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Heir Property Pro Bono Project

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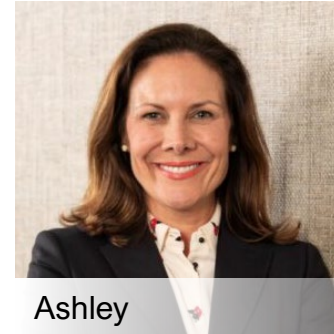
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Agenda

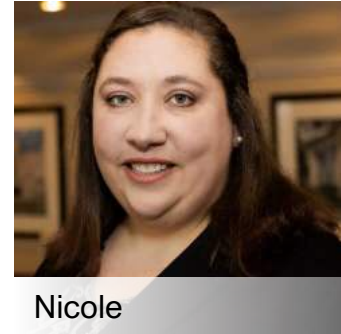
- Welcome – Ashley Campbell, CEO
- Introductions
 - Legal Aid of North Carolina
 - Allison Constance, Director of Pro Bono Programs
 - Nicole Mueller, Supervising Attorney, Pro Bono Programs
 - Sean Driscoll, Communications Manager, Pro Bono Programs
 - North Carolina Bar Foundation
 - Alex Rogers, Director of Programs
- Project description – Ashley Campbell, CEO
- Questions



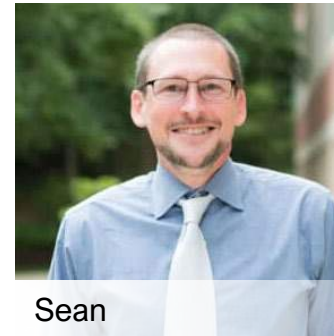
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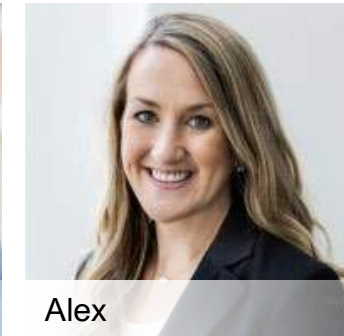
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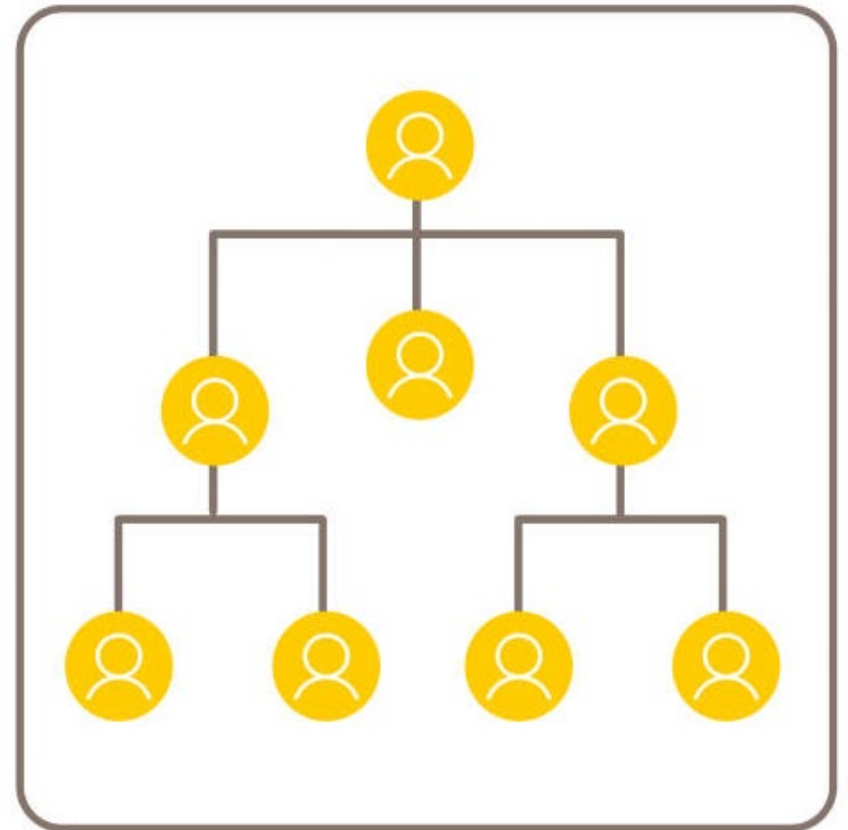
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What is heir property?

- Property passed down without a will.
- Multiple heirs have shares in the same property.
- Most common in Black, rural communities in Eastern NC and some mountain communities.



