

New Admittee Pro Bono Challenge Official Rules

1. **Eligibility.** The New Admittee Pro Bono Challenge (“Challenge”) is open to registered attorneys in the State of Ohio, who have become licensed attorneys through passing the July 2021 bar exam. This Challenge is subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and void where prohibited by law.
2. **Sponsorship.** The sponsor of this Challenge is the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation (“Foundation”), located at 88 E. Broad St., Suite 720, Columbus, OH 43215. The Foundation will conduct the Challenge as described in these Official Rules.
3. **Agreement to Rules.** By entering this Challenge, the Participant agrees to abide by the Foundation’s Official Rules and decisions, which are fully and unconditionally binding in all respects. The Foundation reserves the right to refuse, withdraw, or disqualify any entry at any time at its sole discretion.
4. **Qualifying Period & Deadline.** The Challenge begins December 10, 2021, at 12:00:00 a.m. EST and ends May 16, 2022, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST (the “Qualifying Period”). To receive consideration, all pro bono hours: (1) must be completed during the Qualifying Period set forth above, and (2) reported to the Foundation on the Reporting Form (See Section 5 – How to Enter) received no later than May 31, 2022, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST.
5. **How to Enter.** Eligible Participants can enter the Challenge by registering at <https://www.ohiojusticefoundation.org/pro-bono-challenge-sign-up/>. Participants must also submit the number of pro bono hours completed at participating legal services organizations (“Participating Organizations”) during the Qualifying Period by completing the Reporting Form, which will be sent to Participants before the conclusion of the Challenge. To be eligible to win, Participants must comply with all requirements set forth in the Official Rules and provide all of the following information on their Reporting Form: (1) Name, (2) Attorney Registration Number, (3) Email Address, (4) Phone Number, and (5) Number of Pro Bono Hours completed during the Qualifying Period. Validation of pro bono hours may be conducted by the Foundation at its discretion.
6. **Participating Organizations.** The following legal services organizations have opted-in to participate in this Challenge: Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Advocating Opportunity, Asian Services in Action, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Community Legal Aid Services, Community Refugee & Immigration Services, Equality Ohio, Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project, International Institute of Akron, The Legal Aid of Society of Cleveland, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, Ohio Justice Bus, Ohio Justice & Policy Center, Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio, Scranton Road Legal Clinic, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Legal Services, Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.
7. **Selection of Winner.** The Participant with the highest number of pro bono hours completed at Participating Organizations during the Qualifying Period will be deemed the winner of the Challenge (“Winner”). The Winner will have an opportunity to choose one non-profit from the list of Participating Organizations to receive a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) grant from the

Foundation (“Grant”). In the event of a tie, the Grant amount will be split evenly amongst the tied Winners, and each Winner will be provided with the opportunity to choose a Participating Organization that will be awarded with his/her respective share.

8. **Notification of Winner.** The Foundation will notify the Winner via the Winner’s provided email address and phone number within ten (10) days following the close of the Challenge. The Foundation is not responsible for, nor shall have liability for, the Winner’s failure to receive notices due to email security settings that may cause notifications to be marked as spam or junk mail. The Foundation is also not liable for the Winner’s provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. If the Winner fails to respond to the notification within two (2) weeks from the time the award notification is completed, or if the Winner is subsequently found ineligible, his/her Winner status may be forfeited, and an alternate winner selected pursuant to the criteria set forth in Section 7. IF THE WINNER VIOLATES ANY OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES, THE WINNER, AT THE FOUNDATION’S SOLE DISCRETION, WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, AND ALL PRIVILEGES AS WINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED.
9. **Limitation of Liability.** Any entry into this Challenge constitutes the Participant’s agreement to release and hold harmless the Foundation and its subsidiaries, representatives, affiliates, partners, advertising and promotion agencies, successors, agents, assigns, directors, employees, and officers against and from any and all claims, liability, illness, injury, death, litigation, loss, or damages that may occur, directly or indirectly from participation in the Challenge and/or the 1) the Winner directing the Grant or any portion thereof; 2) any type of technical failure; 3) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions, phone, or internet service; 4) unauthorized intervention in any part of the entry process or the Challenge; 5) electronic error or human error in promoting or administrating the processing of entries.
10. **Disputes.** THE CHALLENGE IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF OHIO, WITHOUT RESPECT TO CONFLICT OF LAW DOCTRINES. The Participant agrees, as a condition of participating in this promotion, that if any disputes cannot be resolved between the Participant and the Foundation, and if causes of action arise out of or relate to the Challenge, there shall be an attempt to resolve the issue first through mediation. Under no circumstances in any such dispute shall the Participant be permitted to obtain awards, and hereby waives all rights to, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including reasonable attorney’s fees, other than the costs associated with entering this Challenge.
11. **Winner.** Anyone may obtain a copy of the Winner’s name or a copy of the Official Rules, by sending the request via mail with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, 88 E. Broad St., Suite 720, Columbus, OH 43215. Requests must be postmarked by December 31, 2022.
12. **Privacy Statement.** The Foundation will not sell or otherwise provide information concerning Participants to companies, organizations, or individuals not associated with the Foundation, without first obtaining the express permission of the Participant. Protected information includes e-mails addresses, names, street addresses, phone number, or other information that Participants may provide as a condition to participate in the Challenge.