

2022 Certified Lawyers on Call Annual Report

Dear CLOC Adviser,

As you recall, the BLSE CLOC Service went live in January 2019. There have been 55 requests for advice made by legal aid organization staff attorneys in the past thirty-six months, with about 15 of those requests in the past 12 months. The number of requests made in 2020-21 was nearly identical to the number made in 2021-22. Most of the requests for advice continue to be in the certification area of Family and Marital Law, with Real Estate Law coming in a respectable second place.

Requests for advice have been received from staff attorneys working for Bay Area Legal Services, Cuban American Bar Association (an approved legal aid provider for Greater Miami Legal Services), Greater Miami Legal Services, Legal Services of North Florida, Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Florida Rural Legal Services, and Legal Aid of Manasota.

There are approximately 215 CLOC Service volunteer advisers, so you can easily see why you might not have been contacted yet to provide advice. Advisers continue to be assigned on a random basis, and no adviser will be selected more than once until all advisers have been selected at least once in that same certification area.

The CLOC Service is linked on The Florida Bar's [Board Certification website](#) and [The Florida Bar Foundation's website](#). I continue to serve as a member of the Florida Pro Bono Coordinators Association and will promote the CLOC Service on its listserv and at its meetings. I could still use assistance in promoting the CLOC Service on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. If any adviser is interested in assisting with promotion of the Service in that manner or in any other way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Advice given by CLOC advisers to date continues to be very well received and appreciated by the legal aid organization staff attorneys seeking advice and the clients they serve. At the same time, The Florida Bar Board Certification Program has received positive exposure. The CLOC Service, through your willingness to volunteer your expertise, continues to fulfill its mission of providing expert legal advice to legal aid organizations and their pro bono clients in complex legal matters.

Thank you for volunteering as an adviser. Stay well!

Best regards,

Steve Rubin
BLSE CLOC Service Coordinator