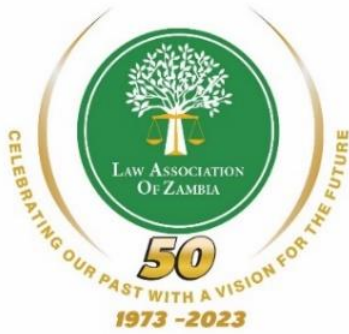




LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME

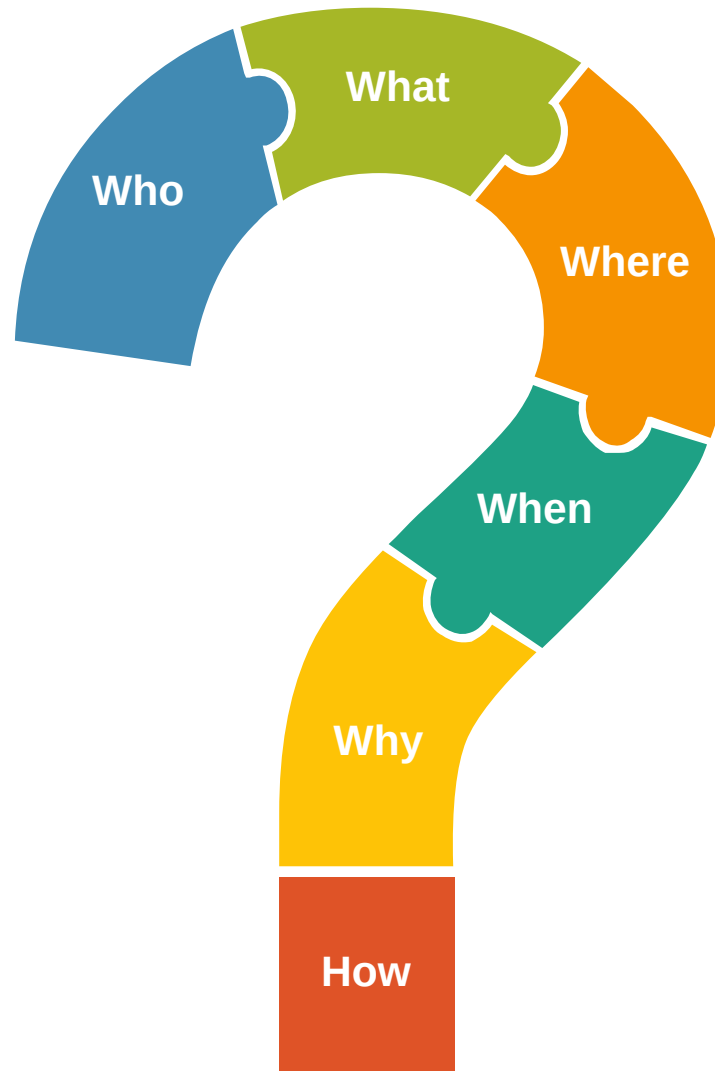
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME

Do Pro-bono cases only have to be matters of litigation?

