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Q1 Identify yourself: Include name, position on committee, and county represented. Note if any contact information is new.

Tasnima Apol, Chair of the Local Pro Bono Committee in Anne Arundel County. My contact information remains the same.

Q2 ORGANIZATION Composition: Identify the membership of your local pro bono committee, and include their positions in accordance with MD Rule 19-502 (you may instead email the list directly to sjackson@probonomd.org):

Joan Bellistri will email our list to Ms. Jackson.

Q3 Vacancies: How are open positions (other than the Chair) on your local pro bono committee filled (select all that apply)?

Assigned by the Bar,

New member volunteered for the position

Q4 Frequency: How often does your local pro bono committee meet?

Bi-Monthly

Q5 NEEDS ASSESSMENT Community Needs: From your experience, what are your county's primary unmet legal needs for low-income persons (select all that apply)?

**Elder ,
Law**

Expungement,

**Family ,
Law**

Foreclosure

Q6 Outreach: What outreach efforts were conducted or are planned for the public, including to non-English speaking, minority, and isolated populations?

Homeless Resource Day, two expungement clinics with local sorority partners, and on-going lawyer-in-the-library programs (Law Library and public library). Plans for the future include an elder clinic at a local senior center.

Q7 Pro Bono Programs: Since your last annual report/survey, have there been changes to your pro bono services/programs (including creating new ones and cancelling existing ones)? If so, please describe.

No changes to report. No discontinued services.

Q8 LOCAL JUDICIARY AND BARHow was your current local pro bono committee chair established?

Elected by committee members

Q9 List the names and positions of any judges who regularly attend committee meetings:

Judge Silkworth, Circuit Court Judge
Judge Reilly, District Court Judge

Q10 List all the ways that the local bar and/or bench facilitate or are involved in pro bono engagement of local attorneys:

Bar newsletter

Use of Courthouse space

Bar or Bar Foundation Funding

Other::

AABA email blasts, Literature in the law library, James Cawood Inn of Court provides publicity and funding

Q11 ENGAGING ATTORNEYS TO VOLUNTEERHow and by whom are potential volunteer attorneys being recruited for pro bono legal services?

Please see answer to #10, also word of mouth by committee members.

Q12 About which of these benefits and resources from local non-profit civil legal service providers has your pro bono committee informed current and potential volunteer attorneys (select all that apply)?

Malpractice Insurance,

Live and Web-based Training

Eligibility Screening,

Litigation Fund

MLSC Litigation Fund

Q13 How does your local pro bono committee notify current and potential volunteer attorneys about those (aforementioned) resources (select all that apply)?

Bar newsletter

Referral through local legal service provider

Other::

When announcements are sent via email to the AABA membership, information about those resources is included.

Q14 Briefly describe the obstacles, if any, that your local pro bono committee has encountered in attempting to engage lawyers in pro bono work:

Profound lack of interest, little support from bench and scant support from Bar Association.

Q15 SUPPORT What can the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Service do to assist your local pro bono committee's efforts?

Strongly encourage judicial involvement and support for the local pro bono committee.

Q16 COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT Please share a short paragraph to highlight a successful or well-received pro bono program, service, and/or initiative sponsored by the committee, civil legal service providers, local bar, and/or the bench!

Our local pro bono committee hosts an annual volunteer luncheon to recognize attorneys who do pro bono, which is well attended by bench and bar. The committee solicits nominations for and select a winner (or winners) of an annual AABA President's Pro Bono Award, which is presented at a joint meeting of the James Cawood Inn of Court and the AABA. Our committee also strongly supports the legal services provided at the annual Homeless Resource Day in Anne Arundel County, which is enthusiastically received.
