>Rapides, Vernon, and Avoyelles | - Ongoing: Self-Help Desk, 2nd Friday of every month, 2 hours, notary and advice for legal docs  
- Need help reaching more of the public under the quarantine orders  
- Would like to add more Pro Bono Attorneys to work files | Laura Swantner  
probonopro.laura@yahoo.com  
(318)449-9778 |
| **Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana**<br>New Orleans | - Expungement and re-entry legal clinics held virtually  
- More information on volunteer opportunities is [here](#) | Joshua Branch  
Joshua@JACLouisiana.org  
(504) 322 4050 |
| **Lafayette Bar Association and Foundation**<br>Lafayette, Acadia and Vermilion Parishes | - Pro bono cases and online legal information seminars  
- Focus on presenting legal information seminars to the public. | Marilyn Lopez  
337-237-4700 ext 102  
marilyn@lafayettebar.org |
| **Louisiana Appleseed** (statewide) | - 22+ volunteer projects available, ranging from 3-10 hours’ commitment  
- Example tasks: developing a bulletin educating landlords on eviction moratorium compliance, developing scripts to help DV clients navigate the court system, researching a memo on best practices for client access in the prison system, and more  
- Full list of opportunities available at: [https://www.louisianaappleseed.org/volunteer](https://www.louisianaappleseed.org/volunteer) | Register [online](#), then email Adrienne Wheeler at awheeler@louisianaappleseed.org with your preferred volunteer project. |
| **Louisiana State Bar Association – LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org** | - [Free Legal Answers](#) is an online platform that allows attorneys to volunteer their legal expertise virtually to low income users who post civil legal questions to the site. | Sign up online [here](#) or contact Rachael.Mills@lsba.org or 504-619-0104 |
| **New Orleans Pro Bono Project**<br>Orleans and Jefferson parishes | - Immediate need: attorneys to take phone consultations  
- Producing videos, live stream, and use other technologies to inform the public on legal resources (e.g., tutorials, clinics, Q&A); Learn more by watching this [video](#) | Sign up to take phone consultations [here](#). Other volunteer opportunities are listed [here](#).  
Kathleen Legendre,  
klegendre@probono-no.org  
504-881-8867 |
This list of volunteer opportunities by organization during the COVID-19 pandemic is updated weekly. If you are an organization with an established pro bono program and would like volunteer opportunities listed on this page, please fill out this questionnaire.

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| **Orleans Public Defenders** Orleans Parish | - Release Consortium: providing limited scope representation for new arrestees, including advocacy in bond reductions, releases, and first appearances. Mostly remote unless a client meeting (via video) or a visit at the jail is necessary. Training provided.  
- Representation Consortium: representing clients throughout the life of the case. Must be a qualified criminal defense attorney with minimal need for training. | Sign up [here](#) to volunteer for either consortium.  
Amelia Hoppe ahoppe@opdla.org |
| **Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)** 22 parishes in Southeast LA | - Legal advice via email, phone, skype or other online tools  
- Research, co-counseling, and extended services  
- Learn more [here](#) | Attorney contact:  
Elena Perez eperez@slls.org  
504-529-1000 x231  
Student contact:  
Rebecca Rubenstein volunteer@slls.org |
| **SLLS Northshore Pro Bono Project** St. Tammany and Washington parishes | - Serving clients via email, phone/text, Skype or other videoconferencing tools, Online Intake  
- Service area includes St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes | Cynthia Bordonaro cbordonaro@slls.org  
985-893-0076 x 519 |
| **Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation** Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis parishes | - Research/document preparation; FAQ/charts on COVID-19 related legal issues in various areas of practice  
- Telephone/virtual advice clinics  
- Representation in non-fee generating civil cases using virtual meetings and e-signatures | Volunteer sign-up form [here](#).  
Executive Director, Leslie Mize Leslie@swlabf.org  
337.564.6413: Main Office  
337.936.1015: Cell |
| **Southwest Louisiana Law Center** Located in Lake Charles | - Need attorneys to take on cases  
- Operating by phone for initial inquiry, then e-mail intake, then phone appointment | Mark Judson mjudson@swla-law-center.com  
337-436-3308 |