**Pro Bono Corner**

By Rebecca Redwine and Jill Walters

**CARE Project – Presenters Needed** | Volunteers are greatly needed to present our section's CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) program at local community colleges. The CARE program is a PowerPoint presentation with presenter guide that is targeted toward college students, particularly college freshmen. The presentation and presenter guide will both be provided to volunteers. We are coordinating efforts statewide to get the program to as many community colleges (59 campuses) as possible and the first of those presentations are currently being scheduled. Expect regular requests for volunteers in the future as we hear from interested colleges and start to tie down presentation dates.

Right now, we need presenters to volunteer at Alamance Community College in the spring. Please help us get this ambitious project off the ground!

Butterfly Financial Education has graciously donated time to update our presentation, which gives students basic financial management information such as minimizing student loan debt, dealing with student loans after graduation, wise use of credit, building credit history, credit reports and scores, etc. The CARE presentation has been very well received in the past by students with spirited discussion and Q&A. If you are interested in volunteering as a presenter for Alamance Community College or in any other county, please contact Trip Adams at tadams@spilmanlaw.com or (336)-631-1067.

**NC LEAP – Phone Interviewers Needed** | NC LEAP assists low wealth entrepreneurs with the legal aspects of getting their businesses started. Applicants are screened for eligibility, before matching them with legal counsel, by submitting their latest income tax return and a business plan. A phone interview is then scheduled. The phone interview is an opportunity to see the financial picture of the applicant, get a clearer idea as to where the applicant is in the actual development of his/her business, and the need of that applicant in connection with NC LEAP assistance.

Interviews typically last about 30 minutes and interviewers are provided with a form that prompts questions to pose to the applicant in order to get the information needed to make an educated recommendation as to eligibility.

The Phone Interview is an important piece to the NC LEAP process with minimal time commitment. As a volunteer, you decide how many interviews you would like to conduct in a week or a month. It is up to you how much or how little you want to do.

Training and orientation for NC LEAP Interviewers is provided online through NC LEAP and lasts approximately one hour. Visit this website or contact Rebecca Redwine to volunteer! [https://www.ncbar.org/public-resources/nc-leap/volunteer/](https://www.ncbar.org/public-resources/nc-leap/volunteer/)

**2017 Pro Bono Award Presented at 40th Annual Bankruptcy Institute**

This year’s Pro Bono Award for the North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section was presented to Mr. Matthew Crow at the annual meeting for the 40th Bankruptcy Institute in Asheville, North Carolina. This award is given each year to recognize the section member who has outstanding achievement in pro bono. Matthew was nominated by his peers and was chosen as this year’s award winner for his dedication to serving the underprivileged and those who would otherwise go without legal representation. Matthew is an attorney with The Crow Law Firm in Monroe, North Carolina. Congratulations to Matthew on the receipt of this award! We look forward to honoring our next recipient when we gather again in November 2018.

**4ALL 2018 Campaign** | The 4ALL Statewide Service Day is an annual public service event sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation. As part of the Statewide Day of Service, attorneys volunteer to staff call centers statewide, including sites in Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville, Raleigh, and Wilmington. On the day of 4ALL, members of the public are invited to call in to speak with a North Carolina lawyer for free. This year’s 4ALL event will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018.

Please sign up now to participate in 4ALL 2018 -- the 11th year of 4ALL! During this day, bankruptcy is always an area of need. Shifts are only three hours long and are available beginning at 6:00am and throughout the day. You may also sign up as a “floater” if you are experienced in a particular area, and instead of answering phones, you will simply answer questions from attorneys who are fielding calls, who need assistance with a particular question.

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**From the Paralegal Division**

Do you utilize paralegals in your firm? Are you looking for ways to foster their professional development through continuing education and other opportunities? One way is to encourage them to join the Paralegal Division of the North Carolina Bar Association. Membership in the Paralegal Division is an affordable investment. For $60 a year, members enjoy access to reduced, reasonably priced or even free continuing education opportunities; free access to FastCase and BarCARES, an active listserve where members help each other on questions, suggestions or to share job opportunities; and networking opportunities with paralegals across the State.

Additionally, the Paralegal Division offers ample opportunity for professional development: by working on one of our many active committees, as a liaison to a Section, or in a leadership role on the Paralegal Division Council. Members also have the opportunity to get involved with pro bono projects throughout the state.

The Paralegal Division invites you to share this opportunity within your office and encourage your paralegals to join.