



*“Emeritus Pro Bono attorney registration status makes it easy for attorneys to put a lifetime of legal experience to good use. When I retire, I plan to become an Emeritus Pro Bono attorney as a full time occupation.”*

Sally Bloomfield  
Partner, Brickner & Eckler

## BECOME AN EMERITUS PRO BONO ATTORNEY AND DISCOVER:

- Free CLE offerings
- Experienced mentors
- Flexible scheduling
- Malpractice insurance coverage at no cost
- Interesting cases
- Grateful clients

### Questions about Emeritus Status? Contact:

The Supreme Court of Ohio  
Office of Attorney Services

614.387.9320

Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM

[www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/attysvcs/attyreg](http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/attysvcs/attyreg)

## Ohio Legal Aid

*Right, when you need it.*

### Looking for Pro Bono Opportunities? Go to:

[www.ohiolegalaid.org/pro-bono-opportunities-guide/](http://www.ohiolegalaid.org/pro-bono-opportunities-guide/)

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# EMERITUS PRO BONO RULE



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Effective September 15, 2016,  
Ohio attorneys not actively practicing  
law, or leaving active law practice, may  
transition to Emeritus Pro Bono status  
to continue law practice as a pro bono  
volunteer for a pro bono organization.

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Emeritus Pro Bono attorneys must meet  
the same CLE requirements as an attorney  
on active registration status, and pay a  
biennial registration fee of only \$75.00.

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## TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EMERITUS PRO BONO ATTORNEY REGISTRATION STATUS, AN ATTORNEY MUST:

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- be admitted to practice in Ohio;
- have been engaged in the practice of law for a minimum of 15 years;
- be in good standing;
- not be registered with the Ohio Supreme Court as resigned or retired from the practice of law in Ohio;
- not be disbarred in another state or have resigned/relinquished their license in another state to avoid discipline or as a result of discipline;
- not be disciplined for attorney misconduct within the past 10 years;
- agree to volunteer for a pro bono organization.

Emeritus Pro Bono Attorney  
registration status enables attorneys  
not actively practicing law—due  
to retirement or otherwise—to use  
their knowledge and experience to  
provide legal help to those who can't  
afford to hire an attorney.



## A PRO BONO ORGANIZATION IS:

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- a law school clinic;
- legal aid;
- the public defender's office;
- any organization recognized by the Supreme Court to report CLE credits earned through pro bono legal services.

## TO REGISTER FOR EMERITUS PRO BONO STATUS, AN OHIO ATTORNEY MUST:

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- file an application with the Ohio Supreme Court Office of Attorney Services;
- provide proof that the attorney volunteers for a pro bono organization;
- pay a biennial registration fee of \$75.00.