Greater Richmond Bar Foundation

2025 IMPACT STATEMENT

OUR MISSION

GRBF expands access to Justice by mobilizing, training, and connecting attorneys to pro bono service opportunities. ***We help attorneys do pro bono***.

Our **VISION** is for all attorneys to commit to pro bono service.

1239

Number of volunteer lawyers, students, and paralegals registered in JusticeServer, who can access **malpractice insurance**, **CLE training**, and **mentoring**, as well as connect with service opportunities

IMPACT & OUTCOMES

LEGAL SUPPORT FOR NONPROFITS

Pro Bono Clearinghouse: Last year **GRBF volunteers helped 75 nonprofits with legal matters** ranging from Governance to Copyright to Contract review - and everything in between. By providing free legal services, GRBF volunteers helped Virginia nonprofits to focus on their core programs: building community gardens, alleviating financial burdens of pet owners, preserving local history, supporting public libraries, and more.

PEACE OF MIND FOR CLIENTS IN NEED

GRBF worked with community partners to assist clients in need of Wills and Life Planning Documents and connected them with 233 volunteers at 18 wills clinics**, providing peace of mind to 286 clients and their families**.

In **18 years of wills clinics,** volunteers have **served over 5,000 clients**.

MODERNIZING EDP

During 2025 GRBF worked with Southside Community Development & Housing Corp. to **modernize the Eviction Diversion Program**, introducing kiosks in the courthouse, reducing the time for eligibility determinations from days to 5 minutes, streamlining volunteer processes, and launching collaborations with landlords, property managers, and their attorneys. These efforts make EDP more efficient and enable Southside to staff courthouse shifts with nonlawyer volunteers.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF PRO BONO SERVICE

Preparing the next generation: MENTORING

Early exposure to pro bono service builds skills and increases the likelihood that an attorney will do pro bono during their career. Thanks to relationships with University of Richmond and William & Mary Law Schools, ***every GRBF program incorporates opportunities for law students*** **to work with clients while building their legal skills**. Over 100 students and paralegals participated in GRBF programs in 2025.

Making It Work: PRO BONO TIPS & CONNECTIONS

At the **Pro Bono Celebration, attendees could volunteer** at a Free Legal Answers clinic, earn CLE credit and learn practical tips for doing pro bono while running a business, and get inspired by stories from our pro bono award honorees. This year GRBF also brought pro bono to the VTLA statewide convention, hosting a table with a pro bono quiz and handouts to help match attendees with service opportunities that take into account their skills, experience, interest, and time.

Building PRO BONO INFRASTRUCTURE & SUPPORT

As part of the **PRO BONO VIRGINIA** campaign, GRBF is working with members of the Access to Justice Commission, the Virginia State Bar, legal aid, judiciary, private firms, corporate legal teams, local bar associations, and law schools to build a statewide support system for attorneys interested in doing pro bono. The new infrastructure will help attorneys access centralized training and mentorship, a consolidated database of service opportunities, pro bono personality quiz to match volunteers with assignments that fit their experience, interest, and time, and a community of like-minded volunteers. More to come in 2026!

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