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### **STATE BAR OF GEORGIA PRO BONO PROJECT**

**State:** GEORGIA

**Name of Program & Brief Description:** State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono Project. Co-sponsored by the Georgia Legal Services Program and the State Bar of Georgia, the Pro Bono Project is headquartered at the Bar and provides support and technical assistance to civil legal aid and pro bono programs as well as to local bar associations on programs that involve private attorneys in representation of the poor in civil matters. The Project also hosts Georgia's statewide volunteer lawyer website, [www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org](http://www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org), manages pro bono-related technology initiatives, and supports the work of several State Bar committees. The Pro Bono Project, through its work with the Bar's Access to Justice Committee, partners with the courts and local programs on pro se, legal education and client access issues.

The Mobile Law Unit Project and the Disaster Mobile Law Unit Project are launched from the state advocate and public website platforms, [www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org/GOJC](http://www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org/GOJC) and [www.LegalAid-GA.org](http://www.LegalAid-GA.org). The Mobile Law Unit provides access to legal self-help and information and lawyer referral resources at outreach centers in rural Georgia. The Disaster Mobile Law Unit provides two distinct modules: 1) a self-help information and referral resource and 2) a training module and guided intake module for volunteer lawyers. Both modules use the statewide websites as a focal point.

**Date Program Was Established:** The State Bar Pro Bono Project was launched in 1982. The Mobile Law Unit approach was initiated in 2003. The Disaster Mobile Law Unit will be launched in early 2007.

**Cost/Funding Source(s):** The State Bar Pro Bono Project is funded principally by the State Bar of Georgia, the Georgia Bar Foundation and Georgia Legal Services Program. The total annual budget of the Pro Bono Project is approximately \$185,000. Specific funding for the MLUs is not available.

**Program Sponsor(s):** The State Bar Pro Bono Project is sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia Legal Services Program.

**Partnerships:** The State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division and Georgia Legal Services Program are partners on the Disaster Mobile Law Unit.

**Target Group(s)/No. Clients Served per Year:** N/A

**Staffing (FTE, Part-Time, Titles):** Mike Monahan, Pro Bono Project Director; .2 FTE on technology; part-time staff, .2 on technology matters.

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