

# Current Status of Pro Bono Service Among Maryland Lawyers

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## Executive Summary

Maryland Rules 19-306.1 and 19-503 establish an aspirational goal of 50 hours of pro bono service annually per attorney and require all attorneys authorized to practice law in Maryland to report on their pro bono activities. Rule 19-306.1(b) elaborates upon that goal, noting:

- (1) Unless an attorney is prohibited by law from rendering the legal services described below, a substantial portion of the applicable hours should be devoted to rendering legal service, without fee or expectation of fee, or at a substantially reduced fee, to:
  - (A) people of limited means;
  - (B) charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters designed primarily to address the needs of people of limited means;
  - (C) individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights; or
  - (D) charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters in furtherance of their organizational purposes when the payment of the standard legal fees would significantly deplete the organization's economic resources or would otherwise be inappropriate.
- (2) The remainder of the applicable hours may be devoted to activities for improving the law, the legal system, or the legal profession.

This summary report presents results from the reporting period covering July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as collected in Pro Bono Services Reports. In this report, reference to full-time lawyers excludes those who are precluded from serving pro bono because of a rule or statute (See Appendix C for information on lawyers prohibited from serving pro bono or not practicing full time). Highlights of the results are below.

- Among all 42,045 lawyers certified to practice law in Maryland who submitted Pro Bono Service Reports, 16,129 (38.4%) reported some pro bono activity. They collectively provided 1,021,343 hours of pro bono service.
- 3,808 lawyers (9.1%) reported making \$4,031,742 in financial contributions to agencies that provide legal services to people of limited means.
- Among the 27,799 full-time attorneys, 12,412 (44.6%) reported some pro bono activity, and they collectively provided 783,972 hours of pro bono service.
- Among 15,955 full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland, 46.1% provided some pro bono service. Lawyers in the Eastern Region had the highest percentage of full-time lawyers who reported providing any pro bono service (61%), followed by the Western Region (58.6%).
- Among full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland, 19.5% met the aspirational goal of providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service across the categories outlined in Rule 19-306.1(b).

- The Eastern Region had the largest percentage of full-time lawyers who reported providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service (28.3%), followed by 20.7% in the Western Region and 20.7% in the Capital Region.
- Queen Anne's County had the largest percentage of full-time lawyers reporting 50 or more pro bono hours (35.4%), followed by Talbot County (31.3%), and Caroline County (30.8%).
- The total reported financial contributions by full-time lawyers to organizations that provide legal services to people of limited means was \$4,031,742 from 3,808 contributing lawyers.
- Full-time lawyers reported providing 43.2% of reported pro bono hours to people of limited means and 11.5% of reported hours to organizations helping people of limited means. Entities seeking to secure or protect rights and liberties were the reported recipients of 8.3% of reported hours, attorneys reported providing 12.4% of hours to organizations in matters furthering their organizational purposes, and attorneys reported 24.6% of hours on activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession. In comparison to full-time lawyers with out-of-state primary addresses, those with primary addresses in Maryland reported a smaller percentage of hours provided to entities on civil rights matters and improving the law, legal system, or the legal profession, while providing similar or larger percentages in other categories.
- Among full-time lawyers, 81.9% of lawyers who report practicing in government agencies reported providing no pro bono service, as compared to 39.7% of lawyers in private firms. Only 6.1% of full-time lawyers in government and 7.5% of those in corporate counsel reported providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service, compared to 28.1% among those in private firms.

## Introduction

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Filing a Pro Bono Legal Service Report is mandatory, pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-503, which establishes the requirement as a condition to the practice of law in Maryland. The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for managing the reporting process and promptly submitting a compilation of non-identifying information and data from the Pro Bono Legal Service Reports to the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Service.

Lawyers submit their Pro Bono Legal Service Reports annually through the Maryland Judiciary's Attorney Information System (AIS).<sup>1</sup> The current report summarizes Pro Bono Legal Service Reports submitted for Fiscal Year 2023 (i.e., July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023). Appendix B provides a sample Pro Bono Legal Service Report. Instructions on completing the report in AIS are available at

<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/import/lawyers/pdfs/probonoreportinginais.pdf>.

During 2023 and 2024, several communications were sent out to Maryland attorneys on active status regarding reporting of their pro bono activities during the reporting cycle. Pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-801(c), all communications with attorneys may be sent electronically:

- First round: An initial email was sent on July 10, 2023, to all lawyers who were on active status in AIS.
- Second round: An email reminder was sent out on August 15, 2023, to lawyers who had not filed their pro bono report as of that date.
- Third round: An email reminder was sent out again on August 28, 2023, to lawyers who had not filed their pro bono report as of that date.
- Fourth round: A Reminder and Late Fee Notice was sent on September 5, 2023, to lawyers who had not filed their pro bono report as of that date.
- Fifth round: An AIS Alert and Compliance Reminder was emailed on December 11, 2023, to lawyers who had not filed their pro bono report as of that date.
- Sixth round: An additional reminder was sent to non-compliant attorneys on January 2, 2024.
- Seventh round: A Notice of Default was sent out on February 12, 2024, to 1,155 lawyers who had not filed their pro bono report, IOLTA report, and/or pay the required assessment to the Client Protection Fund.
- Eighth round: A final courtesy reminder was sent out on March 4, 2024, to 403 lawyers who had not yet filed the pro bono report.
- Ninth round: On March 21, 2024, a 'Decertification and Temporary Suspension Order' signed by the Supreme Court of Maryland was sent to 78 lawyers who had failed to file the pro bono report or complete one of the other compliance requirements by that date.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to annual reporting on pro bono activity, AIS consolidates attorney registration and maintenance of current contact information, payment of Client Protection Fund assessments, and reporting on IOLTA accounts. Prior to AIS, the compliance requirements did not all follow the same fiscal year-based reporting cycle. Implementing AIS entailed shifting pro bono reporting from a calendar year to fiscal year report cycle. This shift resulted in an 18-month reporting period for January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. More information about AIS is available at <https://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/ais>.

This report covers the 42,045 Pro Bono Legal Service Reports received from lawyers listed as active in AIS by April 4, 2023, for the FY 2023 reporting period.

The purposes of this summary report are:

1. to identify and evaluate the status of pro bono service engaged in by Maryland lawyers;
2. to assess whether a target goal of 50 hours of pro bono service for full-time lawyers was achieved;
3. to determine the level of financial contribution to legal services organizations by Maryland attorneys; and
4. to identify areas that need to be improved for promoting pro bono services.



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## General Characteristics of Maryland Lawyers

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This section provides an overall picture of Maryland lawyers' practices using descriptive statistics from the Pro Bono Legal Service Report data. The main body of this report concerns attorneys who indicated in their Pro Bono Legal Service Reports that during the reporting period they engaged in the full-time practice of law and were not prohibited by statute from providing pro bono service,<sup>2</sup> except where otherwise noted. Limited information concerning attorneys who reported something other than the full-time practice of law, that they were prohibited by statute from providing pro bono service, or both, is available in Appendix C.

### Geographical Location

Table 1 below shows the distribution of lawyers by address in AIS.

Although the legacy (i.e., pre-AIS) reports categorized attorneys by their business addresses, the current report uses addresses designated in AIS as primary. Primary addresses in AIS include 15,202 business addresses (54.7%), 7,323 personal addresses (26.3%), 5,235 addresses of unknown type (18.8%), and 39 temporary addresses (0.1%).<sup>3</sup>

About 57% of full-time lawyers certified to practice in Maryland report a primary address in Maryland, followed by 18% in Washington, DC. The table includes numbers from previous years for reference. Information from before 2021 is not directly comparable due to the change from business to primary address and the changes as indicated previously in notes 1 and 2.

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<sup>2</sup> Beginning in 2021, limiting the main body of this report to full-time attorneys was a departure from prior iterations of this report, which included information about all active attorneys. Information from before 2021 is therefore not necessarily directly comparable.

<sup>3</sup> The AIS data include 5 attorneys who each have 2 addresses designated as a primary address. This report uses the business address for these attorneys.

**Table 1. Location of Full-Time Attorneys Admitted to Practice in Maryland**

	AIS – Primary Address									
	FY 2023 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2022 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2021 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2020 <sup>b</sup>		January 2018 to June 2019 <sup>b</sup>	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
<b>Maryland</b>	15,955	57.4%	15,752	58.0%	15,733	58.4%	24,227	60.3%	24,205	60.4%
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	5,038	18.1%	4,973	18.3%	4,950	18.4%	6,488	16.2%	6,637	16.6%
<b>Virginia</b>	2,724	9.8%	2,579	9.5%	2,495	9.3%	3,537	8.8%	3,453	8.6%
<b>Other U.S.</b>	3,988	14.3%	3,763	13.9%	3,689	13.7%	5,767	14.4%	5,631	14.1%
<b>Foreign</b>	94	0.3%	90	0.3%	92	0.3%	143	0.4%	140	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	27,799	100.0%	27,157	100.0%	26,959	100.0%	40,162	100%	40,066	100%

<sup>a</sup> Includes full-time lawyers.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all lawyers.

In Table 1, and throughout this report, “Other U.S.” includes attorneys in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or overseas military or diplomatic addresses.

In addition to the lawyer’s primary address in AIS, the Pro Bono Legal Service Report collects information on up to 3 jurisdictions where each lawyer reports practicing. Approximately 57% of the full-time attorneys (15,769) reported practicing in one or more Maryland jurisdictions (including practice in “All of Maryland”), while about 43% (12,030) reported practicing outside of Maryland only.

Table 2 shows the first-ranked practice jurisdiction for the fiscal year 2023 reporting period and includes numbers from previous years for reference. In AIS, lawyers can report up to 3 practice jurisdictions. The current report distinguishes which practice jurisdiction an attorney ranked first, which was not possible prior to the fiscal year 2021 reporting period. The pre-AIS legacy reports included a single practice jurisdiction, in Maryland only, per attorney. For prior AIS reporting periods, the total reported jurisdictions was greater than the total number of lawyers because lawyers could report up to 3 jurisdictions, and percentages shown were percentages of all lawyers, not all reported jurisdictions. Table 2.1 shows the distribution of all reported practice jurisdictions (not just first ranked) for fiscal year 2023. For Tables 2 and 2.1, numbers from years prior to 2021 are not directly comparable to the current numbers due to the methodological differences (*see also* notes 1 and 2).

The Maryland jurisdictions where the largest numbers of attorneys reported practicing remain Montgomery County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George’s County, Anne Arundel County, and Howard County.

**Table 2. Practice Jurisdictions of Full-Time Attorneys (First-Ranked Jurisdiction in 2023)**

	AIS First Ranked Jurisdiction						AIS Up to 3 Jurisdictions			
	FY 2023 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2022 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2021 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2020 <sup>b</sup>		January 2018 to June 2019 <sup>b</sup>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>
<b>Allegany County</b>	87	0.3%	80	0.3%	85	0.3%	127	0.3%	139	0.3%
<b>Anne Arundel County</b>	1,011	3.6%	986	3.6%	1,008	3.7%	1,847	4.6%	2,188	5.5%
<b>Baltimore City</b>	2,681	9.6%	2,710	10.0%	2,842	10.5%	3,856	9.6%	5,247	13.1%
<b>Baltimore County</b>	1,844	6.6%	1,843	6.8%	1,812	6.7%	3,486	8.7%	4,288	10.7%
<b>Calvert County</b>	64	0.2%	66	0.2%	77	0.3%	289	0.7%	248	0.6%
<b>Caroline County</b>	24	0.1%	27	0.1%	28	0.1%	100	0.2%	96	0.2%
<b>Carroll County</b>	135	0.5%	133	0.5%	150	0.6%	353	0.9%	367	0.9%
<b>Cecil County</b>	69	0.2%	83	0.3%	91	0.3%	198	0.5%	192	0.5%
<b>Charles County</b>	136	0.5%	128	0.5%	132	0.5%	421	1.0%	413	1.0%
<b>Dorchester County</b>	22	0.1%	24	0.1%	30	0.1%	103	0.3%	100	0.2%
<b>Frederick County</b>	281	1.0%	270	1.0%	276	1.0%	670	1.7%	698	1.7%
<b>Garrett County</b>	17	0.1%	21	0.1%	20	0.1%	88	0.2%	79	0.2%
<b>Harford County</b>	212	0.8%	210	0.8%	208	0.8%	609	1.5%	624	1.6%
<b>Howard County</b>	496	1.8%	478	1.8%	469	1.7%	1,248	3.1%	1,383	3.5%
<b>Kent County</b>	22	0.1%	19	0.1%	25	0.1%	76	0.2%	71	0.2%
<b>Montgomery County</b>	3,079	11.1%	3,027	11.1%	3,012	11.2%	4,622	11.5%	5,331	13.3%
<b>Prince George's County</b>	1,449	5.2%	1,451	5.3%	1,425	5.3%	3,200	8.0%	3,324	8.3%
<b>Queen Anne's County</b>	39	0.1%	40	0.1%	42	0.2%	165	0.4%	153	0.4%
<b>Saint Mary's County</b>	74	0.3%	66	0.2%	72	0.3%	195	0.5%	108	0.3%
<b>Somerset County</b>	15	0.1%	14	0.1%	16	0.1%	108	0.3%	195	0.5%
<b>Talbot County</b>	71	0.3%	64	0.2%	54	0.2%	161	0.4%	163	0.4%
<b>Washington County</b>	110	0.4%	119	0.4%	111	0.4%	243	0.6%	242	0.6%
<b>Wicomico County</b>	121	0.4%	125	0.5%	128	0.5%	250	0.6%	240	0.6%
<b>Worcester County</b>	89	0.3%	84	0.3%	81	0.3%	216	0.5%	202	0.5%
<b>All of Maryland</b>	2,238	8.1%	2,294	8.4%	2,211	8.2%	8,467	21.1%	3,679	9.2%
<b>Out of State</b>	13,413	48.2%	12,775	47.0%	12,476	46.3%	13,923	34.7%	16,506	41.2%
<b>Blank or Missing</b>	0	0.0%	20	0.1%	78	0.3%	5,349	13.3%	6,007	15.0%
<b>Total</b>	27,799	100%	27,157	100%	26,959	100%	50,370		52,283	

<sup>a</sup> Includes full-time lawyers.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all lawyers.

