



Perspectives

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PUBLIC SERVICES

With the assistance of volunteer lawyers, the Public Services Division educates the public on common legal issues such as bankruptcy, divorce, wills and landlord/tenant disputes. These programs help members of the public with their legal needs and emphasize the positive role lawyers play in their communities.

Here's a look at the numbers:

86 free legal clinics were held throughout the state, serving more than 1,400 South Carolinians.

6 of the seven-week Law School for Non-Lawyers course were held, reaching nearly 200 citizens in Columbia, Dillon, Florence, N. Charleston, Rock Hill and Spartanburg.

9 phone banks and web chats were held in conjunction with TV stations throughout the state.

268 citizens had their legal questions addressed during an all-day, statewide Ask-A-Lawyer event on October 23 in observance of Celebrate Pro Bono Week.

942 legal questions have been answered via SCLawAnswers.org since its launch in November 2012, through the assistance of 85 Bar member volunteers.

374 Bar members currently participate in the Lawyer Referral Service, which offers a simple, inexpensive and practical method of introducing people with legal problems to qualified lawyers.