

SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
September 19, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS, Alabama attorneys, as officers of the court, bear a professional responsibility, pursuant to Rule 6.1, Ala. R. Prof. Cond., to provide professional services

"at no fee or a reduced fee to persons of limited means or to public service or charitable groups or organizations, by service in activities for improving the law, the legal system or the legal profession, and by financial support for organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means";

WHEREAS, this Court encourages all attorneys to abide by both the letter and the spirit of Rule 6.1 through pro bono service and financial support for those organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Alabama had 12 attorneys providing pro bono services per 10,000 Alabamians living at or below the poverty level in comparison to the national average of 4 attorneys providing pro bono services per 10,000 persons living at or below the poverty level;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Alabama had 49 pro bono cases closed per 10,000 persons living at or below the poverty level in comparison to the national average of 11 pro bono cases closed per 10,000 persons living at or below the poverty level;

WHEREAS, this Court commends the many Alabama attorneys who serve their profession, their communities, and their State by donating thousands of hours of pro bono services and by making generous financial contributions to legal-aid organizations; and

WHEREAS, this commitment to public service represents one of the noblest attributes of the legal profession;

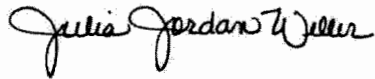
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that October 2018 is designated Pro Bono Month in Alabama to recognize the valuable contributions made by attorneys offering pro bono services

throughout the year and to encourage pro bono participation across this State to address the legal needs of low-income Alabamians.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be spread on the minutes of the Court.

Stuart, C.J., and Bolin, Parker, Shaw, Main, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, and Mendheim, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand this 19th day of September, 2018.



Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

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