<sup>c</sup> Total reported jurisdictions exceed the total number of lawyers because lawyers can report up to 3 jurisdictions.

<sup>d</sup> Percentages shown are percentages of lawyers, not all reported jurisdictions.

**Table 2.1 Practice Jurisdictions of Full-Time Attorneys (Up to 3 Jurisdictions in 2023)**

	AIS Up to 3 Jurisdictions									
	FY 2023 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2022 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2021 <sup>a</sup>		FY 2020 <sup>b</sup>		January 2018 to June 2019 <sup>b</sup>	
	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>
<b>Allegany County</b>	122	0.4%	127	0.5%	136	0.5%	127	0.3%	139	0.3%
<b>Anne Arundel County</b>	1,985	7.1%	2,040	7.5%	2,393	8.9%	1,847	4.6%	2,188	5.5%
<b>Baltimore City</b>	4,014	14.4%	4,142	15.3%	4,599	17.1%	3,856	9.6%	5,247	13.1%
<b>Baltimore County</b>	3,614	13.0%	3,712	13.7%	4,187	15.5%	3,486	8.7%	4,288	10.7%
<b>Calvert County</b>	208	0.7%	226	0.8%	282	1.0%	289	0.7%	248	0.6%
<b>Caroline County</b>	76	0.3%	91	0.3%	94	0.3%	100	0.2%	96	0.2%
<b>Carroll County</b>	318	1.1%	323	1.2%	389	1.4%	353	0.9%	367	0.9%
<b>Cecil County</b>	186	0.7%	209	0.8%	235	0.9%	198	0.5%	192	0.5%
<b>Charles County</b>	417	1.5%	413	1.5%	498	1.8%	421	1.0%	413	1.0%
<b>Dorchester County</b>	81	0.3%	89	0.3%	98	0.4%	103	0.3%	100	0.2%
<b>Frederick County</b>	681	2.4%	674	2.5%	815	3.0%	670	1.7%	698	1.7%
<b>Garrett County</b>	74	0.3%	68	0.3%	81	0.3%	88	0.2%	79	0.2%
<b>Harford County</b>	600	2.2%	605	2.2%	684	2.5%	609	1.5%	624	1.6%
<b>Howard County</b>	1,180	4.2%	1,262	4.6%	1,462	5.4%	1,248	3.1%	1,383	3.5%
<b>Kent County</b>	54	0.2%	53	0.2%	72	0.3%	76	0.2%	71	0.2%
<b>Montgomery County</b>	4,485	16.1%	4,473	16.5%	4,878	18.1%	4,622	11.5%	5,331	13.3%
<b>Prince George's County</b>	3,308	11.9%	3,364	12.4%	3,809	14.1%	3,200	8.0%	3,324	8.3%
<b>Queen Anne's County</b>	137	0.5%	145	0.5%	180	0.7%	165	0.4%	153	0.4%
<b>Saint Mary's County</b>	188	0.7%	170	0.6%	218	0.8%	195	0.5%	108	0.3%
<b>Somerset County</b>	101	0.4%	102	0.4%	117	0.4%	108	0.3%	195	0.5%
<b>Talbot County</b>	136	0.5%	132	0.5%	137	0.5%	161	0.4%	163	0.4%
<b>Washington County</b>	268	1.0%	268	1.0%	297	1.1%	243	0.6%	242	0.6%
<b>Wicomico County</b>	220	0.8%	219	0.8%	245	0.9%	250	0.6%	240	0.6%
<b>Worcester County</b>	199	0.7%	207	0.8%	213	0.8%	216	0.5%	202	0.5%
<b>All of Maryland</b>	3,237	11.6%	3,361	12.4%	3,584	13.3%	8,467	21.1%	3,679	9.2%
<b>Out of State</b>	14,637	52.7%	14,146	52.1%	14,083	52.2%	13,923	34.7%	16,506	41.2%
<b>Blank or Missing</b>	0	0.0%	20	0.1%	78	0.3%	5,349	13.3%	6,007	15.0%
<b>Total</b>	40,526		40,641		43,864		50,370		52,283	

<sup>a</sup> Includes full-time lawyers.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all lawyers.

<sup>c</sup> Total reported jurisdictions exceed the total number of lawyers because lawyers can report up to 3 jurisdictions.

<sup>d</sup> Percentages shown are percentages of lawyers, not all reported jurisdictions.

The remaining sections of this report use lawyers' primary addresses in AIS to designate the locations of lawyers rather than their reported practice jurisdictions.

## Years Admitted

Table 3 shows the mean and median numbers of years admitted as of June 30, 2023 (i.e., the end of the reporting cycle) for full-time practicing lawyers. The minimum number of years admitted was 0.01 (4 days), while the maximum was 68.6 years. The table shows that lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland have generally practiced law longer than lawyers with primary addresses elsewhere.

**Table 3. Mean and Median Years Admitted by Location for Full-Time Attorneys**

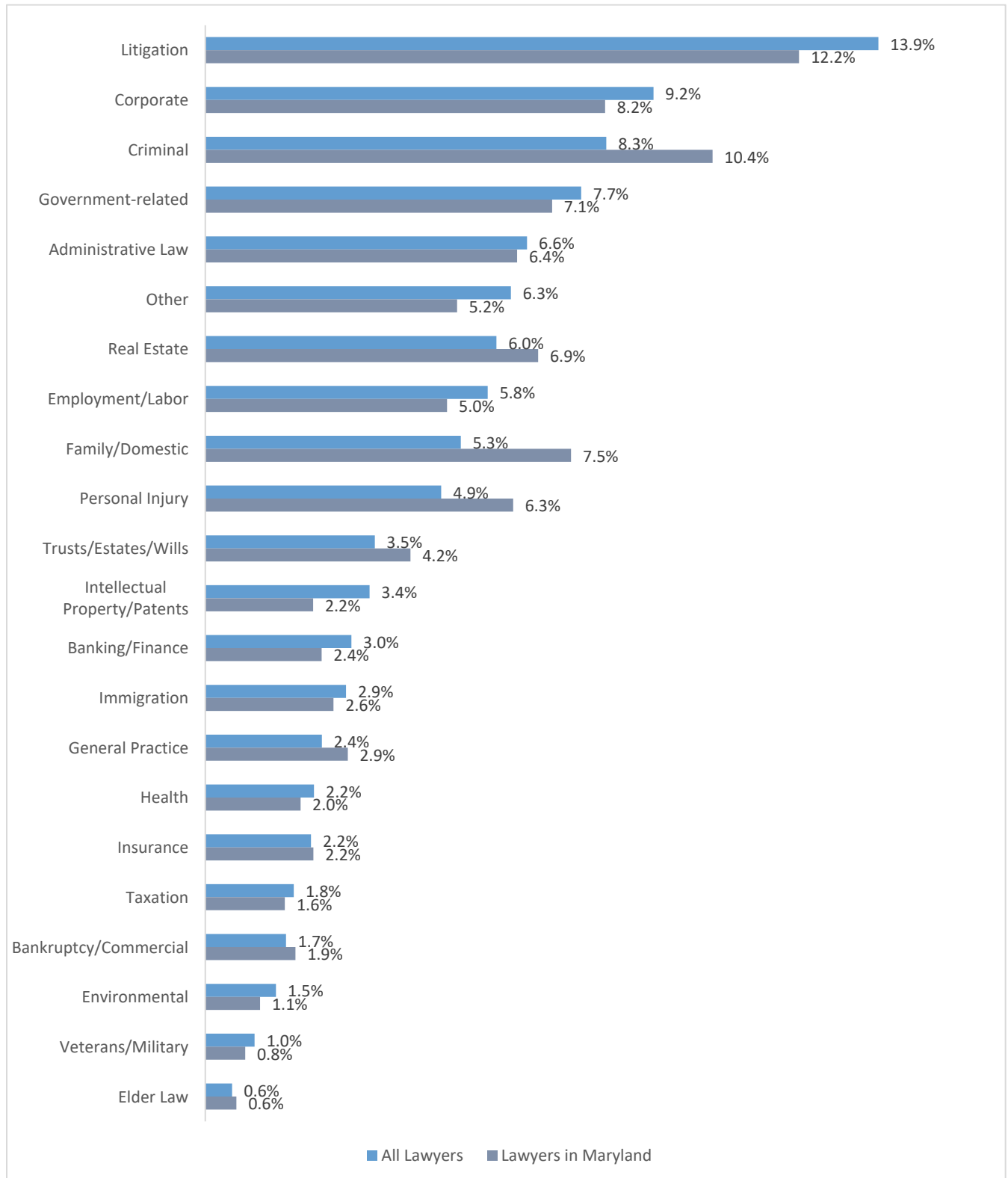
	Maryland	Washington D.C.	Virginia	Other U.S.	Foreign	All Submissions
<i>N</i>	15,955	5,038	2,724	3,988	94	27,799
<b>Mean</b>	19.4	16.7	16.3	16.3	17.8	18.2
<b>Median</b>	17.5	15.0	15.4	14.5	17.0	16.5

## Practice Areas

Similar to geographical practice jurisdictions, AIS collects data on up to 3 primary practice areas of law per attorney. See Figure 1 and Table 4 for first-ranked primary practice areas of law among all 27,799 full-time practicing lawyers and for the 15,955 with primary addresses in Maryland. See Figure 1.1 and Table 4.1 for all practice areas (i.e., not solely first-ranked).

For all lawyers' first-ranked practice areas of law, litigation is the most common reported, followed by corporate, criminal, government-related, and administrative. For Maryland lawyers, the most common practice areas reported are litigation, criminal, corporate, family/domestic, and government-related.

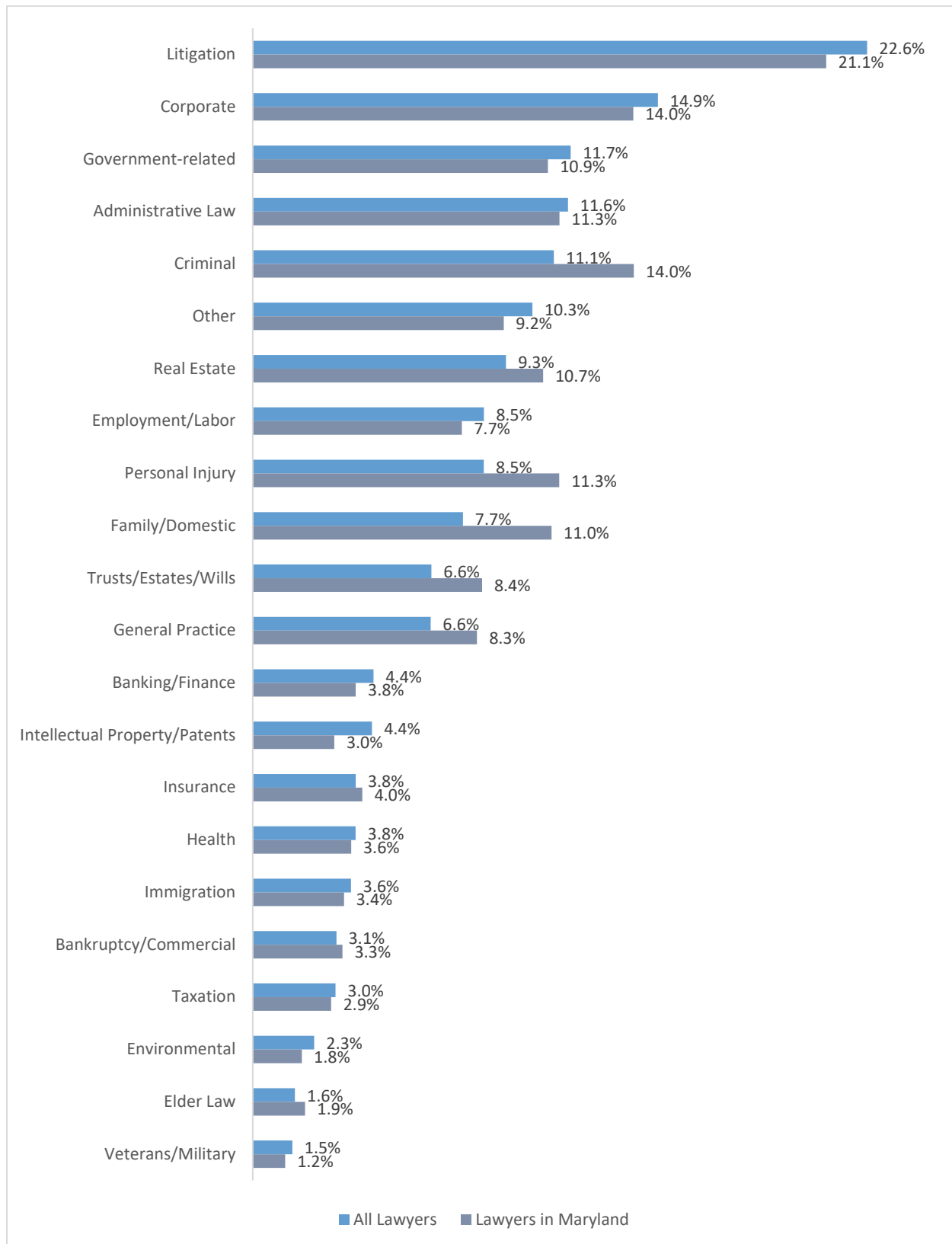
**Figure 1: Percent of First-Ranked Practice Areas of Law for Full-Time for Attorneys**



