

Recommendations from the Pro Bono Task Force:

- Change the name of the Pro Bono Committee to the Access to Justice Committee;
- The purpose of the Access to Justice Committee will be to:
 - Identify the legal and administrative barriers that limit access to justice within the Summit County community and work with members and other stakeholders to eliminate or minimize them. In 2016-17 the goal will be to focus on achieving equity between the county's three municipal courts on how each handle unpaid fines and the restoration of driver's license privileges.
 - Encourage members to provide legal assistance to those in need and ineligible for Community Legal Aid. In 2016-17 the goal will be two-fold: 1) develop and recruit members to the Modest Means program; 2) work with Community Legal Aid to direct ineligible clients to Modest Means program
 - Create board-approved pro bono programs that address access to justice issues while actively engaging members in the provision of pro bono legal services. In 2016-17 the goal will be to create one/two programs that will have an emotional appeal (veterans, domestic violence, loss of family home, etc) that encourages members to provide their legal expertise for free.
 - Explore the Ohio Supreme Court Attorney Emeritus rule and not only determine how the association can encourage qualified members to register, but also actively promote the program to association members.