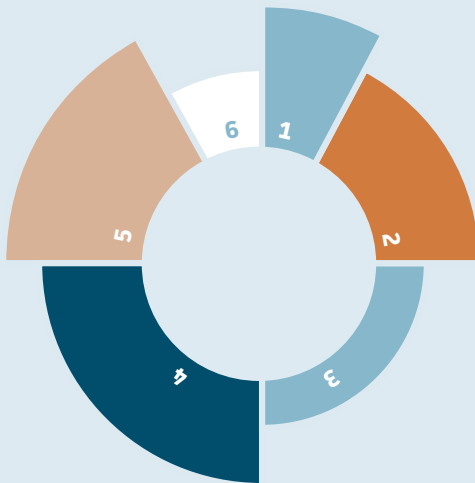


NT Pro Bono Clearing House sees 100% placement rate

In a modest sized jurisdiction like the Territory, it is gratifying to see the generosity of our local legal community in full flight. For the first year since 2011, the Pro Bono Clearing House (PBCH) has managed to successfully refer all eligible applications. This is a remarkable achievement of which we should all be proud. Reflecting on these statistics, the successful placement of applications can be attributed to the rise in volunteers and the decrease in pro bono applications for the 14/15 year. Currently ten per cent of the NT legal profession are volunteers of the PBCH. We are hopeful these numbers will continue to grow.

The 14/15 year saw an eight per cent rise in immigration matters attributed to changes to the Migration Act 1958 (Cth). Wills and probate matters were up by twenty-five per cent from the previous year. Civil and employment law matters remained the same.

Pro Bono Applications by Area of Law



**1 Criminal, 2 Immigration, 3 Wills Probate & Administration
4, Civil, 5 Employment, 6 Other**

The PBCH would like to acknowledge the individual practitioners who have assisted with eligible pro bono applications in the 14/15 year and furthermore would like to thank the dedicated practitioners on the panel that continue to assist with assessing applications.

The PBCH would like to give a special thanks to Mr Carl O'Connor who continues to assist the PBCH with migration matters. The PBCH gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their contribution throughout the year:

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- Simon Lee
- Tarryn Brown
- Judge Tony Young

New Volunteers:

The PBCH would like to welcome the following practitioners:

- Hai-Van Nguyen, Clayton Utz
- Dominic McCormack, Bowden McCormack Lawyers
- Sean Bowden, Bowden McCormack Lawyers

Callout: *The PBCH is particularly interested in legal practitioners that specialise in migration and wills and probate law. Please email Lily North at lily.north@lawsocietynt.asn.au to register your interest.*