**Table 4. First-Ranked Practice Areas of Law for Full-Time Attorneys**

	All Lawyers		Lawyers in Maryland	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Litigation</b>	3,852	13.9%	1,950	12.2%
<b>Corporate/Business</b>	2,565	9.2%	1,313	8.2%
<b>Criminal</b>	2,295	8.3%	1,666	10.4%
<b>Government</b>	2,151	7.7%	1,139	7.1%
<b>Administrative Law</b>	1,841	6.6%	1,024	6.4%
<b>Other</b>	1,749	6.3%	827	5.2%
<b>Real Estate</b>	1,666	6.0%	1,093	6.9%
<b>Employment/Labor</b>	1,616	5.8%	794	5.0%
<b>Family/Domestic</b>	1,462	5.3%	1,201	7.5%
<b>Personal Injury</b>	1,350	4.9%	1,011	6.3%
<b>Trusts/Estates/Wills</b>	970	3.5%	674	4.2%
<b>Intellectual Property/Patents</b>	940	3.4%	354	2.2%
<b>Banking/Finance</b>	836	3.0%	382	2.4%
<b>Immigration</b>	805	2.9%	421	2.6%
<b>General Practice</b>	667	2.4%	468	2.9%
<b>Health</b>	622	2.2%	313	2.0%
<b>Insurance</b>	605	2.2%	355	2.2%
<b>Taxation</b>	506	1.8%	261	1.6%
<b>Bankruptcy/Commercial</b>	462	1.7%	296	1.9%
<b>Environmental</b>	404	1.5%	180	1.1%
<b>Veterans/Military</b>	282	1.0%	131	0.8%
<b>Elder Law</b>	153	0.6%	102	0.6%
<b>Blank or Missing</b>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	27,799	100.0%	15,955	100.0%

**Figure 1.1 Percent of Practice Areas of Law (Up to 3) for Full-Time Attorneys**





**Table 4.1 Practice Areas of Law (Up to 3) for Full-Time Attorneys**

	All Lawyers		Lawyers in Maryland	
	N <sup>a</sup>	% <sup>b</sup>	N <sup>a</sup>	% <sup>b</sup>
<b>Litigation</b>	6,287	22.6%	3,368	21.1%
<b>Corporate</b>	4,146	14.9%	2,235	14.0%
<b>Government-related</b>	3,253	11.7%	1,733	10.9%
<b>Administrative Law</b>	3,226	11.6%	1,801	11.3%
<b>Criminal</b>	3,081	11.1%	2,238	14.0%
<b>Other</b>	2,861	10.3%	1,474	9.2%
<b>Real Estate</b>	2,591	9.3%	1,705	10.7%
<b>Personal Injury</b>	2,365	8.5%	1,228	7.7%
<b>Employment/Labor</b>	2,364	8.5%	1,800	11.3%
<b>Family/Domestic</b>	2,151	7.7%	1,755	11.0%
<b>Trusts/Estates/Wills</b>	1,828	6.6%	1,347	8.4%
<b>General Practice</b>	1,821	6.6%	1,317	8.3%
<b>Banking/Finance</b>	1,235	4.4%	605	3.8%
<b>Intellectual Property/Patents</b>	1,219	4.4%	479	3.0%
<b>Insurance</b>	1,053	3.8%	643	4.0%
<b>Health</b>	1,052	3.8%	578	3.6%
<b>Immigration</b>	1,005	3.6%	536	3.4%
<b>Bankruptcy/Commercial</b>	856	3.1%	527	3.3%
<b>Taxation</b>	846	3.0%	460	2.9%
<b>Environmental</b>	628	2.3%	288	1.8%
<b>Elder Law</b>	431	1.6%	307	1.9%
<b>Veterans/Military</b>	405	1.5%	190	1.2%
<b>Blank or Missing</b>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	44,704	100.0%	26,614	100.0%

<sup>a</sup> Total reported practice areas of law exceed the total number of lawyers because lawyers can report up to 3 areas of law.

<sup>b</sup> Percentages shown are percentages of lawyers, not percentage of all reported practice areas of law.

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## Pro Bono Service

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In this section, we present results of analyses of the Fiscal Year 2023 Pro Bono Legal Service Report data on pro bono service provided, hours spent to improve the law and the legal system, and financial contributions made by full-time Maryland lawyers.

### Pro Bono Service by Primary Address Location

In total, full-time Maryland lawyers reported providing 783,972 hours of pro bono service.<sup>4</sup> For reference, for fiscal year 2022, the total numbers of pro bono hours were 22 percent higher at 957,728 hours. If comparing to previous reports, note that reports prior to 2021 did not include hours spent participating in activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession,<sup>5</sup> and handled extreme values differently than the current report,<sup>6</sup> so such totals are not directly comparable.

As shown in Table 5, among 27,157 lawyers, 12,642 (46.6%) reported some pro bono activity. Among 15,752 lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland, 7,550 (47.9%) rendered pro bono hours greater than zero, compared to 44.6% among lawyers with primary addresses out of state. The table includes percentages from previous years for reference, even though prior to fiscal year 2021 these are not comparable, due to the changes discussed in notes 1, 2, and 5.

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<sup>4</sup> Some attorneys report implausible or impossible numbers of hours of pro bono service. Unless otherwise noted, analyses for this report top code total hours of pro bono provided at the 99th percentile; 340 hours of pro bono service. We assume reports of more than this reflects data entry errors, calculation errors, or attorneys employed in public interest organizations incorrectly characterizing all their work as pro bono. The 99th percentile used for top coding in Fiscal Year 2022 was 566 hours.

<sup>5</sup> Prior versions of this report did not include hours on activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession in determining whether an attorney had provided pro bono service or as counting towards the 50-hour aspirational goal. Pursuant to Rule 19-306.1(b)(2), however, these activities do qualify.

<sup>6</sup> The fiscal year 2020 report excluded attorneys who reported more than 40 hours per week of pro bono service. Following discussion with subject matter experts, we believe top coding at the 99th percentile results in less measurement error than excluding reports above a 40 hour per week threshold.

**Table 5. Percentage of Lawyers with Any Pro Bono Activity**

	FY 2023 <sup>a,c</sup>	FY 2022 <sup>a,c</sup>	FY 2021 <sup>a,c</sup>	FY 2020 <sup>b,d</sup>	January 2018 to June 2019 <sup>b,d</sup>
<b>All Reporting Lawyers</b>	44.6%	46.6%	48.4%	38.5%	39.7%
<b>Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland</b>	46.1%	47.9%	49.4%	39.8%	41.4%
<b>Lawyers with Primary Addresses Out of State</b>	42.6%	44.6%	47.1%	36.5%	37.1%

<sup>a</sup> Includes full-time lawyers.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all lawyers.

<sup>c</sup> Includes hours under Rule 19-306.1(b)(1) or Rule 19-306.1(b)(2).

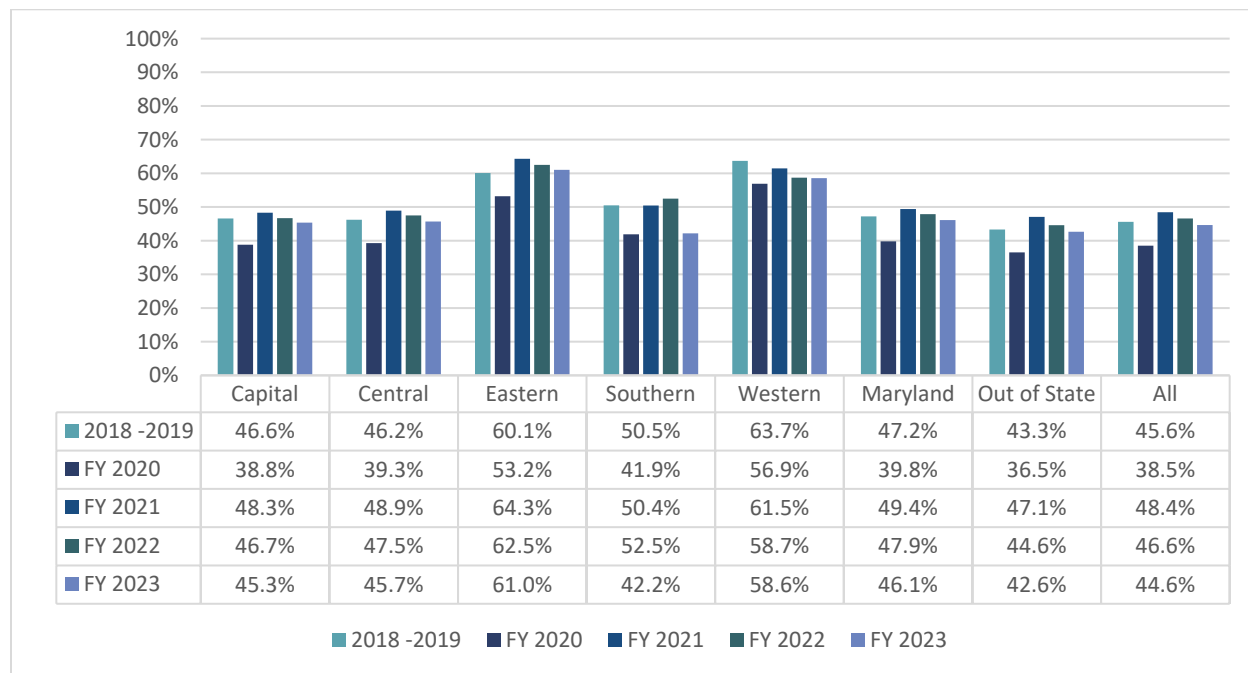
<sup>d</sup> Includes hours under Rule 19-306.1(b)(1) (only).

As Figure 2 shows, the proportion of full-time Maryland lawyers who rendered pro bono service differs by region of primary address within Maryland. Service was analyzed by region, with regions defined as follows.

- The capital region includes Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties.
- The central region includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties, and Baltimore City.
- The eastern region includes Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.
- The southern region includes Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s Counties.
- The western region includes Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties.

During the Fiscal Year 2023 reporting period, larger proportions of lawyers in more rural areas of Maryland rendered pro bono services compared to lawyers in the Capital and Central regions. We provide percentages from previous years for reference, although as discussed in notes 1, 2, and 5, these are not directly comparable prior to Fiscal Year 2021.

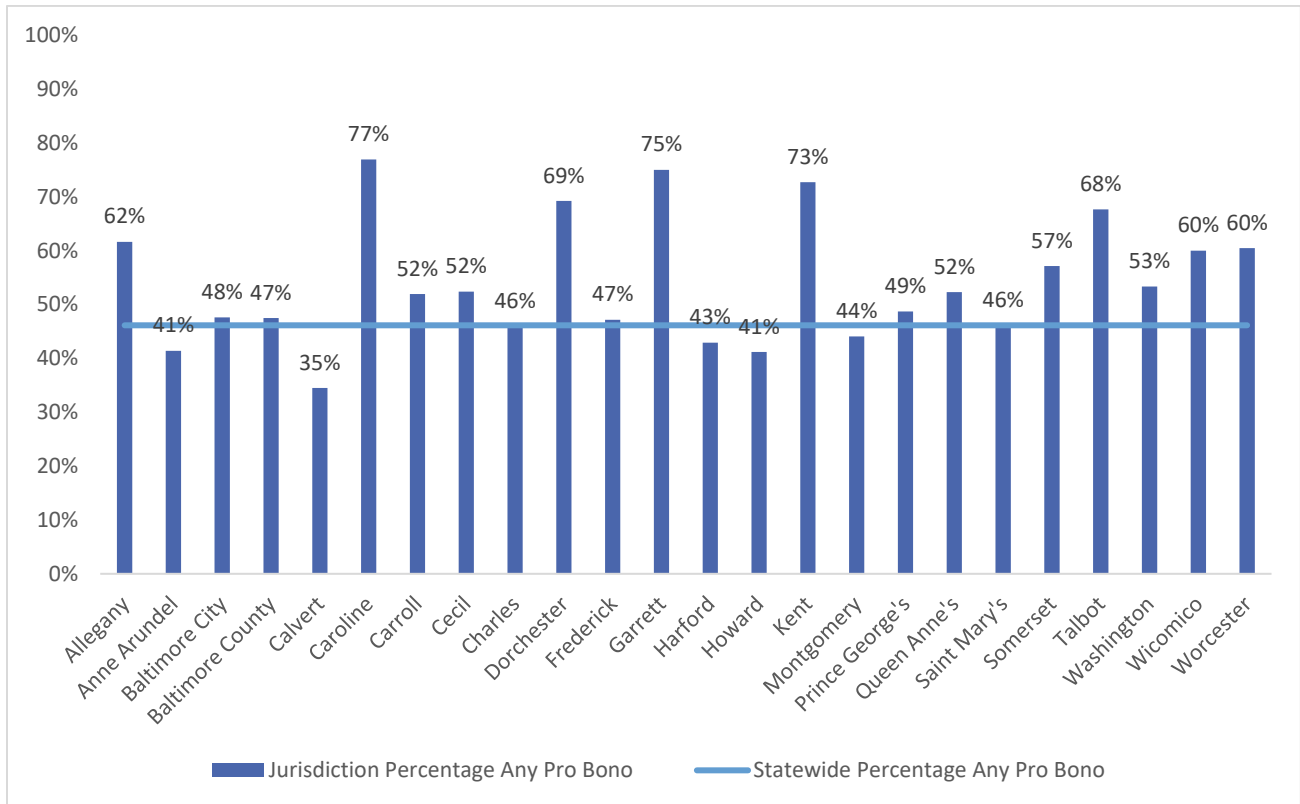
**Figure 2. Percentage of Full-Time Lawyers with Any Pro Bono Hours by Region**



See notes to Table 5 *supra*.

