

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

September 23, 2021

ORDER

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

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Alabama 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; and

WHEREAS, the Holy Bible admonishes that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), and "For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required" (Luke 12:28); and

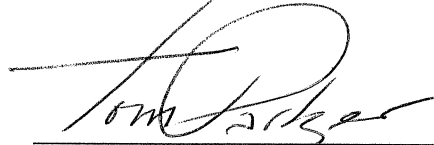
WHEREAS, in 2020, despite all the challenges and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, 1,962 Alabama pro bono attorneys closed more than 3,800 cases for low-income Alabamians, providing more than 9,250 hours of service through the Volunteer Lawyers Program; and

WHEREAS, these service-minded 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 are due to be commended; and

WHEREAS, this commitment to public service, especially during the historic challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, represents one of the noblest attributes of the legal profession;

THEREFORE, AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA, I ORDER that October 2021 is designated Pro Bono Month in the Alabama Judiciary 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.

Done this 23rd day of September, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Parker", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Parker
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Alabama