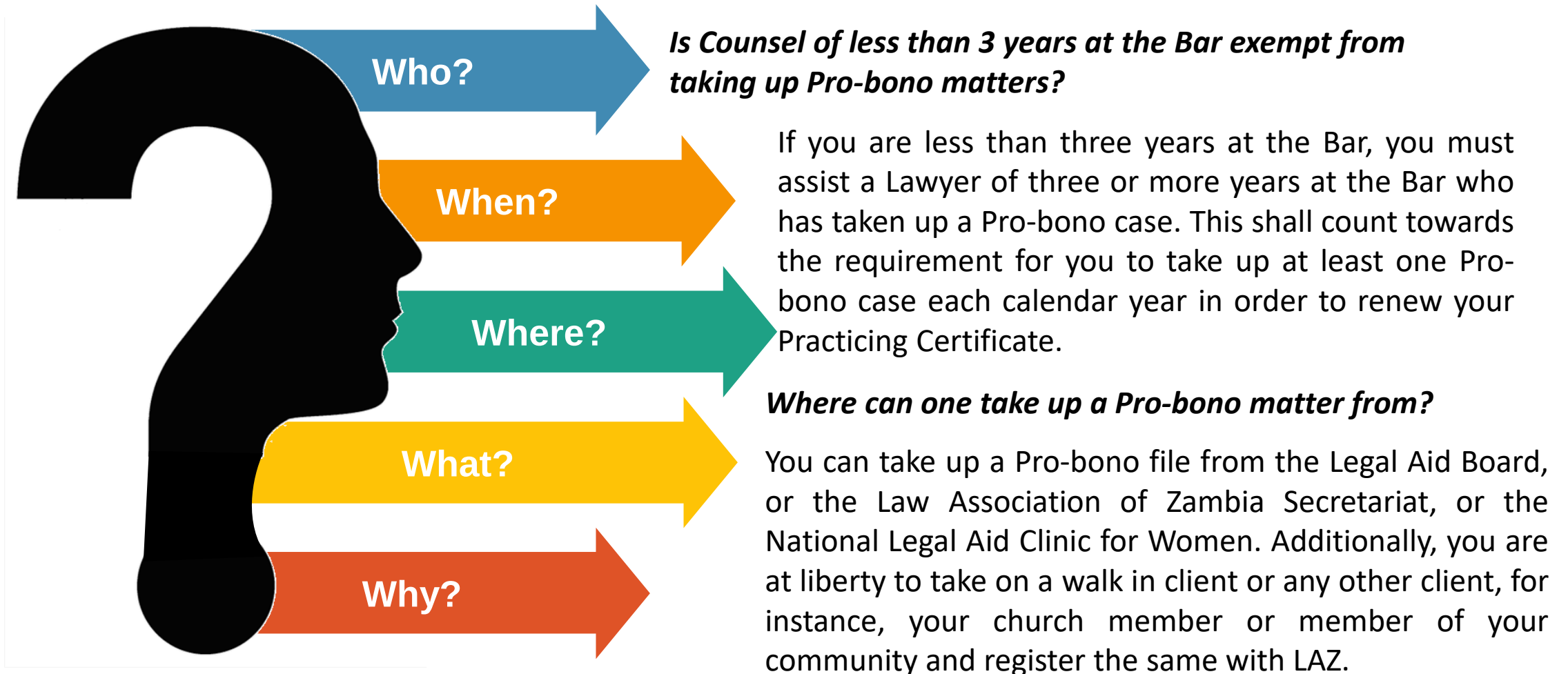
Pro-bono Legal Services include both contentious and non-contentious matters. They range from Court related issues and those that can be resolved out of Court. Take up a Pro-bono matter today in your space that fits your experience, skill and competency.



What is the mandatory threshold to take up Pro-bono matters?

If you are three or more years at the Bar, you are obliged to take up at least one Pro-bono case each calendar year as an antecedent for renewal of your Practicing Certificate.

LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME



LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME

How does one place themselves on record in Court?

When you take up a Pro-bono case from the Legal Aid Board or the National Legal Aid Clinic for Women, or LAZ, you place yourself on record as coming from the Legal Aid Board, or the National Legal Aid Clinic for Women, or LAZ, and if you are in private practice, you place yourself on record as coming from the Law Firm that you work for.



What certification is awarded to Counsel of less than three years at the Bar?

If you assisted a Legal Practitioner of three years or more at the Bar on a Pro-bono case, you will be issued with a Certificate of Assistance which satisfies the requirement for renewing of your Practice Certificate.

LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME

Is it necessary to place on record that the matter in contention is being discharged on Pro-bono?

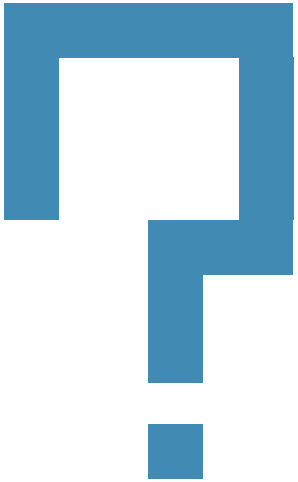
It is very important when you take up a Pro-bono case to place it on record that the case is taken up under the LAZ Pro-Bono Service Scheme and provide a Collection Certificate obtained from LAZ, or Legal Aid Board or National Legal Aid Clinic for Women.



Should Pro-bono cases be treated with importance and care?

You must treat Pro-bono cases with the utmost importance, skill and care as you treat other cases. The client has the right to complain against you before the Legal Practitioners Committee of LAZ if aggrieved.

LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME



Who is entitled to Pro-bono services?

All citizens entitled to Legal Aid under the Legal Aid Act and the National Legal Aid Policy are eligible to receive Pro-bono services under the LAZ Pro-Bono Service Scheme.



What are the intervals of reporting before completion of the matter?