Figure 3 displays pro bono participation by jurisdiction.<sup>7</sup> The largest percentage of lawyers reporting any pro bono service was in Caroline County, with 76.9% of lawyers rendering pro bono service. Lawyers in Garrett County reported the second highest level of pro bono participation (75.0%), followed by Kent County (72.7%).

**Figure 3. Percentage of Full-Time Lawyers with Any Pro Bono Hours by Jurisdiction**



Maryland Rule 19-306.1 establishes an aspirational 50-hour pro bono service goal for lawyers practicing full time. As shown in Table 6, among full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland, 46.1% reported providing more than zero hours of pro bono service during the Fiscal Year 2023 reporting cycle with 19.5% reporting providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service. The Eastern Region had the largest percentage of full-time lawyers providing any pro bono (61.0%), followed by the Western Region (58.6%). The Eastern Region had the highest percentage of full-time lawyers who reported providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service (28.3%), followed by 20.7% in the Western and Capital Regions. Lawyers in the Southern Region reported the lowest percentage of lawyers providing 50 or more pro bono hours (14.2%).

<sup>7</sup> County is generally the county listed for the primary address in AIS. For attorneys with primary addresses in Maryland but missing a county in AIS, we used the ZIP code from the primary address and the ZIP Code Lookup Table available from the Maryland Open Data Portal (updated September 12, 2018).

**Table 6. Pro Bono Service by Region for Full-Time Lawyers**

	Capital Region	Central Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region	All of Maryland	Out of State	All Areas
No pro bono	54.7%	54.3%	39.0%	57.8%	41.4%	53.9%	57.4%	55.4%
Less than 50 Hours	24.6%	27.4%	32.7%	28.0%	37.9%	26.6%	23.1%	25.1%
At least 50 Hours	20.7%	18.3%	28.3%	14.2%	20.7%	19.5%	19.6%	19.5%
No pro bono	3,327	4,790	198	196	82	8,593	6,794	15,387
Less than 50 Hours	1,499	2,416	166	95	75	4,251	2,733	6,984
At least 50 Hours	1,261	1,617	144	48	41	3,111	2,317	5,428

To see trends over time, Table 7 shows the percentage point change, from fiscal year 2022, of lawyers who provided 50 hours or more of pro bono service.

**Table 7. Percentage Point Change in Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland with At Least 50 Hours of Pro Bono Service**

Change from	Capital Region	Central Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region	All of Maryland	Out of State	All Areas
FY 2022 to FY 2023	0.0	-0.9	-2.2	-4.9	-0.4	-0.7	-1.5	-1.0

Table 8 shows the percentages of full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland reporting any pro bono service and with 50 or more pro bono hours by primary address location. Caroline County had the largest percentage of lawyers who reported any pro bono service (76.9%), followed by Garrett County (75.0%), and Kent County (72.7%). Queen Anne's County (35.4%) had the largest proportion of lawyers who reported providing at least 50 hours of pro bono service, followed by Talbot County (31.3%) and Caroline County (30.8%).

**Table 8. Percentage of Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland with At Least 50 Hours of Pro Bono Service by Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Number of Lawyers	No Pro Bono	Less Than 50 Hours Pro Bono	At Least 50 Hours Pro Bono
Allegany	73	38.4%	38.4%	23.3%
Anne Arundel	1,539	58.6%	25.3%	16.1%
Baltimore City	3,453	52.4%	27.4%	20.2%
Baltimore County	2,331	52.5%	29.3%	18.2%
Calvert	113	65.5%	23.0%	11.5%
Caroline	13	23.1%	46.2%	30.8%
Carroll	206	48.1%	30.1%	21.8%
Cecil	63	47.6%	33.3%	19.0%
Charles	150	54.0%	33.3%	12.7%
Dorchester	26	30.8%	42.3%	26.9%
Frederick	371	52.8%	27.5%	19.7%
Garrett	20	25.0%	45.0%	30.0%
Harford	289	57.1%	24.9%	18.0%
Howard	1005	58.8%	26.4%	14.8%
Kent	22	27.3%	54.5%	18.2%
Montgomery	4,297	55.9%	23.9%	20.2%
Prince George's	1,419	51.3%	26.1%	22.6%
Queen Anne's	65	47.7%	16.9%	35.4%
Saint Mary's	76	53.9%	25.0%	21.1%
Somerset	14	42.9%	28.6%	28.6%
Talbot	99	32.3%	36.4%	31.3%
Washington	105	46.7%	36.2%	17.1%
Wicomico	120	40.0%	30.8%	29.2%
Worcester	86	39.5%	32.6%	27.9%
Statewide Total	15,955	53.9%	26.6%	19.5%

**Figure 4. Percentage of Full-Time Lawyers with At Least 50 Hours of Pro Bono Service by Primary Address Jurisdiction**

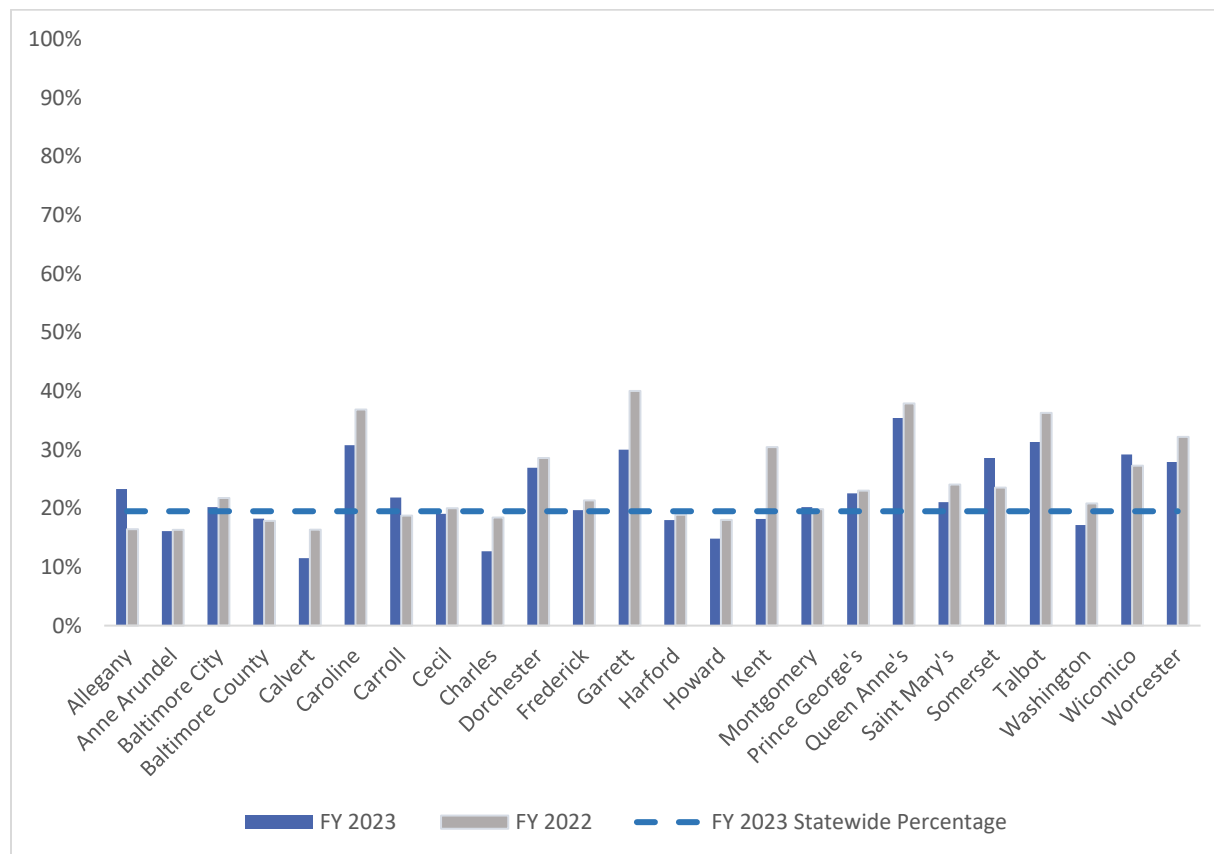


Figure 4 displays the percentages of lawyers with 50 or more hours of pro bono service visually.

### Pro Bono Service Beneficiaries

The Pro Bono Legal Service Report includes a series of items regarding the recipients of pro bono legal service. The possible responses in Sections A and F of Step III of the Pro Bono Legal Service Report in AIS are:

- III.A.1 People of limited means;
- III.A.2 Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters addressing the needs of people of limited means;
- III.A.3 Individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights;
- III.A.4 Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters furthering their organizational purposes, when the payment of the standard legal fees would significantly deplete the organization's economic resources or would be inappropriate; and
- III.F Activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession.

Table 9 presents the results from these items. Overall, people of limited means received the plurality of pro bono hours provided (43.2%), followed by activities that improve the law, legal



system, or the legal profession (24.6%).<sup>8</sup> Lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland rendered a smaller proportion of their pro bono service on civil rights and liberties than out-of-state lawyers.

**Table 9. Distribution of Pro Bono Service by Full-Time Lawyers by Service Type and Region**

Section <sup>a</sup>	Capital Region	Central Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region	All of Maryland	Out of State	All Areas
III.A.1	46.2%	42.2%	58.8%	65.5%	65.0%	45.2%	40.6%	43.2%
III.A.2	11.8%	11.5%	14.5%	12.2%	7.0%	11.7%	11.2%	11.5%
III.A.3	6.2%	5.5%	5.0%	4.0%	0.9%	5.7%	11.6%	8.3%
III.A.4	11.8%	14.3%	12.2%	6.7%	12.7%	13.1%	11.6%	12.4%
III.F	24.1%	26.5%	9.5%	11.6%	14.4%	24.3%	25.0%	24.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

<sup>a</sup> Reporting Sections are as follows: III.A.1 People of limited means; III.A.2 Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters addressing the needs of people of limited means; III.A.3 Individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights; III.A.4. Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters furthering their organizational purposes, when the payment of the standard legal fees would significantly deplete the organization's economic resources or would be inappropriate; and III.F Activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession.

The Pro Bono Legal Service Report asks how many of the pro bono service hours provided in Section III.A were on matters referred by pro bono and legal services organizations. Among all reporting full-time lawyers, 23.6% of pro bono hours reported in Section III.A was on matters referred by an organization (*see* Table 10). Lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland reported providing less of their Section III.A pro bono service on matters referred by a pro bono or legal services organization than lawyers with primary addresses out of state.

**Table 10. Percentages of Pro Bono Hours Reported in Step III.A on Matters from a Pro Bono or Legal Services Organization by Region**

Section <sup>a</sup>	Capital Region	Central Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region	All of Maryland	Out of State	All Areas
III.A.1-4	19.8%	22.8%	32.1%	34.0%	14.3%	22.3%	25.2%	23.6%

<sup>a</sup> Reporting Sections are as follows: III.A.1 People of limited means; III.A.2 Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters addressing the needs of people of limited means; III.A.3 Individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights; III.A.4. Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters furthering their organizational purposes, when the payment of the standard legal fees would significantly deplete the

<sup>8</sup> To avoid assumptions about the distribution of reporting errors, percentages shown are out of the raw total pro bono hours reported (*cf.* Note 4).

organization's economic resources or would be inappropriate; and III.F Activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession.

