

**Linn County Bar Association CLE/Luncheon  
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**I. Iowa's Rule of Professional Conduct (mirrors the ABA Model Rule 6.1)**

**Rule 32:6.1. Voluntary pro bono publico service**

Every lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. A lawyer should aspire to render at least 50 hours of pro bono publico legal services per year. In fulfilling this responsibility, the lawyer should:

(a) provide a **substantial majority of the 50 hours** of legal services **without fee or expectation of fee** to:

- (1) persons of limited means or
  - (2) charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, and educational organizations in matters that are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means;
- and

(b) provide **any additional services** through:

- (1) delivery of legal services at no fee or substantially reduced fee **to individuals, groups, or organizations** seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights, or charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, and educational organizations in matters in furtherance of their organizational purposes, where the payment of standard legal fees would significantly deplete the organization's economic resources or would be otherwise inappropriate;
  - (2) delivery of legal services at a **substantially reduced fee** to persons of limited means;
- or
- (3) participation in activities **for improving the law, the legal system, or the legal profession.**

**In addition, a lawyer should voluntarily contribute financial support** to organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means.

**II. Should Iowa Adopt a Reporting System for Lawyers' Pro Bono Service?**

a. Other States' Reporting Policies

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/reportingarguments.html>

b. Arguments for and against voluntary or mandatory reporting systems

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/reporting/pbreporting.cfm>

c. Guide for Bar Leaders Considering Pro Bono Reporting as a Strategy for Expanding Pro Bono

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/reportingguide.html>