



Polk County Bar Association

Volunteer Lawyers Project

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Dear Polk County Bar Association Members:

The Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project ("PCBA VLP") is a charitable organization established by the Polk County Bar Association with the mission of providing legal services to low income residents of Polk County. With your help, the PCBA VLP is one of the most successful volunteer lawyer programs in the country, with Polk County lawyers donating thousands of hours of their time each year. The need for the services of this project continues to increase as there are now close to 65,000 individuals living at 125% of the poverty guidelines in Polk County. In most cases, volunteer lawyers are the only option for low income citizens in our community.

The PCBA VLP is primarily funded by lawyer donations and a grant from the interest on lawyer trust accounts ("IOLTA"). The PCBA VLP accepted close to 1000 new cases in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Without monetary donations by Polk County lawyers, it is doubtful that the PCBA VLP could continue to provide its services. Your donations are essential for the continued operation of this important program helping to insure that all residents of our community have equal access to justice regardless of income.

The PCBA VLP is a tax-exempt charitable organization which means your donation is tax deductible. You can designate the PCBA VLP as a recipient of your United Way donation or you can make a direct donation to:

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The PCBA VLP also now offers you the ability to make donations on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. This option is available on your Polk County Bar Association membership renewal form.

I respectfully ask that you make a donation to the PCBA VLP today. Given the impact of the decreased IOLTA funding for the PCBA VLP, any amount you can give will make a difference. If you have questions about your donation or if you have questions about volunteering, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Phillips at (515) 243-3904 or contact me at (515) 242-2400.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered to take a case this past year and I thank you for any donation you can make.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Johnson".

Alexander Johnson, President
Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Project

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Brownell".

Maria Brownell, President-Elect
Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Project