### Practice Areas and Pro Bono Service

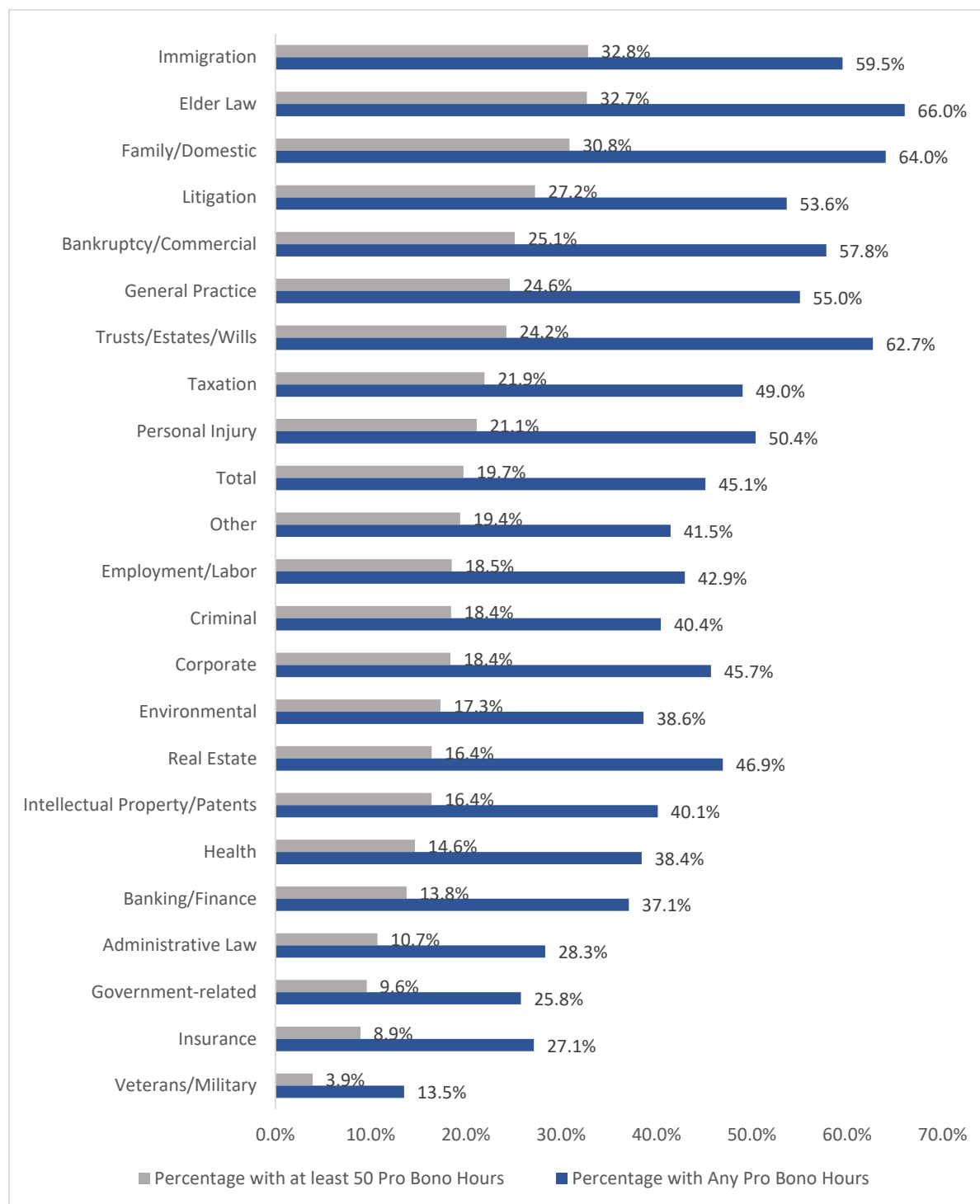
Table 11 shows the five most frequent attorney practice areas contrasted with the five most frequent pro bono service areas among full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland. Rankings are similar whether limited to attorneys' first-ranked pro bono service areas and practice areas of law or including up to 3 pro bono service areas and practice areas of law.

**Table 11. Comparison of Pro Bono Service Areas and Practice Areas Among Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland with Any Pro Bono Activity**

Rank	Pro Bono Service Area - First Ranked	Practice Area - First Ranked	Pro Bono Service Area - Any	Practice Area - Any
1	General Practice	Litigation	General Practice	Litigation
2	Family/Domestic	Family/Domestic	Family/Domestic	Family/Domestic
3	Corporate	Criminal	Corporate	Corporate
4	Criminal	Corporate	Criminal	Criminal
5	Other	Real Estate	Trusts/Estates/Wills	Personal Injury

The percentages of lawyers who reported providing pro bono services differ greatly by reported practice areas of law. Among full-time lawyers, Figure 5 and Table 12 show that 32.8% of lawyers who reported Immigration as the first-ranked practice area reported providing 50 or more pro bono hours, followed by 32.7% among those who reported Elder Law, and 30.8% among those reporting Family/Domestic. The three first-ranked practice areas where the greatest percentages of lawyers reported providing any pro bono service were Elder Law (66.0%), Family/Domestic (64.0%), and Trust/Estates/Wills (62.7%). Table 12.1 provides corresponding figures based on all reported practicing areas of law (up to 3), not just first-ranked practice areas.

**Figure 5. Percent of Attorneys<sup>9</sup> Reporting 50 Hours or More or Reporting Any Pro Bono Hours by First-Ranked Practice Area**



<sup>9</sup> Includes full-time attorneys.

**Table 12. Reported Pro Bono Service by Attorneys' First-Ranked Practice Areas of Law Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	Number of Lawyers	Percentage with At Least 50 Pro Bono Hours	Percentage with Any Pro Bono Hours
<b>Administrative Law</b>	1,841	10.7%	28.3%
<b>Banking/Finance</b>	836	13.8%	37.1%
<b>Bankruptcy/Commercial</b>	462	25.1%	57.8%
<b>Corporate/Business</b>	2,565	18.4%	45.7%
<b>Criminal</b>	2,295	18.4%	40.4%
<b>Elder Law</b>	153	32.7%	66.0%
<b>Employment/Labor</b>	1,616	18.5%	42.9%
<b>Environmental</b>	404	17.3%	38.6%
<b>Family/Domestic</b>	1,462	30.8%	64.0%
<b>General Practice</b>	667	24.6%	55.0%
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<b>Health</b>	622	14.6%	38.4%
<b>Immigration</b>	805	32.8%	59.5%
<b>Insurance</b>	605	8.9%	27.1%
<b>Intellectual Property/Patents</b>	940	16.4%	40.1%
<b>Litigation</b>	3,852	27.2%	53.6%
<b>Personal Injury</b>	1,350	21.1%	50.4%
<b>Real Estate</b>	1,666	16.4%	46.9%
<b>Taxation</b>	506	21.9%	49.0%
<b>Trusts/Estates/Wills</b>	970	24.2%	62.7%
<b>Veterans/Military</b>	282	3.9%	13.5%
<b>Other</b>	1,749	19.4%	41.5%
<b>Blank or Missing</b>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	27,799	19.5%	44.6%

**Table 12.1. Reported Pro Bono Service by Attorneys' Reported Practice Areas of Law (Up to 3) Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	Number of Lawyers <sup>a</sup>	Percentage with At Least 50 Pro Bono Hours	Percentage with Any Pro Bono Hours
Administrative Law	3,226	14.2%	33.7%
Banking/Finance	1,235	16.4%	40.6%
Bankruptcy/Commercial	856	24.6%	57.7%
Corporate/Business	4,146	20.8%	50.0%
Criminal	3,081	22.7%	47.1%
Elder Law	431	34.6%	71.0%
Employment/Labor	2,365	19.8%	44.7%
Environmental	628	19.4%	40.6%
Family/Domestic	2,151	33.8%	67.5%
General Practice	1,821	29.7%	63.0%
Government	3,253	11.4%	28.5%
Health	1,052	16.1%	39.0%
Immigration	1005	34.3%	61.4%
Insurance	1,053	13.4%	36.0%
Intellectual Property/Patents	1,219	18.2%	42.9%
Litigation	6,287	27.8%	54.6%
Personal Injury	2,364	24.2%	55.2%
Real Estate	2,591	19.0%	51.6%
Taxation	846	24.5%	54.7%
Trusts/Estates/Wills	1,828	30.8%	69.9%
Veterans/Military	405	6.7%	20.2%
Other	2,861	21.5%	46.0%
Blank or Missing	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,704</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>48.8%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Total reported practice areas of law exceed the total number of lawyers because lawyers can report up to 3 areas of law.

## Financial Contributions

A total of 3,808 full-time lawyers reported making financial contributions during the fiscal year 2023 reporting period to organizations that provide legal services to people of limited means<sup>10</sup> The total reported financial contributions was \$4,031,742, ranging from \$1 to \$202,000. For reference, in fiscal year 2022, 4,121 lawyers reported \$5,042,025 in financial contributions.

<sup>10</sup> Section A of Step IV of the Pro Bono Legal Services Report.

Smaller proportions of lawyers in Maryland reported providing financial support than lawyers with primary addresses elsewhere.

**Table 13. Percentages of Full-Time Lawyers Who Reported Financial Contributions to Agencies that Provide Legal Services to People of Limited Means, by Region**

Section IV.A*	Capital Region	Central Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region	All of Maryland	Out of State	All Areas
<b>2023</b>	13.6%	12.8%	6.9%	6.5%	5.1%	12.7%	15.1%	13.7%
<b>2022</b>	14.7%	14.1%	8.2%	6.9%	7.5%	13.9%	16.9%	15.2%

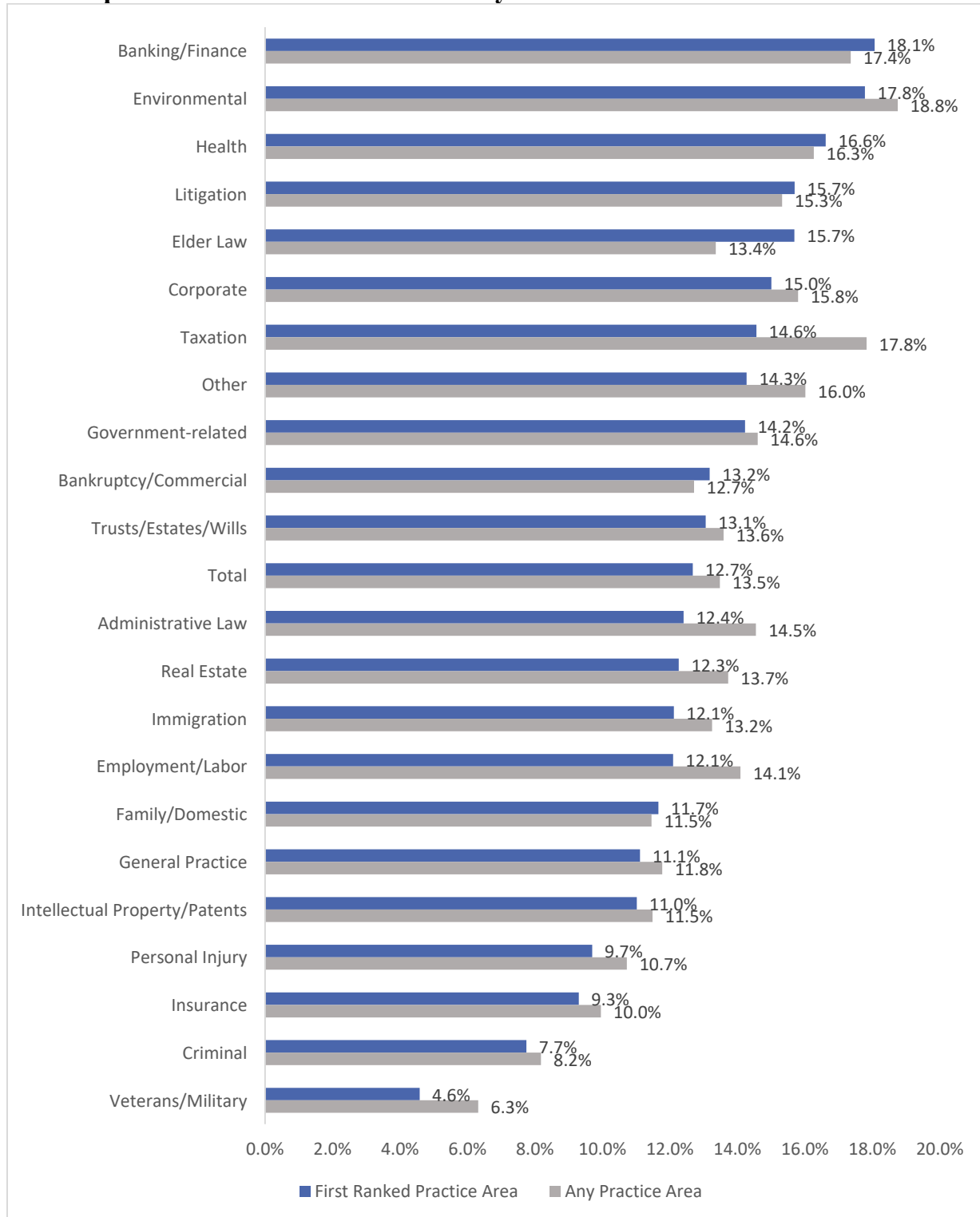
\* Reporting sections are as follows: IV.A: financial contributions made to agencies that provide legal services to people of limited means.

The percentages of full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland who reported financial contributions also varied by reported practice areas. As shown in Table 14, attorneys who reported first-ranked practice areas of law of Banking/Finance, Environmental, and Health had the largest percentages who reported making a financial contribution (regardless of amount). Attorneys who reported first-ranked practice areas of law of Veterans/Military, Criminal, and Insurance law had the smallest percentages reporting financial contributions.

