

# State Bar of Montana Justice Initiatives Committee Nonprofit Legal Service Provider (NPO) Application

## Introduction and Instructions

Under Article 1 of the By-Laws of the State Bar of Montana, a class of emeritus State Bar membership (and the waiver of all State Bar dues) may be granted to a member who meets the qualifications, so that the member may provide pro bono or volunteers services to low-income individuals even if the member does not otherwise maintain an active practice. Emeritus status membership is designed specifically to assist in meeting the legal needs of low-income Montanans through *pro bono public service*. [Click here](#) to learn more about *pro bono* in Montana. [Click here](#) to learn more about emeritus membership status.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**1. Does your organization charge fees to clients they serve? Check all that apply**

- No fees are charged to clients
- Reduced fees are charged to clients based on income
- Reduced fees not based on income
- Sliding fee scale
- Contingent fee only
- Organization does not have fee control

**2. Will your organization provide legal malpractice insurance to attorney volunteers?**

- Our organization will provide malpractice insurance directly to attorney volunteers.
- Our organization will provide malpractice insurance through a third party organization.

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Our organization does not provide malpractice insurance and has attached to this Application the required suggested acknowledgment outlined in the Introduction and Instructions.

**3. Does your organization perform income screening or have specific criteria for applicants to receive your services? Please mark all that apply**

- Applicants are screen for financial eligibility through our organization.
- Applicants are screened for financial eligibility through a third party.
- Applicants are screen for financial eligibility through the court (i.e. Fee Waiver)
- Population served is low to moderate income without income screening

\_\_\_\_ Organization services an at-risk population or population with particular needs.

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Fees generated by the organization are donated to other non-profit legal service providers.

\_\_\_\_ Organization's efforts are based on broad-based change.

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Does your organization provide opportunities for volunteers to provide direct legal service to the population you serve according to [Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct?](#) Mark all that apply**

\_\_\_\_ Our organization provides pro bono service opportunities under Rule 6.1(a)

\_\_\_\_ Our organization provides pro bono service opportunities under Rule 6.1(b)

\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

5. **Those organizations which qualify as a nonprofit legal service provider are entitled to be listed under the opportunities section of the Pro Bono Program website Would you like your organization included in the [opportunities section](#) ?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, include our organization in the opportunities section if we are approved. Use the contact information provided with this application.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, include our organization in the opportunities section, but use the below contact information.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ No, we do not wish our organization to be included in the opportunities section.

*You may provide website addresses, brochures, program overviews and descriptions as attachments to this application for inclusion in the pro bono opportunities section.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Click her to electronically sign this application.

**Email your application to: Ann Goldes-Sheahan at [agoldes@montanabar.org](mailto:agoldes@montanabar.org).**

**Questions: Contact Ann Goldes-Sheahan, Equal Justice Coordinator, State Bar of Montana at: [agoldes@montanabar.org](mailto:agoldes@montanabar.org) or Patty Fain, Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator, Montana Supreme Court at [pfain@mt.gov](mailto:pfain@mt.gov).**