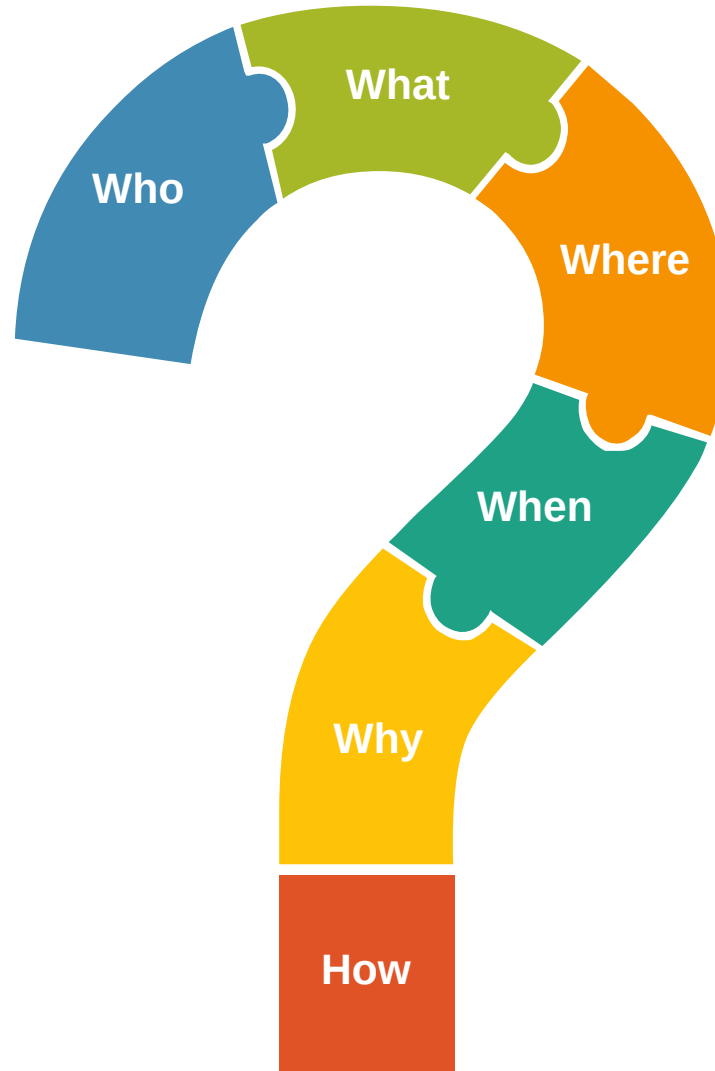
You will be required to submit a Progress report every six (6) months from date of collection of the file regarding the Pro-bono case.



LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME

What happens after the completion of a Pro-bono matter?

Upon completion of a case, you shall hand back the file to LAZ Secretariat, or Legal Aid Board, or National Legal Aid Clinic for Women accompanied by a final narrative report regarding the matter, after which, you shall be issued with a Completion Certificate.



How does one withdraw from executing a Pro-bono file and what are the effects thereto?

Where you are unable to Proceed with a Pro-bono case and wish to withdrawal from the same, you will be required to complete a Withdrawal Certificate for the consideration by the Council. Once approved, you will hand back the file to Legal Aid Board, or National Legal Aid Clinic for Women, or LAZ and the case shall not count as a Pro-bono case towards the renewal of the Practicing Certificate for that year unless Council states otherwise.

LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME



What happens if one doesn't take up a Pro-bono matter in a calendar year?

If you do not take up a Pro-bono case in a calendar year, **the Legal Practitioners Committee will not renew your Practicing Certificate** unless the Committee decides otherwise upon being furnished with compelling reasons.

What happens when one takes more than one Pro-bono case in a year?

When you take up more Pro-bono cases than required and diligently complete them, then you shall have Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours added to your credit under the CPD Rules determined by the CPD Committee. Also note that cases outside Lusaka, Ndola, Kitwe, Chipata and other Districts with low presence of Lawyers will attract more hours.

LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME

What is a calendar year under the Pro-Bono Legal Services Scheme?

For purposes of the Pro-Bono Legal Services Scheme, a calendar year shall start on 1st January and ends on 31st December.



What happens when the Pro-bono case taken up does not conclude within a Calendar year?

Members shall take up at least one Pro-bono case every calendar year regardless of the fact that a case taken in the previous year has not been completed.

LAZ PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES SCHEME



When can one take up a Pro-bono matter?

Pro-bono cases can be taken at any time within the calendar year. Members are not required to wait for a matter taken up in the previous calendar year to be completed before they take up another matter in the following calendar year.

HELP SOMEONE TODAY!