

IRPC RULE 6.1: VOLUNTARY PRO BONO PUBLICO SERVICE

Time to
Prepare for
the Rule 6.1
Challenge!



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Every lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. A lawyer should aspire to render at least (50) hours of *pro bono publico* legal services per year.

IRPC Rule 6.1

- In fulfilling this responsibility, the lawyer should:
- Provide a substantial majority of the (50) hours of legal services without fee or expectation of fee to:
- Persons of limited means **or**
- Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters that are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means; and
- Provide any additional services through:
- Delivery of legal services at no fee or substantially reduced fee to individuals, groups or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties or public rights, or charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters in furtherance of their organizational purposes;
- Delivery of legal services at a substantially reduced fee to persons of limited means; **or**
- **Participation in activities for improving the law, the legal system or the legal profession**

Idaho Pro Bono Opportunities Portal

<https://www.idahoprobono.org/>

- Through IVLP – Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Case opportunities
- Legal Clinic opportunities
- Free training – with signed pledge to provide representation
- Set up an account to receive alerts for the type of cases you want

Resources

Assisting Naturalization Applicants with Special Needs

The following program is now available for online streaming: "Assisting Naturalization Applicants with Special Needs." It can be accessed using this link:

<http://isb.fastcde.com/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=106708>

Youth Expungement Cases

THE 6.1 CHALLENGE, NAMED AFTER IRPC 6.1, IS AN EVENT TO ENCOURAGE AND FORMALLY RECOGNIZE PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT BAR THROUGH OFFICE TEAM PARTICIPATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO CORPORATE TEAM ENTRIES FOR 3 YEARS!

Resolution 2020

How the 6.1 Challenge Works

- <https://isb.idaho.gov/ilf/ivlp/6-1-challenge/>
 - Encourage your office to identify pro bono work they already perform.
 - Sign up for new pro bono opportunities.
 - Track Hours from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.
 - Submit the 6.1 Challenge Form(s) by April 2, 2020.

Resources

- <https://isb.idaho.gov/ilf/lre/resources/>
- <https://www.idahoprobono.org/>
- <https://isb.idaho.gov/ilf/ivlp/pro-bono-opportunities/>
- <https://isb.idaho.gov/ilf/ivlp/ivlp-clinics-2/>

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Boise Senior and Community Legal Clinic:** January 21st and February 18th, 10 am to 12 pm at the Dick Eardley Senior Center
- **Garden City Community Legal Clinic:** January 22nd and February 26th, 11 am to 1pm; February 25th from 4-6pm at the Garden City Library
- **Interfaith Sanctuary Legal Clinic:** January 23rd and February 20th from 4 pm to 6pm at the Interfaith Sanctuary Shelter
- **WCA Family Law Clinics:** January 30th and April 30th from 10 am to 12 pm
- **Veterans General Legal Clinics:** January 17th, February 14th, March 13th, and April 10th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Boise VA
- **Veterans Wills Clinics:** January 10th and March 13th from 9 am to 12 pm at the Boise VA
- To sign up, and for more information, contact Sue Pierson at spierson@isb.idaho.gov. It is easy to plan your pro bono help at these clinics using [VLP's Online Clinic Calendar \[isb.idaho.gov\]](#).

Start tracking now!

Please identify each activity with one of these descriptors:

- 1) Legal Services at no fee or reduced fees to people with limited means or organizations serving them.***
- 2) Activities to improve law, legal system and the profession.***

Top Myths of Pro Bono Work

Myth

- I don't have malpractice coverage for that.
- I have too many conflicts with pro bono work.
- I lack the necessary expertise to perform the needed pro bono services.

Reality

- IVLP provides malpractice coverage for pro bono work done through IVLP.
- ISB recognizes limited representation under nonprofit limited legal services programs. See IRPC 6.5 and comments.
- IVLP offers free training to lawyers who pledge to take a case in that area.