

Pro Bono Opportunities
NJ State Bar Web Posting Form

A. Contact Information		
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B. Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

Partners for Women and Justice empowers low-income victims and survivors of domestic violence to build safe and secure futures for themselves and their children by providing equal access to justice. We offer quality legal assistance in domestic violence and family law matters.

2. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors/Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-income generally | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Domestic Violence Victims/ Survivors</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

Partners for Women and Justice provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence. Our attorneys provide assistance with domestic violence restraining orders, sexual assault protective orders, safe visitation and custody arrangements, and child support in Family court. Assistance ranges from legal representation to individualized advice and counsel with an attorney.

4. Service area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County based (please list counties served) | | |
| <u>Essex</u> | <u>Middlesex</u> | _____ |
| <u>Union</u> | <u>Hudson</u> | _____ |
| <u>Passaic</u> | _____ | _____ |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Locally based (please list areas served) | | |
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C. Pro Bono Opportunities

5. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking *pro bono* support.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family ✓ Custody ✓ Child Support <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce ✓ Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights ✓ Visitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Housing/Landlord Tenant |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> SSI/SSD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy <input type="checkbox"/> Credit/Debt counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Lending |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Transactional <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit corporate <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Tax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Elder law <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Lending |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Unemployment |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ _____ _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ _____ |

6. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

- ✓ Yes No In some cases

If yes, please describe: Partners trains volunteer lawyers to handle restraining order and related matters. Our Pro Bono attorneys receive a comprehensive training periodically held at local partner firms. Each attorney receives a comprehensive training manual. Every attorney has access to one-on-one assistance by Partners' Director of Pro Bono Program, staff attorneys and client advocates.

7. Does your organization provide other types of support? If yes, please explain.

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| Litigation support | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No _____ |
| Fee waivers | ✓ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No _Our clients qualify for fee waivers if they meet our income requirements. |
| Translators | ✓ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No Our client advocates are bilingual, providing services in English and Spanish. |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No _____ |

8. What, if any, supervision does your organization provide for volunteer attorneys?

When an attorney accepts a case, s/he has the opportunity to speak to our Director of Pro Bono Programs for guidance. In some limited occasions, our Director or a staff attorney will also second seat the volunteer attorney and assist with the matter.

9. Does your organization provide malpractice coverage for volunteer attorneys?

Yes No

If yes, please describe: Our malpractice insurance provides primary coverage for volunteer attorneys.

10. Does your organization require volunteer attorneys to carry malpractice insurance?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

11. Has the New Jersey Supreme Court approved your program for a Madden exemption?

Yes No