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FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR LOW-INCOME CLIENTS ON POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES  
Pro Bono Attorneys Can Attend Training on April 28<sup>th</sup>

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, in collaboration with Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., is hosting free legal clinics in May in the Quad Cities area to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities prepare Powers of Attorney and Living Wills. Pro bono attorneys will help clients determine:

- How they would want to be treated if they had a serious accident
- Who would make decisions for them if they are unable to due to serious illness
- What their wishes are about medical treatment if they are ill

Clinics will be offered on Wednesday, May 6 from 9-11 am in East Moline, or 2-4 pm in Rock Island, or on Monday, May 11 from 9-11 am in Milan or 2-4 pm in Rock Island. Call Cherie Myers of Prairie State at (309) 794-1328 to see if you qualify and to schedule an appointment.

Attorneys in the Quad Cities who are interested in volunteering at this clinic can attend a complimentary CLE program and training on Tuesday, April 28 from 10 am to noon in Moline. Register online at [www.pili.org/14thcircuit](http://www.pili.org/14thcircuit).

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee is a group of lawyers and judges working to enlist, educate and recognize attorneys dedicated to pro bono work in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. The ultimate goal is to expand the reach of legal aid to poor and underrepresented communities. It was launched on February 28, 2012 in partnership with Prairie State Legal Services, and the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI).

**About PILI:** PILI's mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need. PILI envisions a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where law students, lawyers and legal professionals at all stages of their careers engage in public interest law or pro bono work, and remain committed to addressing the unmet legal needs of the poor and underrepresented.

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To learn more about PILI, visit our website at [www.pili.org](http://www.pili.org), or contact PILI Executive Director Michael Bergmann at [mbergmann@pili.org](mailto:mbergmann@pili.org) or 312-832-5129