



PRO BONO Committee

Indiana State Bar Association
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Highlight(s) of Accomplishment

- We have conducted 14 pro bono legal clinics and have assisted over 350+ individuals with legal matters since October 2024.
- We partnered with the Immigrant Welcome Center and our Burmese community members to develop additional pro bono clinics in 2025.
- The ABA awarded the ISBA with the 2025 Harrison Tweed Award. This award Named for an outstanding leader in the promotion of free legal services to the poor, the Harrison Tweed Award was created in 1956 to recognize the extraordinary achievements of state and local bar associations that develop or significantly expand projects or programs to increase access to civil legal services to persons living in poverty or criminal defense services to indigents.

CLE

- **Talk-to-a-Lawyer-Today Prep CLE” will be available at the end of October 2025. This will be a 5-hour CLE with 1 Ethics credit**

Immigration: Immigrant Safety Planning 101

Speaker: Ritu Choshi

Housing: Addressing Habitability Issues

Speaker: Judy Fox

Family: Benefit Changes Impacting Vulnerable Adults

Speaker: Jennifer VanderVeen

Civil Procedure: How to Prepare for a Civil Trial

Speaker: Chris Ripley

Ethics: Technology, Ethics, and the Low-Income Client

Speaker: Marc Matheny

Looking to the Future

- The Pro Bono Committee will be collaborating with other ISBA committees and sections to coordinate legal information sessions on immigration law, employment law, criminal conviction expungements, and eviction expungements.
- We plan to partner with Indiana Free Legal Answers again this year to help reduce the backlog of legal questions from the public by hosting another “Clearing the Que” during our annual Talk to a Lawyer Today program in January 2026. The Committee plans on hosting 12 pro bono clinics in 2026 and is working to establish clinics with other non-profits and courts across the state.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

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