



New Pro Bono Program!

The Social Security Administration is looking for attorneys to volunteer as representative payees for beneficiaries in Maryland who cannot manage their monthly benefit payments. The agency recently announced implementation of the Maryland Representative Payee Pro Bono Pilot, which offers attorneys the opportunity to provide pro bono services to some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community – the young, the elderly, and the disabled.

- Appropriate for any attorney regardless of specialty or experience level
- Does not require a significant investment of time
- SSA will provide any needed training or assistance to attorney volunteers
- Any licensed attorney in good standing in any jurisdiction is welcome to volunteer

Prior to his judicial appointment, Carroll County Circuit Court Judge Fred S. Hecker served as a representative payee for several beneficiaries and said of the role:

“Service as a representative payee is rewarding, and does not require a significant investment of time. I would encourage any attorney who is interested in fulfilling the Court of Appeals’ aspirational goal of providing pro bono service to check out this opportunity with SSA.”

How to volunteer

Visit the Pro Bono Pilot Website www.socialsecurity.gov/payee/probonopilot.htm and complete an online registration form.

For more information about this opportunity, email ProBonoPilot@ssa.gov or contact Janet M. Truhe, Esq. at **410-966-7203** or Janet.Truhe@ssa.gov.