**Table 14. Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland Who Reported Financial Contributions by Practice Areas**

	First Ranked Practice Area			Any Practice Area		
	Number of Lawyers	Number of Lawyers Reporting Contribution	Percentage of Lawyers Reporting Contribution	Number of Lawyers	Number of Lawyers Reporting Contribution	Percentage of Lawyers Reporting Contribution
<b>Administrative Law</b>	1,024	127	12.4%	1,801	262	14.5%
<b>Banking/Finance</b>	382	69	18.1%	605	105	17.4%
<b>Bankruptcy/Commercial</b>	296	39	13.2%	527	67	12.7%
<b>Corporate/Business</b>	1,313	197	15.0%	2,235	353	15.8%
<b>Criminal</b>	1,666	129	7.7%	2,238	183	8.2%
<b>Elder Law</b>	102	16	15.7%	307	41	13.4%
<b>Employment/Labor</b>	794	96	12.1%	1,228	173	14.1%
<b>Environmental</b>	180	32	17.8%	288	54	18.8%
<b>Family/Domestic</b>	1,201	140	11.7%	1,755	201	11.5%
<b>General Practice</b>	468	52	11.1%	1,317	155	11.8%
<b>Government</b>	1,139	162	14.2%	1,733	253	14.6%
<b>Health</b>	313	52	16.6%	578	94	16.3%
<b>Immigration</b>	421	51	12.1%	536	71	13.2%
<b>Insurance</b>	355	33	9.3%	643	64	10.0%
<b>Intellectual Property/Patents</b>	354	39	11.0%	479	55	11.5%
<b>Litigation</b>	1,950	306	15.7%	3,368	516	15.3%
<b>Personal Injury</b>	1,011	98	9.7%	1,800	193	10.7%
<b>Real Estate</b>	1,093	134	12.3%	1,705	234	13.7%
<b>Taxation</b>	261	38	14.6%	460	82	17.8%
<b>Trusts/Estates/Wills</b>	674	88	13.1%	1,347	183	13.6%
<b>Veterans/Military</b>	131	6	4.6%	190	12	6.3%
<b>Other</b>	827	118	14.3%	1,474	236	16.0%
<b>Blank or Missing</b>	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	15,955	2,022	12.7%	26,614	3,587	13.5%

**Figure 6: Percentages of Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland Who Reported Financial Contributions by Practice Areas**





## Pro Bono Service by Employment Type and Firm Size

Table 15 shows the distribution of full-time lawyers by their reported type of employer. Overall, about 58% (15,976) of all lawyers reported practicing in a private firm. The percentage practicing in a private firm was slightly higher among full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland than among lawyers with primary addresses elsewhere (58% and 56.7%, respectively).

**Table 15. Distribution of Full-Time Lawyers by Employer Type**

	Private Firm	Corporate Counsel	Government Agency	Legal Services Organization	Public Interest Organization	Total
<b>Lawyers with Maryland Primary Addresses</b>						
<i>N</i>	9,259	1,599	4,233	394	470	15,955
%	58.0%	10.0%	26.5%	2.5%	2.9%	100.0%
<b>Lawyers with Out-of-State Primary Addresses</b>						
<i>N</i>	6,717	1,756	2,712	176	483	11,844
%	56.7%	14.8%	22.9%	1.5%	4.1%	100.0%
<b>All Lawyers</b>						
<i>N</i>	15,976	3,355	6,945	570	953	27,799
%	57.5%	12.1%	25.0%	2.1%	3.4%	100.0%

Among 15,976 full-time lawyers who reported practicing in a private firm, the plurality (27.1%) reported working at firms with 100 or more lawyers (see Table 16), with similar percentages reporting working as solo practitioners (20.9%) or in firms with 2 to 5 lawyers (21.4%) and percentages otherwise declining as firm size increases.

**Table 16. Distribution of Full-Time Lawyers in Private Firms by Firm Size**

	1 lawyer	2 to 5 lawyers	6 to 20 lawyers	21 to 49 lawyers	50 to 74 lawyers	75 to 99 lawyers	100 or more lawyers	Total
<b>Lawyers in Private Firms with Maryland Primary Addresses</b>								
<i>N</i>	2,433	2,427	1,695	737	414	142	1,411	9,259
%	26.3%	26.2%	18.3%	8.0%	4.5%	1.5%	15.2%	100.0%
<b>Lawyers in Private Firms with Out-of-State Primary Addresses</b>								
<i>N</i>	909	985	943	582	235	152	2,911	6,717
%	13.5%	14.7%	14.0%	8.7%	3.5%	2.3%	43.3%	100.0%
<b>All Lawyers in Private Firms</b>								
<i>N</i>	3,342	3,412	2,638	1,319	649	294	4,322	15,976
%	20.9%	21.4%	16.5%	8.3%	4.1%	1.8%	27.1%	100.0%

The percentages of lawyers in private firms of varying sizes differs greatly by their primary address location. The majority of full-time lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland reported practicing as solo practitioners or in firms of 5 or fewer lawyers, compared to less than one third of lawyers with primary addresses out of state. The difference is especially noticeable among

lawyers in the largest firms. The percentage of lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland who reported working at firms with 100 or more lawyers (15.2%) is about one third of the percentage reported by lawyers out of state (43.3%).

Pro bono activity varied greatly by employment type. As Table 17 indicates, about 82% of full-time lawyers who reported working in government agencies report providing no pro bono service, compared to about 40% of lawyers in private firms. About 6% of lawyers in government and 8% of corporate counsel reported providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service, compared to 28% among lawyers in private firms. A higher proportion of lawyers with Maryland addresses reported providing any pro bono service than lawyers elsewhere, but a smaller percentage reported providing 50 or more hours.

**Table 17. Employer Type and Pro Bono Service Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	Private Firm	Corporate Counsel	Government Agency	Legal Services Organization	Public Interest Organization	Total
<b>All Lawyers</b>						
No pro bono	39.7%	70.6%	81.9%	66.3%	64.8%	55.4%
Less than 50 hours	32.3%	21.9%	12.0%	18.1%	16.5%	25.1%
At Least 50 hours	28.1%	7.5%	6.1%	15.6%	18.7%	19.5%
<b>Lawyers with Maryland Primary Addresses</b>						
No pro bono	38.3%	69.3%	79.7%	66.8%	64.3%	53.9%
Less than 50 hours	34.3%	22.8%	13.2%	19.5%	16.6%	26.6%
At Least 50 hours	27.4%	7.9%	7.2%	13.7%	19.1%	19.5%
<b>Lawyers with Out-of-State Primary Addresses</b>						
No pro bono	41.6%	71.7%	85.3%	65.3%	65.4%	57.4%
Less than 50 hours	29.4%	21.1%	10.3%	14.8%	16.4%	23.1%
At Least 50 hours	29.0%	7.2%	4.4%	19.9%	18.2%	19.6%

Among full-time lawyers who reported working in private firms, firm size is an important predictor of pro bono hours. As Table 18 indicates, outside of lawyers in firms with 100 or more lawyers, as firm size increases the proportion of lawyers reporting any pro bono hours generally decreases.

**Table 18. Firm Size and Pro Bono Service Among Full-Time Lawyers in Private Firms**

	1 lawyer	2 to 5 lawyers	6 to 20 lawyers	21 to 49 lawyers	50 to 74 lawyers	75 to 99 lawyers	100 or more lawyers	Total
<b>All Lawyers</b>								
No pro bono	29.1%	39.0%	54.0%	54.8%	56.2%	53.4%	31.6%	39.7%
Less Than 50 hours	38.0%	33.9%	27.9%	26.5%	25.0%	25.9%	32.5%	32.3%
At Least 50 hours	32.9%	27.2%	18.1%	18.7%	18.8%	20.7%	35.9%	28.1%
<b>Lawyers with Maryland Primary Addresses</b>								
No pro bono	26.8%	37.5%	52.0%	48.6%	51.7%	47.9%	32.7%	38.3%
Less Than 50 hours	39.5%	35.3%	29.4%	30.9%	27.5%	27.5%	33.7%	34.3%
At Least 50 hours	33.6%	27.2%	18.6%	20.5%	20.8%	24.6%	33.5%	27.4%
<b>Lawyers with Out-of-State Primary Addresses</b>								
No pro bono	35.1%	42.5%	57.7%	62.7%	64.3%	58.6%	31.1%	41.6%
Less Than 50 hours	33.8%	30.3%	25.1%	21.0%	20.4%	24.3%	31.9%	29.4%
At Least 50 hours	31.1%	27.2%	17.2%	16.3%	15.3%	17.1%	37.0%	29.0%

Appendix A provides more detailed analysis of pro bono hours provided.

Although providing pro bono service on matters referred by a pro bono or legal services organization entails several benefits,<sup>11</sup> lawyers reported providing much of their pro bono service on matters not referred by such organizations. To understand why lawyers forego those benefits, Section III Step D of the Pro Bono Legal Service Report asks why they provided pro bono outside of an organized program.

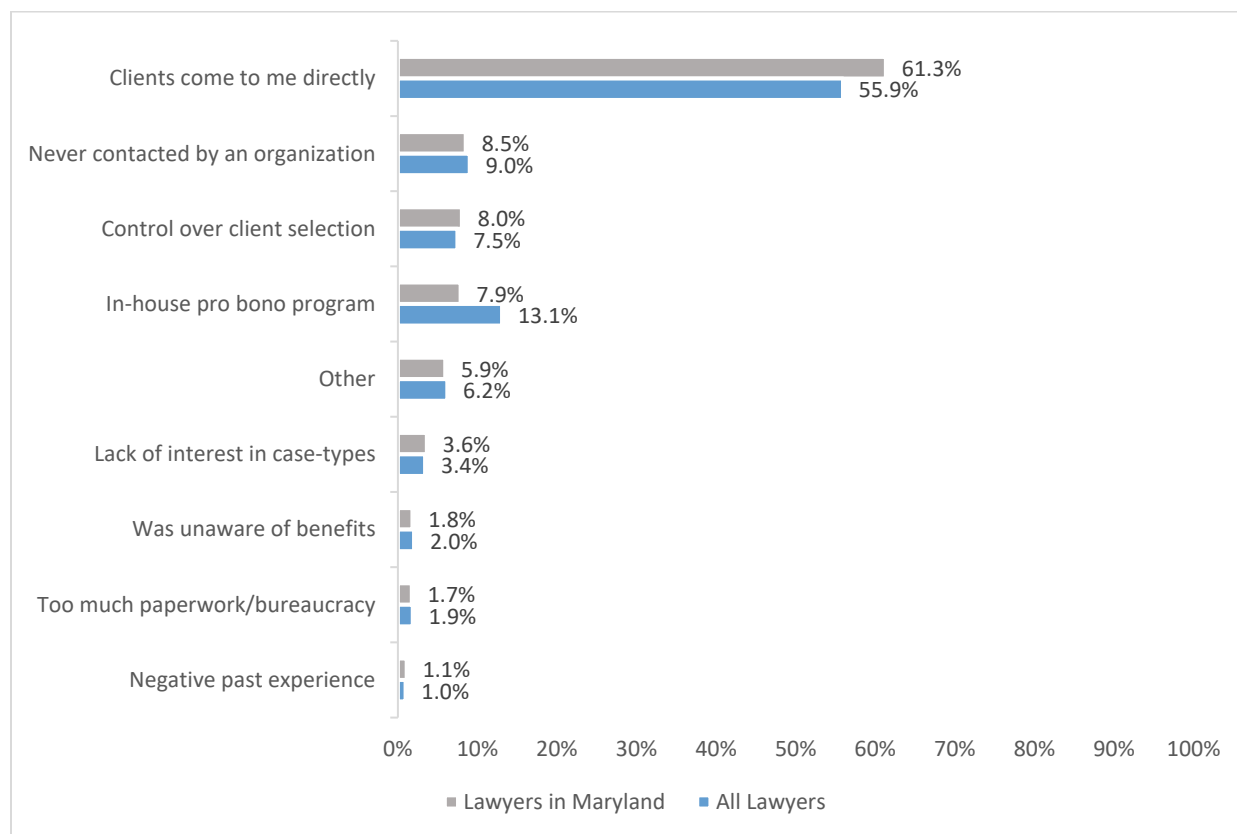
Table 19 and Figure 7 show responses from full-time lawyers who provided a reason for providing pro bono service outside of an organization. The majority reported that clients come to them directly. About 13% of lawyers mentioned an in-house pro bono program, about 9% reported that they were never contact by an organization, and about 8% selected control over client selection. Fairly small numbers of respondents selected other reasons.

<sup>11</sup> Most legal services organizations provide training, mentoring, malpractice insurance, eligibility screening of clients, and a litigation fund.

