

**You're retiring,
but your law degree
doesn't have to.**



**Transition into
emeritus status
and practice
only pro bono.**

*"I want to give back to my profession
that has given so much to me."*

-Charlie Phillips, Salem, emeritus member

- **Free CLEs**
- **No dues**
- **Affiliation, not supervision**
- **Choose your passion**

There are tens of thousands of Virginians who need your help but cannot afford an attorney. Whether it's one day a month or five days a week, your legal experience could change the life of a child, a family, a community.

When you retire, you can help close the justice gap in Virginia by practicing pro bono as an emeritus member of the Virginia State Bar. Emeritus designation allows you to stay engaged in the practice of law without worrying about dues or the clients' protection fund fee.

As an emeritus member, you must continue to keep up your yearly education requirements, but you will be eligible for 12 FREE hours of CLE credit from Virginia CLE.

Emeritus members must be affiliated with a Qualified Legal Services Provider of their choice, but they no longer have to be supervised by a legal aid attorney while doing their pro bono work.

To be eligible:

1. You are willing to limit your practice exclusively to pro bono service.
2. You are an active, associate, or retired member of the bar in good standing and not the subject of discipline by our bar or any court within the past 15 years.
3. You have practiced law for 20 years or more.
4. You have been actively practicing for five of the seven years immediately preceding your application.
5. You certify your affiliation with a Qualified Legal Services Provider.
6. You certify whether or not you are covered by malpractice insurance.

You can apply at any time.

For questions about the program, contact the VSB Pro Bono / Access to Legal Services department at (804) 775-0522.

To start the application process toward emeritus status, call the membership department at (804) 775-0530.

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