

Pro Bono Program Celebrates Quarter Century of Success

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association (HRBA) and Blue Ridge Legal Services (BRLS) celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their jointly sponsored Pro Bono Referral Program at the bar's annual Professionalism Seminar on October 10.

Since its inception in 1982, HRBA's Pro Bono Referral Program has helped thousands of low-income clients with civil legal problems receive free legal assistance and garnered national recognition as one of the most successful, longest-running pro bono programs in the nation. From 1986–2006, HRBA's membership closed 2,093 pro bono cases,

representing approximately \$2.4 million in donated legal services.

October's Professionalism Seminar included a two-hour continuing legal education ethics course with presentations by U.S. Magistrate Judge B. Waugh Crigler, tax attorney Jeffrey G. Lenhart, and John E. Whitfield, BRLS executive director. Judge Crigler presented awards to bar members M. Steven Weaver and Glenn M. Hodge for their twenty-five years of service as team leaders for the Pro Bono Referral Program. The bar also presented Whitfield with an award for his years of service to the community with BRLS.

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