Why is heir property a problem?

Without clear title, it is more difficult for heir property owners to:

- Use the property as loan collateral
- Sell the property
- Enroll in recovery-assistance programs following natural disasters

Homes are abandoned and become uninhabitable. Surrounding property values decrease, negatively impacting communities.



Heir Property Pro Bono Project

- Provides heir property owners clear title to their home and land.
- Prioritizes residents of Eastern NC, areas prone to natural disasters, marginalized communities.
- LANC, pro bono attorneys partner to serve clients.
- NCBA/NCBF recruit volunteers from Real Property Section.
- Land Loss Prevention Project, Pisgah Legal Services also partners.



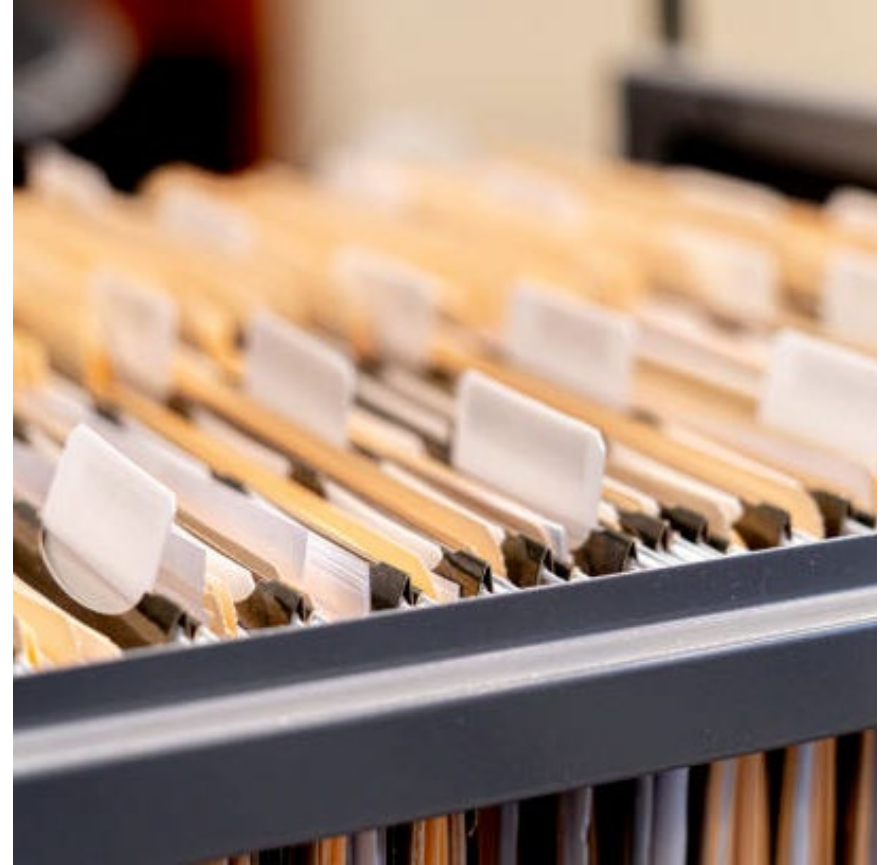
Client eligibility

- Low income (below 200% of federal poverty level).
- Fractional interest in home inherited w/o deed, will
- Home is primary residence
- Repairing title or consolidating ownership will
 - Preserve home
 - Secure loss mitigation to preserve home
 - Preserve affordable housing
 - Secure benefits following a natural disaster
 - Benefit community economic development

