



**RE: NOTICE OF RULE CHANGE- List of Free Legal Services Providers is now the List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers**

Dear Provider:

Your name is currently on the List of Free Legal Services Providers (List). This letter informs you of amendments to the rule governing the List at 8 C.F.R. § 1003.61 *et seq.* The amendments include changes to the eligibility requirements to be included on the List (now known as the “List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers.”) 80 Fed. Reg. 59503.

**Regulatory changes take effect on November 30, 2015. Current providers must meet the new eligibility requirements under the rule and must reapply under the following time-frames in order to remain on the List:**

- **Private attorneys – within six months of the effective date (not later than May 30, 2016)**
- **Organizations and pro bono referral services – within one year of the effective date (not later than November 30, 2016).**

***Information on new eligibility requirements***

Please visit the Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP), List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers’ webpage to find a copy of the rule. OLAP’s Pro Bono List webpage is located at: <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>. Additional resources regarding who is eligible to apply and how to apply to be on the List will be available upon the effective date of the rule.

***New Form EOIR-56***

EOIR has created an optional form, “Request to be Included on the List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers for Individuals in Immigration Proceedings” (Form EOIR-56), which may be used to apply to be included on the List. A copy of the Form EOIR-56 will be available on EOIR’s website after the effective date of the rule. We encourage eligible providers to reapply at your earliest convenience, but not later than 60 days prior to the applicable expiration date of current eligibility noted above.

***Removal from the List***

Providers who no longer wish to be included on the List may contact OLAP in writing and voluntarily withdraw from the List. Additionally, current providers who do not timely reapply will be removed from the List not later than the next quarterly update after the expiration of the applicable period.



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***Updates to the List***

After the effective date of the rule, to update information on the List providers should submit in writing updated information to: ProBono.List.Admin@usdoj.gov or Pro Bono List Administrator, Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP), Executive Office for Immigration Review, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1900.10, Falls Church, VA 22041. The email or letter must include an explanation of the requested change(s) and your contact information. Providers with a pending application or currently on the List must notify OLAP, in writing, within 10 business days, if the provider's contact information has changed, if any specific limitations on providing pro bono legal services have changed, or if the provider is no longer eligible to appear on the List. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.66. Failure to notify OLAP may result in the name of the provider being removed from the List. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.65. The List is updated quarterly (January, April, July and October), and all update requests should be submitted at least four (4) weeks prior to the end of the quarter in which you are requesting an update.

***Questions?***

Should you have any questions after reading this notice and reviewing the information available on OLAP's webpage located at: <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>, you may contact our Pro Bono List Administrator at: ProBono.List.Admin@usdoj.gov or 703-756-8020.

We thank you for your continuing pro bono efforts and look forward to engaging with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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