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Project Spotlight

The Pro Bono Collaborative periodically spotlights one project or issue as a way to keep our volunteers and supporters aware of and engaged in PBC projects and local access to justice initiatives.



Ken Rampino, Esq. (RWU Law '08)

PBC Elder Law/End of Life Planning Project Recognized

Ken Rampino, Esq. (RWU Law '08) joined the PBC in 2015 and since then, with help from RWU law students (most recently Anna Provax 'RWU LAW '17) has been providing critical 'know your rights' presentations and health care proxy clinics at community based organizations around the state.

Ken's recent work at East Greenwich Housing Authority (EGHA) elderly housing sites attracted the attention of the New England Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, who presented EGHA with an Award of Excellence as recognition for innovation in service of their communities because of Ken's work there.

Ken provided presentations at several EGHA sites and spent time assisting the Housing Authority's elderly residents in understanding and executing health care

directives. Thirty-five residents attended these workshops, many of whom successfully executed legal documents. Others obtained sufficient information to prompt them to sit down with family members to involve them in the development and execution of end-of-life documents.

As the EGHA liaison for the program described, *“this program had a noticeable impact on resident attitudes about conversations that may be very difficult for either the elderly resident or family members, or both.”*

Finally, with Ken’s help the Housing Authority itself added an important document to their recertification packet.

About the PBC

The PBC staff identifies and develops pro bono projects that appeal to transactional and business attorneys, facilitates ongoing pro bono projects and works to increase access to justice. The PBC is not a referral program, but instead matches law firms with community organizations to provide pro bono legal assistance in a specific area of law. [Read more about the PBC...](#)

If you are an attorney and would like to get involved in this or any other PBC project, we would love to hear from you.

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