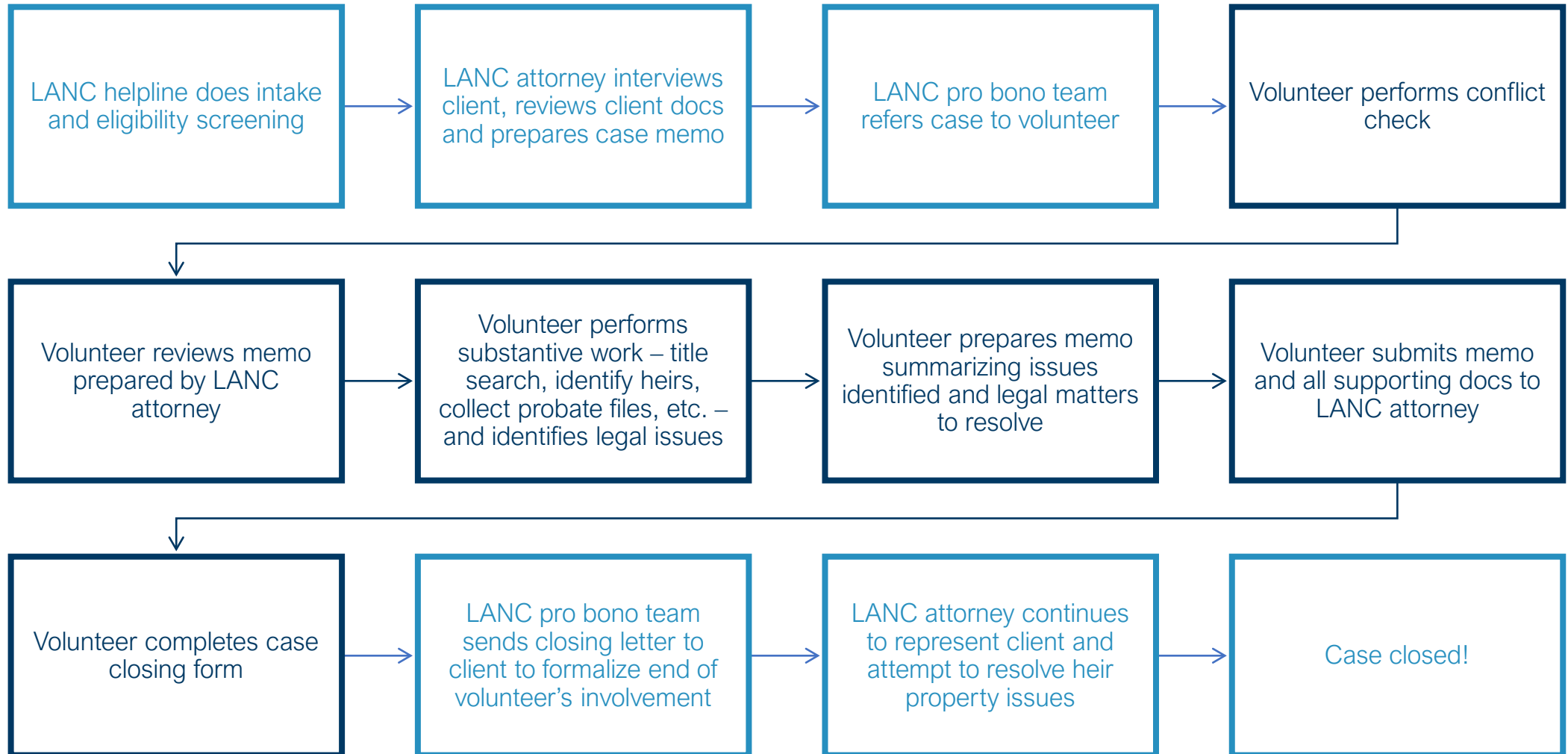


Case types

- Probate
- Wills and Advance Directives
- Easements
- Mortgage Foreclosure
- Deeds



How it works



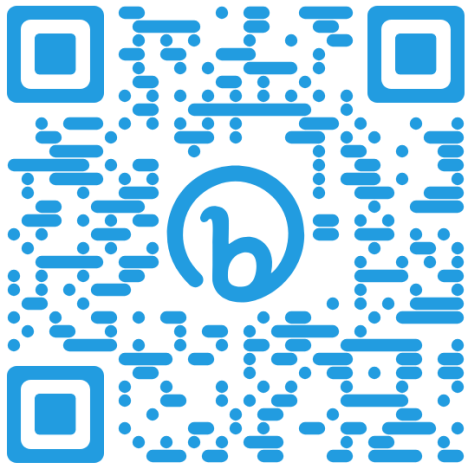
How to volunteer

Learn more!

ncbarfoundation.org/heir-property

Sign up online!

bit.ly/lanchppbp or scan QR code

A screenshot of a web form titled "Heir Property Pro Bono Project". The header is blue with white text and logos for "LEGAL AID BY NORTH CAROLINA", "NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION", and "NC BF NORTH CAROLINA BAR FOUNDATION". The main content area is white with a blue header. The text reads: "Sign up to provide pro bono legal services to heir-property owners in North Carolina. This effort is funded in part by the Wells Fargo Foundation and is supported by the North Carolina Bar Association and its Real Property Section, and the North Carolina Bar Foundation." Below this is a section for a required question: "1. Are you an attorney or a paralegal? *". There are two radio button options: "Attorney" and "Paralegal". A blue "Next" button is at the bottom left of the form area.

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