



# AUSTRALIAN PRO BONO CENTRE

## National Pro Bono Target Statement of Principles

### For Individual Barristers

**MINDFUL** of the professional responsibility of all lawyers to provide pro bono legal services to address the unmet legal needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the communities in which we live, and

**RECOGNISING** that pro bono is not a substitute for the proper funding by government of Legal Aid agencies and Community Legal Centres:

**I am pleased to join with other lawyers across the country in subscribing to the following statement of principles and in pledging my best efforts to achieve the voluntary target described below.**

- I recognise my professional obligation to provide pro bono legal services. I agree to use my best efforts to ensure that, by no later than 30 June in each financial year, I will undertake a minimum of 35 hours of [pro bono legal services](#) each year.
- In furtherance of these principles, I also agree to monitor my progress towards the target established in this statement and to report annually to the Australian Pro Bono Centre (the Centre) whether I have met the Target in the previous year.
- I acknowledge that when I provide pro bono legal services, I owe the pro bono client the same professional and ethical obligations that are owed to any paying client and accordingly I must give that work the same priority, attention and care as would apply to paid work.

You can find more information about the **National Pro Bono Aspirational Target**, or sign up, by going to:

[probonocentre.org.au/provide-pro-bono/aspirational-target/](https://probonocentre.org.au/provide-pro-bono/aspirational-target/)