





ACCESS TO THE COURTS: THE LIFELINE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Legal Advice – helps the victim to navigate/understand the process of a complex legal system
Litigation – helps the victims with resolving legal issues surrounding the domestic abuse



2.What percentage of attorneys in Mississippi are encouraged to provide pro bono services each year? •A) 10%

•B) 25%

•C) 50%

•D) 100%

3. How many hours of pro bono work are Mississippi attorneys encouraged to perform annually?

•A) 10 hours

•B) 20 hours

•C) 50 hours

•D) 100 hours

4. Which types of cases are most commonly handled through pro bono legal services in Mississippi?

•A) Corporate mergers

- •B) Domestic violence and family law cases (divorce, custody, visitation)
- •C) Real estate transactions
- •D) Traffic violations

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5. True or False: Pro bono legal services in Mississippi are only available to people in major cities like Jackson or Gulfport.

6. What is the main goal of the pro bono services provided by attorneys in Mississippi?

•A) To gain experience in court

•B) To increase billable hours

•C) To provide legal assistance to those who cannot afford it and promote equal access to justice

•D) To network with other attorneys

7. True or False: Pro bono representation is primarily focused on criminal cases in Mississippi.

Population: 2,939,690 Number in Poverty: 561,480

Median Household Income: Approximately \$52,000

19.1% of Mississippi residents had incomes below the poverty line (Median income for families living in poverty \$29,000 for a family of 4)

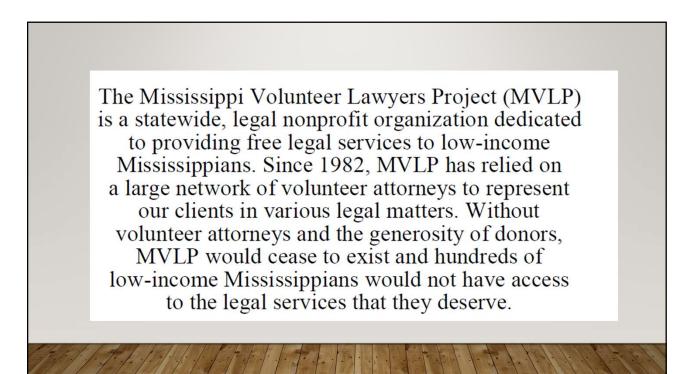
Households earning less than \$10,000: 105,133 (9.30%)



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- To consider the effect of my conduct on the image of our systems of justice including the social effect of advertising methods.
- To provide the pro bono representation that is necessary to make our system of justice available to all.
- To support organizations that provide pro bono representation to indigent clients.





Attorney registers as a volunteer on MVLP's website. Registration allows the attorney to access the database of MVLP pleadings and outlines related to each case priority. Attorney can assign a case to him/herself through the website. Attorney has access to all information related to the client's case that the client has provided to MVLP. Attorney meets with client for consultation, determines the best course of action, draft pleadings, files the cases in the appropriate court and attends the court hearing for final resolution. Attorney can get pro bono hours.	 Attorney registers as a volunteer on MVLP's website. Attorney meets with client for consultation usually at a site designated by MVLP determines the best course of action, draft pleadings, and provides information to the client on how to represent himself/herself in court. Attorney can get CLE credit. 	 Attorney signs up to use the site on ms.freelegalanswers.org. Attorney can respond to any question on the site. Attorney can get pro bono hours.



