



# PROBONO<sup>TM</sup>

## PARTNERSHIP / ATLANTA 2017 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



Our mission is to maximize the impact of pro bono engagement by connecting a network of volunteer attorneys with nonprofits in need of free business legal services.

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The PBPA Board of Directors created a strategic plan in 2015 to chart our growth through 2018. I'm proud to report that as we review 2017 and reflect on what transpired, we exceeded all of our goals and touched more nonprofit clients than ever before. We also established new collaborations with partners like Junior League of Atlanta, the Georgia Bar Foundation, and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

We are especially indebted to the Harland Charitable Foundation. Their challenge grant of \$15,000 helped us to raise \$36,000 in new and increased gifts from individuals. More than 100 nonprofit clients are represented within the ranks of these donors, which makes us especially proud.

Our partners include corporations and law firms, nonprofit associations, funders, county collaboratives, Atlanta Bar and Georgia Bar law Sections, and the Association of Corporate Counsel – Georgia Chapter. We are grateful for you all! Thanks to you, we provided \$4.5 million in pro bono legal services to nonprofits across Greater Atlanta, opening the door to greater impact for the disadvantaged.

Thank you,



Rachel Epps Spears, Executive Director

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# 2017

## by the Numbers

# \$4.5 million

estimated value of free legal services  
donated by volunteer attorneys

# 723

attorneys  
volunteered to assist



# 246

nonprofit  
organizations with



# 796

legal matters!



# 97%

of clients were  
satisfied with the  
legal assistance  
they received from  
volunteer attorneys

# 98%

of volunteers  
were satisfied with  
their nonprofit  
client matches

*I love doing work with PBPA  
– I recently helped an amazing  
nonprofit client that is changing  
the lives of children and teens in  
Atlanta for the better, and they  
were amazingly grateful for the  
small part I played. Working  
with PBPA clients is hugely  
fulfilling and I'm lucky to be  
able to do so.*

*- Jeffrey Kirsh  
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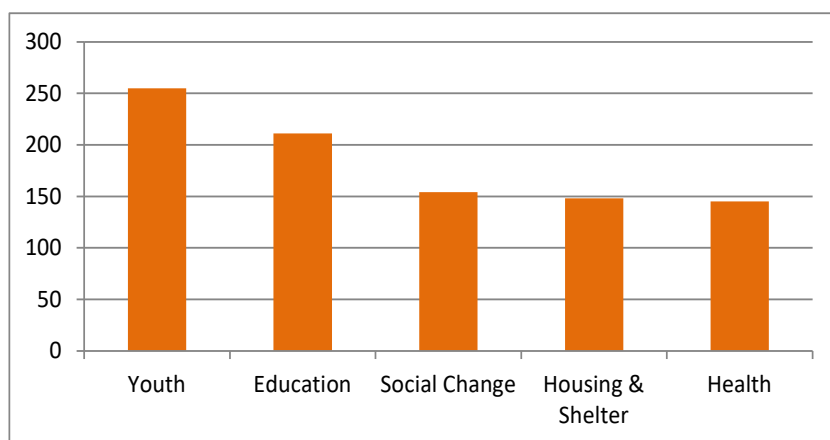
## A Little About Our Nonprofit Clients

The 5 Most Common Legal Challenges that our clients face



Our clients serve **53** counties in Georgia.

### Nonprofit Client Area of Focus



**In 2017...**



**65**

nonprofit clients participated in

**7**

Nonprofit Legal Check-Up & Rapid Remedy clinics with help from



**223**

volunteer attorneys and paralegals

PBPA offers free legal education workshops each month, and free webcasts and articles at [www.pbpatl.org](http://www.pbpatl.org)

**961**

nonprofit professionals and attorneys attended

**47**

workshops and webcasts free of charge

# The Nonprofit Client-Attorney Volunteer Relationship

In the winter of 2017, Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless had one big problem. It was dangerously close to losing its building and, with it, its entire metro Atlanta operation.



Civil rights activist Reverend Hosea L. Williams Sr. founded Hosea Feed the Hungry in 1971 with the goal of serving Atlanta's homeless population. Now under the leadership of his daughter, Elisabeth Omilami, the organization provides food and other necessities to impoverished families. Additionally, Hosea

puts on holiday dinners, offers haircuts, helps individuals navigate overdue rent and utility payments, and invests in urban agriculture programs.

When Hosea's building was purchased, the organization had three months to move out or face paying an exorbitant amount per month in rent. **Without a building to operate in, Hosea could not provide services. The organization's current source of funding required it to be actively providing services to receive funds, so Hosea would lose all of its funding.** As a result, Hosea either needed to find a new place, or potentially close its doors for good.

After a bit of searching, the group located a building which would provide Hosea with plenty of space and easy access to its client community. **Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta pulled together a team of volunteer attorneys to negotiate a contract to purchase the new building as well as the terms of the bank loan. Hosea was able to move into its own space without an interruption in its important services.**

This legal matter required over **258 hours** of donated attorney time, valued at **\$90,000** in legal fees.

**Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless**

has served

**500,000+** families with the

help of **20,000+** volunteers since **1971.**

Since **2012**, PBPA has advised Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless on **44** legal matters

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