



Of Access to Justice in the Last Frontier

Alaska Legal Services Corporation

Pro Bono, Partnerships, and Community Programs

Through Alaska Legal Services Corporation's Pro Bono Program, ALSC is able to stretch limited resources through Pro Bono attorneys, law students and other volunteer professionals. Last year, ALSC's Pro Bono Program achieved the following results:



109

attorney volunteers
donated their services



3,207

total hours contributed
through direct casework
and pro bono legal
clinics/projects



\$481,050

estimated value of
volunteer services based
on a conservative \$150
per hour

In addition to representing clients in cases, ALSC's Pro Bono Program provides the following:

The Early Resolution Project (ERP): Through an innovative partnership of ALSC and the Alaska Superior Court, the ERP resolves appropriate divorce and custody cases with settlement conferences in the courthouse staffed by pro bono lawyers. The ERP is currently offered in Anchorage, Palmer, Kenai, and Juneau.

Volunteer Attorney of the Day (AOD): ALSC has successfully maintained a partnership with two law firms in Anchorage to assist with client intake, advice and brief service. Monthly or bi-monthly, each law firm commits to having one of its attorneys volunteer to staff a half-day session at the ALSC office.

Day of Service Events: ALSC coordinates with community partners to conduct day of service events throughout the year. Events include: MLK Day Legal Clinics, Project Homelessness Connect, the Veteran Administration's Stand Down, and the Elizabeth Peratrovich legal clinic held at the annual AFN conference.

Legal Clinics and Legal Education: ALSC offers several different types of pro se clinics throughout the state on a variety of topics including: Debt Collection, Landlord/Tenant, and Family Law. In partnership with Alaska Veterans Affairs, ALSC now offers a monthly clinic in Anchorage specifically for Veterans. ALSC recruits volunteer attorneys to facilitate clinics.

Landlord/Tenant Helpline: The statewide Landlord/Tenant Helpline is staffed two evenings per week for two hours by a pro bono attorney, to assist landlords and tenants with housing issues.

Housing Court Justice Project: This initiative assists those being evicted at housing court. Volunteer Attorneys provide limited assistance to clients scheduled for eviction proceedings, such as legal counseling, negotiating settlement agreements, representation in eviction hearings, and drafting relevant documents, such as pleadings and motions.

Pro Bono Training Academy (PBTA): ALSC launched the PBTA as a training and support system for pro bono attorneys. The PBTA provides comprehensive distance learning webinars on topics faced by the Alaska poverty community (public benefits, bankruptcy, housing issues, elder law, and consumer issues), and creates a mentorship program matching newer pro bono attorneys with more experienced mentors.

Access to Justice for Alaskans in Need