**Table 19. Reasons for Pro Bono Service Outside of an Organized Program Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	All Lawyers		Lawyers in Maryland	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
In-house pro bono program	895	13.1%	335	7.9%
Clients come to me directly	3,823	55.9%	2,611	61.3%
Control over client selection	511	7.5%	342	8.0%
Too much paperwork/bureaucracy	128	1.9%	74	1.7%
Negative past experience	66	1.0%	47	1.1%
Was unaware of benefits	139	2.0%	78	1.8%
Lack of interest in case-types	234	3.4%	155	3.6%
Never contacted by an organization	617	9.0%	363	8.5%
Other	424	6.2%	253	5.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,837</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 7. Reasons for Pro Bono Service Outside of an Organized Program Among Full-Time Lawyers**

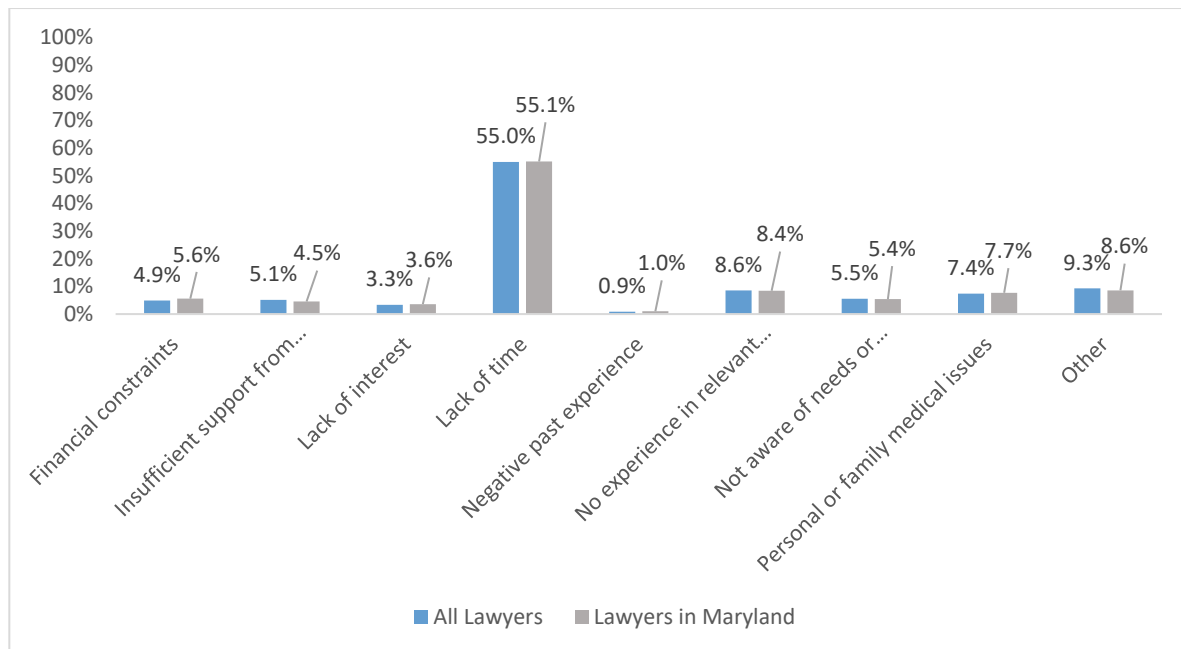


The Pro Bono Legal Service Report asks lawyers who did not provide any pro bono service what prevented them (Step III Section E in AIS). Attorneys can select up to 3 reasons. Lack of time was by far the most common response selected among all full-time attorneys (55% of responses). Other frequent responses selected were lack of experience in relevant practice areas (8.6%), medical issues (7.4%), and Other (9.3%). Response patterns were similar among the subset of lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland. And Table 21 and Figure 7 show that response patterns were generally similar among all lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland and those in Maryland who report working in government agencies.

**Table 20. Reasons Preventing Pro Bono Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	All Lawyers		Lawyers in Maryland	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial constraints	1,057	4.9%	683	5.6%
Insufficient support from office/firm	1,108	5.1%	557	4.5%
Lack of interest	720	3.3%	440	3.6%
Lack of time	11,870	55.0%	6,755	55.1%
Negative past experience	189	0.9%	125	1.0%
No experience in relevant practice areas	1,848	8.6%	1,032	8.4%
Not aware of needs or opportunities	1,195	5.5%	665	5.4%
Personal or family medical issues	1,595	7.4%	943	7.7%
Other	2,003	9.3%	1,050	8.6%
Total	21,585	100.0%	12,250	100.0%

**Figure 8. Reasons Preventing Pro Bono Among Full-Time Lawyers**



**Table 21. Reasons Preventing Pro Bono Among Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland Working in Government Agencies**

	All Lawyers in Maryland		Government Lawyers in Maryland	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial constraints	683	5.6%	149	3.2%
Insufficient support from office/firm	557	4.5%	245	5.2%
Lack of interest	440	3.6%	150	3.2%
Lack of time	6,755	55.1%	2,530	53.8%
Negative past experience	125	1.0%	24	0.5%
No experience in relevant practice areas	1,032	8.4%	440	9.4%
Not aware of needs or opportunities	665	5.4%	205	4.4%
Personal or family medical issues	943	7.7%	365	7.8%
Other	1,050	8.6%	594	12.6%
<b>Total</b>	12,250	100.0%	4,702	100.0%

## Conclusion

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This report provides analyses of information reported by licensed Maryland attorneys on their pro bono activities during the Fiscal Year 2023 reporting period. The percentages of lawyers who reported participating in pro bono activities or making financial contributions are not directly comparable reporting periods prior to Fiscal Year 2021.

The data show large numbers of Maryland full-time attorneys did not provide any pro bono service during the reporting period. Among those that did, significant numbers did not meet the 50-hour aspirational goal established by Maryland Rule 19-306.1.

The available data offer some potential explanations why more attorneys did not participate or reach 50 or more hours. We further note that the relatively large percentages of Maryland lawyers practicing in smaller firms might not have the resources or margins available to lawyers in larger firms, making the financial burden of pro bono work relatively more difficult to bear. And the relatively large share of lawyers working in government agencies may be subject to rules or policies, whether official and formal, or implicit and informal, inhibiting outside legal practice, including pro bono service.

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## Technical Appendix

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1. The data retrieved from AIS include information from the Pro Bono Service Reports of 42,619 attorneys admitted to practice in Maryland and with active status in AIS. We exclude information from:
  - 1.1. reports of 592 attorneys where the date report submitted field was blank (i.e., missing) in the data, indicating the attorney did not submit the Pro Bono Legal Service Report;
2. As indicated on page 5, most of the analyses in this report concern 27,799 attorneys practicing law full time who stated that they were not prohibited from providing pro bono service. We restrict analyses to these attorneys because they are the attorneys to whom the 50-hour aspirational goal applies.
  - 2.1. As indicated in note 2, because this restriction is a change from versions of this report prior to 2021, the information from previous years may not be directly comparable.
  - 2.2. We consider attorneys who selected “Full-time practice of law” in Step I.A in response to the question “What type of practice did you engage in during the reporting period?” as engaged in full-time practice of law.
3. Much of this report analyzes attorneys by their primary address location.
  - 3.1. As mentioned in note 3, for 5 attorneys with more than 1 primary address in AIS we use the business address rather than personal address or address of unknown type. The address used affects the state or county for 2 of the 5 attorneys. Using business addresses places 1 attorneys in in Maryland (Montgomery County) rather than Washington, D.C. and 1 attorney in Washington, D.C. rather than Maryland (Baltimore City).
  - 3.2. As mentioned on page 6, we categorize 24 full time attorneys as having other “Other U.S.” (not Maryland, Washington, D.C., or Virginia) primary addresses if the primary address is an overseas military or diplomatic address (14 attorneys), in the U.S. Virgin Islands (3 attorneys), Puerto Rico (6 attorneys) or American Samoa (1 attorney).
  - 3.3. Analyses by county of attorneys with primary addresses in Maryland exclude 71 full-time attorneys who have a primary address in a state other than Maryland but also list a Maryland county.
  - 3.4. As mentioned in note 7, for attorneys with primary addresses in Maryland, County is generally the county listed for the primary address in AIS. For 366 attorneys with primary addresses in Maryland but missing a county in AIS, we used the ZIP code from the primary address and the ZIP Code Lookup Table available from the Maryland Open Data Portal (updated September 12, 2018).
4. For questions on the Pro Bono Service Report where attorneys can select more than one response (e.g., practice jurisdiction, practice area of law):



- 4.1. if an attorney selected the same choice more than once (e.g., immigration as first- and second-ranked practice area) we exclude any occurrence after the first.
- 4.2. if an attorney has gaps in rankings (e.g., a second-ranked practice jurisdiction but not a first-ranked jurisdiction, first- and third-ranked practice areas but not a second-ranked practice area), we shift third-ranked to second, and second-ranked to first, as appropriate, removing any gaps in rankings.
5. The current report differs from versions of this report prior to 2021 in how it categorizes attorneys as having provided pro bono service, or not, and in how it calculates the number of pro bono hours provided.
  - 5.1. As mentioned in note 5, this report considers activities under Rule 19-306.1(b)(1) or Rule 19-306.1(b)(2) as participation in pro bono and as counting towards the Rule's 50 hour aspirational goal. Versions of this report prior to 2021 included hours on activities under Rule 19-306.1(b)(1) only.
  - 5.2. As mentioned in notes 4, 6, and 8, some attorneys reported implausible or impossible numbers of hours of pro bono service—including 2 attorneys who reported more hours of pro bono than there are hours in a year. Analyses for this report generally top code total hours of pro bono provided at the 99th percentile of 340 hours of pro bono service. We assume reports of more than this reflects data entry errors, calculation errors, or attorneys employed in public interest organizations incorrectly characterizing all their work as pro bono. The exception to this top coding is for the percentage of pro bono service provided by service type. To avoid assumptions about the distribution of reporting errors, these percentages are out of the raw total pro bono hours reported. The 99th percentile used for top coding was 566 hours for the Fiscal Year 2022 report and 570 hours for the Fiscal Year 2021 report. The Fiscal Year 2020 report, rather than top coding at the 99th percentile, excluded attorneys who reported more than 40 hours per week of pro bono service. Following discussion with subject matter experts, we believe top coding at the 99th percentile results in less measurement error than excluding reports above a 40 hour per week threshold.
6. If an attorney reported a negative number of pro bono hours in Step III.A or Step III.F or a negative financial contribution in Step IV, we recode the attorney to missing for that field. If an attorney reported a negative number of pro bono hours in one part of Step III.A or Step III.F, total hours uses the remaining valid responses.

## Appendix A

This Appendix provides a more granular breakdown of pro bono service. Whereas the main body of this report presents information on any pro bono hours, as opposed to none, and 50 pro bono hours or more, this Appendix provides information with additional intermediate cutoffs. This Appendix also subdivides respondents by their number of years admitted. As in the main body of this report, analyses are limited to attorneys who report practicing law full time and not being prohibited from providing pro bono service, and hours include time on activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession (see also notes 2 and 5 and accompanying text).

Table A1 shows the distribution of pro bono hours by attorney location. Although the differences are small, a lower percentage of lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland reported providing 50 or more hours of pro bono service than lawyers with primary addresses out of state, but larger percentages reported participation in pro bono at intermediate threshold levels greater than zero.

**Table A1. Pro Bono Hours Distribution by Location Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	0 Hours	> 0 & ≤ 5 Hours	> 5 & ≤ 10 Hours	> 10 & < 50 Hours	At Least 50 Hours	Total
All Lawyers	55.4%	3.8%	4.5%	16.8%	19.5%	100.0%
Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland	53.9%	4.2%	4.8%	17.7%	19.5%	100.0%
Lawyers with Primary Addresses Out-of-State	57.4%	3.3%	4.1%	15.7%	19.6%	100.0%

Reported pro bono hours differ by years admitted as well. As Table A2 indicates, and although the relationship is by no means perfect, generally the more years admitted, the larger the percentage of attorneys who reported providing larger numbers of pro bono hours. Among lawyers with fewer than 5 years admitted, for example, 60.5% reported providing no pro bono service and 18.3% reported 50 or more hours of pro bono. In comparison, among full-time lawyers admitted 25 or more years, 42.1% reported providing no pro bono service and 26.8% reported 50 or more pro bono hours.

