

# Chanakya National Law University

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To

The Alumni,

Chanakya National Law University, Patna

**Subject: Appeal to get registered as a Pro Bono Advocate under the Nyaya Bandhu Programme.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are delighted to inform that CNLU has been listed as one of Law Schools associated with the Pro Bono Club Scheme, Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) programme of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.

The term pro bono, stands for "*pro bono publico*", a Latin term which means "for the public good". In practice, the term is used specifically in the context of the legal profession- referring to the practice of giving voluntary legal advice to individuals and organisations that are unable to afford legal advice and/or cannot access legal aid. Those in genuine need of legal help are, thus, represented by lawyers for free or at a minimal cost – presenting them with an opportunity to meaningfully address their legal problems.

Through this letter, we implore the lawyer in you, to come and join us, in making the club of your *alma mater* a success.

## **Pro Bono Club Scheme**

Pro Bono Club Scheme has come into being to strengthen the existing pro bono programme, by integrating law schools and students within its fold. The primary objective of this scheme is to improve efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance in research and drafting to the pro bono advocates through competent law students. The club will provide aid in pro bono cases, organise legal aid clinics and raise awareness among unprivileged about their rights and free legal aid services available to them.

Visit - <https://probono-doj.in/home/index>, for more information.

## **Become a Pro Bono Advocate: Why and How?**

Being a citizen of the country that promises equal right and equal protection of law to every citizen, it is our social responsibility to ensure protection of everyone's rights, especially the unprivileged ones.

It is an implied duty of the lawyers to come forward to fill the unjustifiable gap and realise the Constitutional Spirit of equal justice and free legal aid. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono legal services) programme provides the perfect opportunity to be advocate not only by letter but by spirit too.

Any lawyer with a valid practicing license registered with any **State Bar Council** is eligible to volunteer his/her legal services through the Department of

Download the Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) Mobile App and register yourself as a Pro Bono Advocates.

**How does the app work?** <https://probono-doj.in/home/index>

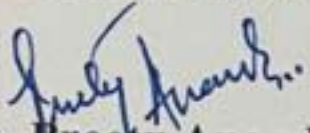
- Please read the 'About Pro Bono' page reached by clicking the pro bono logo on Home screen or 'About Pro Bono' link in the 'Menu' bar. Familiarize yourself with terms and conditions and frequently asked questions (FAQs). You may contact the Department of Justice at any time through 'Feedback' link available on 'Menu' bar.

- Register your 'Basic' and 'Pro Bono' profile by clicking on Login / Sign up menu (top left corner).
- After your profile has been approved by Department, you may be assigned a case by an applicant based on your court(s) and area(s) of practice. These details will be available under 'Pending Acceptance' head on 'Advocate Cases' page. After preliminary scrutiny, you may accept or reject (with reasons) the case.
- Once you accept a case, the details will reflect under 'Ongoing Cases' on 'Advocate Cases' page. Here you can exchange regular updates with the applicant.
- Once you are duly satisfied, you may mark a case as completed, indicating the nature of final order made by the court.

We look forward to having you registered under the Scheme to serve the helpless ones in the need of legal assistance for protection of their interests.

Best Wishes.

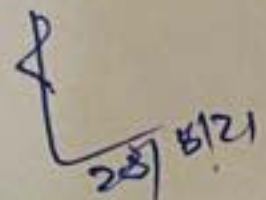
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