



# 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 approximately 5,000 hours of their time annually. In most cases, you are the only option for low income citizens in our community.

Unfortunately, the tough economic conditions have severely impacted the PCBA VLP. Demand for services of the PCBA VLP has never been higher, while our funding continues to decline. The PCBA VLP is primarily funded by your donations and a grant from the interest on lawyer trust accounts ("IOLTA"). Over the last five years IOLTA funding has been reduced by 65%, making your donation more important than ever.

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

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

I respectfully ask you make a donation today. Considering the impact of the significant loss of IOLTA funding to the PCBA VLP, any amount you can give will make a difference and an increased donation, if possible, is encouraged. If you have questions about your donation or if you have questions about volunteering, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Burdette at 515-243-3904 or contact me at 515-288-6041.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nicholas Cooper".

Nicholas Cooper, President  
Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project