



APPELLATE SECTION

Sign up for the New and Improved Appellate Section Pro Bono Program

**Represent people who really need your help!
Get more “face time” with the appellate courts!**

The State Bar of Texas Appellate Section is increasing our reach with our pro bono program for the delivery of appellate legal services to those members of our community who cannot afford counsel. We are working closely with the Supreme Court of Texas, the First, Third, and Fourteenth Court of Appeals through our pilot programs for pro bono representation in those courts. Through these pilots, we are offering our volunteers more variety and greater appellate experience in those courts. The Texas Supreme Court refers cases to the Pro Bono Pilot when there is a pro se party and the Court has requested briefs on the merits. The Court of Appeals pilots give priority to cases selected to be in their programs for oral argument. We are also looking into program options involving criminal, habeas corpus, and immigration appeals in the federal system. You can find out more about all of our programs at <http://www.tex-app.org/probono.php>.

As part of our recruiting effort, we are establishing a tiered program to attract a wide variety of appellate practitioners. Our goal is to include as many high-quality appellate attorneys as possible, allowing each lawyer to contribute to the best of his or her ability and time constraints. More senior appellate lawyers have the option of either taking on a case as lead counsel or mentoring more junior practitioners by brainstorming about the issues, reviewing and editing briefs, and assisting with oral argument preparation (*e.g.*, moot courts) without having to undertake full responsibility for the case. More junior appellate lawyers can gain valuable experience by taking a lead role in representing pro bono clients on appeal, with opportunities to present oral argument. Our lawyers can enjoy an enhanced pro bono experience as part of a team that furthers the best possible presentation of the issues to the courts.

The application form on the other side of this sheet requests your basic contact information, as well as your areas of interest. It also allows you to indicate whether you are interested in a hands-on or mentoring role. From this information, we will compile tailored email groups to circulate information regarding cases that have been selected for the program quickly, widely, and equitably. We encourage you to fill out and send this form back to us right away so that you can be part of our exciting pro bono team.

Appellate Pro Bono Sign Up

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