

SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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Dear North Carolina Attorney/Paralegal,

On the heels of a global pandemic, North Carolina has seen an increase in pro bono clinics held inperson, as well as attorneys continuing to volunteer remotely for a multitude of pro bono opportunities. It is evident North Carolina attorneys remain committed to providing pro bono legal services to ensure that our courts remain open and accessible, and justice is administered without "favor, denial, or delay" as mandated by our state's Constitution. The Supreme Court of North Carolina looks forward to celebrating North Carolina attorneys in their pursuit of equal justice for all through their legal volunteerism.

To that end, the North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center, an initiative of the North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, is collecting information about attorney pro bono legal services provided in 2022 at ncprobono.org/report. The March 31st deadline to submit a voluntary pro bono report is approaching – please do not miss your chance to share information about your 2022 volunteer activities. Attorneys who report at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services will be inducted into this year's class of the North Carolina Attorney Pro Bono Honor Society and will receive a certificate from the Supreme Court of North Carolina recognizing their achievements.

Additionally, for the second year in a row, North Carolina paralegals may also report their pro bono information to the Pro Bono Resource Center. Paralegals who report at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services in 2022 will be recognized through the North Carolina Paralegal Pro Bono Honor Society and receive a certificate from the North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center recognizing their achievements. Paralegals can learn more and submit their information at **ncprobono.org/report** between January 1, 2023, and March 31, 2023.

Thank you to those of you who are supporting the administration of justice in North Carolina through pro bono service. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating your 2022 efforts.

Sincerely,

Chief Justice Paul Newby

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