Libraries Launch Legal Drop-in Clinic

Where can you get free, limited legal advice and counsel on civil issues? At the library, of course.

The North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center and the Wake County Bar Association are teaming up with Wake County Public Libraries to present Ask a Lawyer, a new monthly drop-in clinic. Visitors will be able to meet with a lawyer one-on-one to talk about civil issues.

“At Wake County Public Libraries, we’re always looking for ways to provide new, innovative resources to our patrons,” said Sarah Lyon, library experience manager. “We’re thrilled that we’re able to partner with local organizations to make that happen and meet a need in our community.”

Ask a Lawyer will take place from 5 – 8 p.m. at two Wake County Public Libraries locations. It kicks off in October, which is Pro Bono Awareness Month. Clinics are planned for:

- Southeast Regional Library: Tuesday, Oct. 1, and the first Tuesday of each month going forward.
• East Regional Library: Tuesday, Oct. 15, and the third Tuesday of each month going forward.

For more information about the program, contact Sarah Lyon at sarah.lyon@wakegov.com or 919.250.3870.

About Wake County Public Libraries
The mission of Wake County Public Libraries is to promote the love of reading and to foster the pursuit of knowledge for the residents of Wake County. In fiscal year 2018, our 22 libraries were visited more than 3.43 million times, and 235,251 people were active library cardholders.

About the Wake County Bar Association
Since 1925, the Wake County Bar Association has been serving the public and the profession as the premier local bar association for the more than 5800 attorneys in Wake County, NC. Membership is voluntary for lawyers and judges who practice and reside in Wake County and are engaged in private practice, government service, corporate employment and the judiciary. The WCBA provides continuing legal education, pro bono and public service opportunities, networking and social events for our members to connect with each other and our community.

About the NC Pro Bono Resource Center
The NC Pro Bono Resource Center is a program of the NC Equal Access to Justice Commission, a commission of the North Carolina Supreme Court working to expand access to the civil justice system for people of low income and modest means in North Carolina. One of only a handful of similar statewide centers in the country, the Pro Bono Center has two goals: (1) to develop pro bono projects with existing stakeholders statewide; and (2) to provide support for existing pro bono activities in the state, including recruitment, training, and communication.

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