**Table A2. Pro Bono Hours by Years Admitted Among Full-Time Lawyers**

	0 Hours	> 0 & ≤ 5 Hours	> 5 & ≤ 10 Hours	> 10 & < 50 Hours	At Least 50 Hours	Total
Less Than 5 Years	60.5%	3.4%	4.3%	13.5%	18.3%	100.0%
At Least 5 Years & Less Than 10 Years	63.0%	3.4%	3.8%	13.4%	16.4%	100.0%
At Least 10 Years & Less Than 15 Years	63.6%	3.6%	4.1%	14.5%	14.2%	100.0%
At Least 15 Years & Less Than 20 Years	60.7%	4.1%	4.4%	15.2%	15.6%	100.0%
At Least 20 Years & Less Than 25 Years	54.5%	3.9%	4.8%	18.1%	18.6%	100.0%
At Least 25 Years	42.1%	4.0%	5.2%	21.9%	26.8%	100.0%

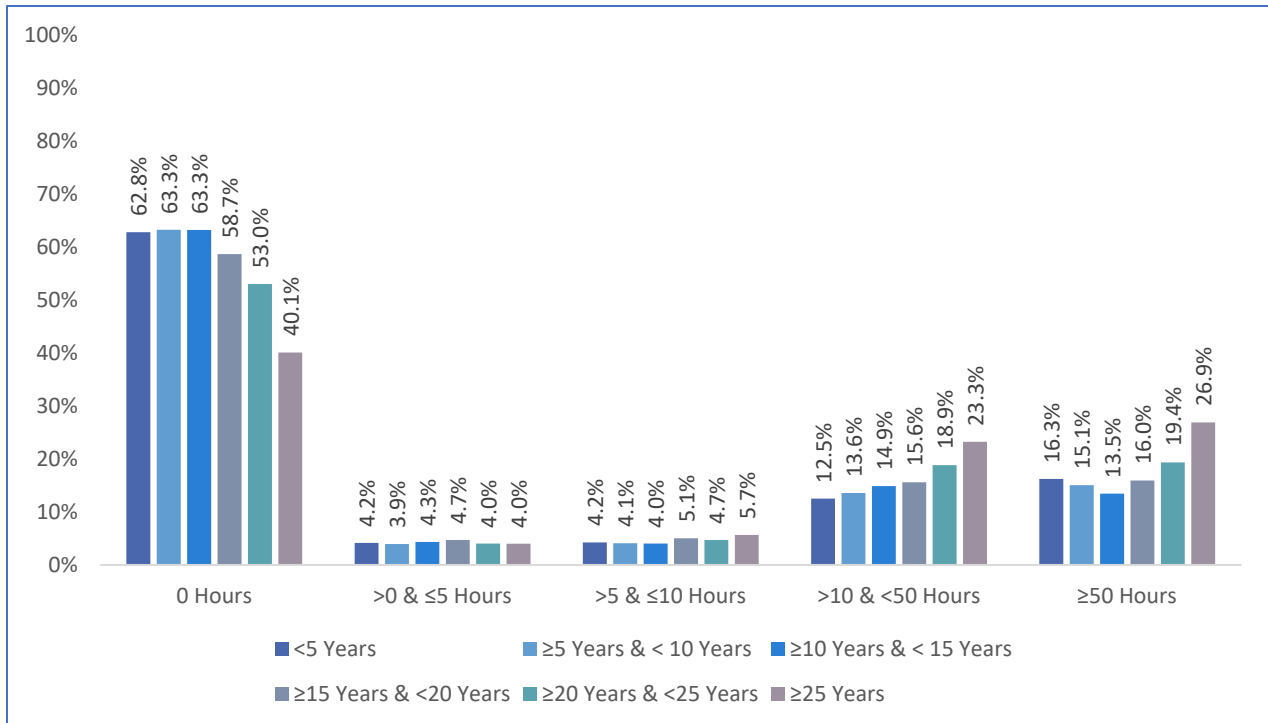
Table A3 shows the distribution limited to lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland. The distribution is generally similar, and in some ways more pronounced as compared to the pattern shown in Table A2.

**Table A3. Pro Bono Hours by Years Admitted Among Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland**

	0 Hours	> 0 & ≤ 5 Hours	> 5 & ≤ 10 Hours	> 10 & < 50 Hours	At Least 50 Hours	Total
Less Than 5 Years	62.8%	4.2%	4.2%	12.5%	16.3%	100.0%
At Least 5 Years & Less Than 10 Years	63.3%	3.9%	4.1%	13.6%	15.1%	100.0%
At Least 10 Years & Less Than 15 Years	63.3%	4.3%	4.0%	14.9%	13.5%	100.0%
At Least 15 Years & Less Than 20 Years	58.7%	4.7%	5.1%	15.6%	16.0%	100.0%
At Least 20 Years & Less Than 25 Years	53.0%	4.0%	4.7%	18.9%	19.4%	100.0%
At Least 25 Years	40.1%	4.0%	5.7%	23.3%	26.9%	100.0%

Figure A1 depicts the information from Table A3 visually.

**Figure A1. Pro Bono Hours by Years Admitted Among Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland**



There could be many reasons for the above differences, one of which could be employer organization type. Table A4 compares the distribution of lawyers with primary addresses in Maryland by type of employer and years admitted. The more years admitted, in general, the more likely lawyers are to report practicing in a private firm. Other employer types generally show decreases as years admitted increases.

**Table A4. Type of Employer by Years Admitted Among Full-Time Lawyers with Primary Addresses in Maryland**

	Private Firm	Corporate Counsel	Government Agency	Legal Services Organization	Public Interest Organization	Total
<b>Less Than 5 Years</b>	57.7%	7.0%	25.0%	4.6%	5.6%	100.0%
<b>At Least 5 Years &amp; Less Than 10 Years</b>	49.7%	10.4%	32.7%	3.7%	3.6%	100.0%
<b>At Least 10 Years &amp; Less Than 15 Years</b>	47.7%	13.0%	34.1%	2.4%	2.9%	100.0%
<b>At Least 15 Years &amp; Less Than 20 Years</b>	53.3%	12.3%	29.8%	1.8%	2.9%	100.0%
<b>At Least 20 Years &amp; Less Than 25 Years</b>	54.7%	11.1%	29.1%	2.0%	3.1%	100.0%
<b>At Least 25 Years</b>	69.5%	8.6%	18.9%	1.5%	1.6%	100.0%

## Appendix B. Sample Pro Bono Legal Service Report

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### SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND LAWYER PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE REPORT

This is your Pro Bono Legal Service Report to be completed in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-503. You must complete and submit the report in AIS by **SEPTEMBER 10th** of each year. Failure to do so may result in decertification to practice law. Access to judicial records is governed primarily by Maryland Rules 16-901 et seq. In addition, Maryland Rule 19-503(e) provides that information provided on this report is confidential and may not be disclosed, although non-identifying information is not confidential.

THE REPORTING PERIOD: July 1, 2023 THROUGH June 30, 2024

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY: Lawyer's status during all or part of the reporting period

A. What type of practice did you engage in during the reporting period?

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| 1. Full-time practice of law   | Yes |
| 2. Part-time practice of law   | No  |
| 3. Judicial law clerk  | No  |
| 4. Judge or Magistrate   | No  |
| 5. Retired - Selecting this option will not change your status. To go on Inactive/Retired status, please contact the Client Protection Fund. | No  |
| 6. Not actively engaged in the practice of law or doing non-legal work   | No  |

B. I was prohibited by statute from providing pro bono service as described in Rule 19-306.1(b)(1) No

PRACTICE AREA:

A. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION WHERE I WORK OR WORKED: Please select one (1) of the following: Civil Legal Services Org.

B. Primary Practice Areas - Select up to three practice areas, ranking them by the volume of your work.

Rank : 1 Practice Area : Other

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C. Primary Practice Jurisdiction - Select up to three jurisdictions, ranking them by the volume of your work.

Rank : 1 Practice County : Anne Arundel County

PRO BONO SERVICE - Questions A-F

A. How many hours of pro bono service did you provide without fee or at a substantially reduced fee to:

1. People of limited means 5

Rank 1 Area of law : Other

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2.Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters 0  
addressing the needs of people of limited means

3.Individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or 5  
public rights

Rank 1 Area of law : Other

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4.Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters 0  
furthering its organizational purposes, when payment of standard legal fees would significantly

Total Hours : 10

B. Of the hours you reported above, how many hours were provided 0  
through a pro bono or legal services organization?

C. What would be an INCENTIVE to engage in pro bono legal work or  
offer more pro bono legal services?

If Other, please specify: This is  
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- D. Most legal service organizations provide training, mentoring, malpractice insurance, eligibility screening of clients, and a litigation fund. If you did any pro bono legal work **OUTSIDE** of an organization, why?
- If Other, please specify: This is your Pro Bono Legal Service Report to be completed in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-503. You must complete and submit the report in AIS by SEPTEMBER 10th of each year. Failure to do so may.**

- E. If you were **UNABLE** to do pro bono legal work this fiscal year, choose up to three reasons to explain why.

NONE

- F. Separate from the hours above, how many hours did you spend participating in activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession? 0

Specify Activities: NONE

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- I understand that I am to report only dollars that I personally contributed myself, not the contributions of my firm. If I am a partner, I understand I may report my partner percentage of contributions made by my firm. Yes
- A. I made financial contributions to one or more agencies that provide legal services to people of limited means as indicated. \$0.00

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Lawyer's signature

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Date Submitted

*(Please enter your full name. Note that, by entering your name here, you are certifying that this form is filed by you personally.)*



## Appendix C. Attorneys Reporting Something Other than Full-Time Practice, Being Prohibited from Providing Pro Bono Service, or Both

As noted above, the main body of this report focuses on attorneys engaged in full-time practice of law and not prohibited from providing pro bono service (*cf.* note 2, *supra*, and accompanying text), hence subject to Rule 19-306.1's 50-hour aspirational goal. This appendix provides information from 14,246 attorneys who provided Pro Bono Legal Service Reports indicating something other than full-time practice of law, being prohibited from providing pro bono service, or both. Approximately 26% of these 14,246 attorneys reported providing 237,371 total hours of pro bono service (*see* notes 4 and 5, *supra*), and 1,724 (12.1%) reported a total of \$1,230,948 in financial contributions to agencies that provide legal services to people of limited means with reported contributions ranging from \$1 to \$100,000.

Table C1 provides the distribution of reported statuses and the percentage of attorneys with each status who reported providing any pro bono service. Table C2 provides the number of attorneys who reported providing pro bono service in each service type and the reported percentage distributions<sup>12</sup> across service types.

**Table C1. Status and Pro Bono Participation by Attorneys Reporting Something Other than Full-Time Practice, Being Prohibited from Providing Pro Bono, or Both**

Attorney Status	Number of Attorneys Reporting Status <sup>b</sup>	Percentage Reporting > 0 Hours of Pro Bono
Not actively engaged in the practice of law or doing non-legal work <sup>a</sup>	7,917	14.8%
Part-time practice of law	4,144	52.3%
Prohibited by statute from providing pro bono service as described in Rule 19-306.1(b)(1)	1,189	25.7%
Retired <sup>a</sup>	1,154	12.7%
Judicial law clerk	249	12.0%
Judge or Magistrate	202	24.8%
Total	14,246	26.1%

<sup>a</sup> Attorney status selections are independent from whether an attorney has Active status in AIS. Selecting Retired or Not actively engaged in the practice of law or doing non-legal work in Step I.A of the Pro Bono Legal Service Report does not change Active Status in AIS to Inactive/Retired.

<sup>b</sup> Selected statuses exceed the total number of lawyers because attorneys can select more than one.

<sup>12</sup> As with the percentages shown in Table 9 for full-time lawyers, *see* note 8 *supra* and accompanying text, percentages shown are out of the total pro bono hours reported without top coding.



**Table C2. Distribution of Pro Bono Service by Service Type for Lawyers Who Report Not Full Time, Prohibited from Pro Bono, or Both**

Section <sup>a</sup>	Number of Attorneys Who Reported Providing > 0 Hours	Percentage of Pro Bono Service in Area
III.A.1	2,196	30.4%
III.A.2	1,109	13.3%
III.A.3	531	8.1%
III.A.4	972	14.3%
III.F	1,372	33.9%

<sup>a</sup> Reporting Sections are as follows: III.A.1 People of limited means; III.A.2 Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters addressing the needs of people of limited means; III.A.3 Individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights; III.A.4. Charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organizations in matters furthering their organizational purposes, when the payment of the standard legal fees would significantly deplete the organization's economic resources or would be inappropriate; and III.F Activities that improve the law, legal system, or the legal profession.

## Appendix D. Incentive to Engage in Pro Bono Legal Work or Offer More Pro Bono Legal Services

Table D1 provides the distribution of responses by full-time attorneys to the question: “What would be an **INCENTIVE** to engage in pro bono legal work or offer more pro bono legal services?” (Section III.C of the Pro Bono Legal Service Report)

**Table D1. What Would Be an Incentive to Engage in Pro Bono Legal Work or Offer More Pro Bono Legal Services? Responses from Full-Time Lawyers**

Response	All Lawyers		Lawyers with Zero Hours Pro Bono		Lawyers with Zero Hours Pro Bono and Primary Addresses in Maryland	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
A compelling client or cause	2,038	7.3%	500	3.2%	307	3.6%
Billable credit or some type of compensation	725	2.6%	304	2.0%	162	1.9%
Brief advice and counsel opportunities	1,517	5.5%	463	3.0%	267	3.1%
Direct client interaction	116	0.4%	17	0.1%	10	0.1%
Feeling that I'm making a difference	1,067	3.8%	241	1.6%	138	1.6%
Limited time commitment	6,306	22.7%	3,234	21.0%	1,887	22.0%
Litigation experience	520	1.9%	131	0.9%	83	1.0%
Litigation skills training	625	2.2%	209	1.4%	115	1.3%
Non-litigation (transactional) opportunities	1,008	3.6%	419	2.7%	250	2.9%
Opportunity to do pro bono work in new area of law	1,067	3.8%	393	2.6%	201	2.3%
Reduced fee or low pro bono opportunities	157	0.6%	28	0.2%	20	0.2%
Strong mentorship	921	3.3%	434	2.8%	255	3.0%
Substantive training in relevant practice areas	2,489	9.0%	1,091	7.1%	625	7.3%
Support from my firm or workplace	1,612	5.8%	1,081	7.0%	565	6.6%
Other	849	3.1%	445	2.9%	245	2.9%
Blank or Missing	6,782	24.4%	6,397	41.6%	3,463	40.3%
Total	27,799		15,387		8,593	

**Figure D1. Responses to the Prompt “What Would Be an Incentive to Engage in Pro Bono Legal Work or Offer More Pro Bono Legal Services?” from Full-Time Lawyers**

