



2014 *PRO BONO* SURVEY
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INTRODUCTION

The 2014 *Pro Bono* Survey was administered electronically in February 2014. The survey was made available to all Bar members through a link emailed to them.

The questions for the survey were suggested by the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) in consultation with The Mississippi Bar.

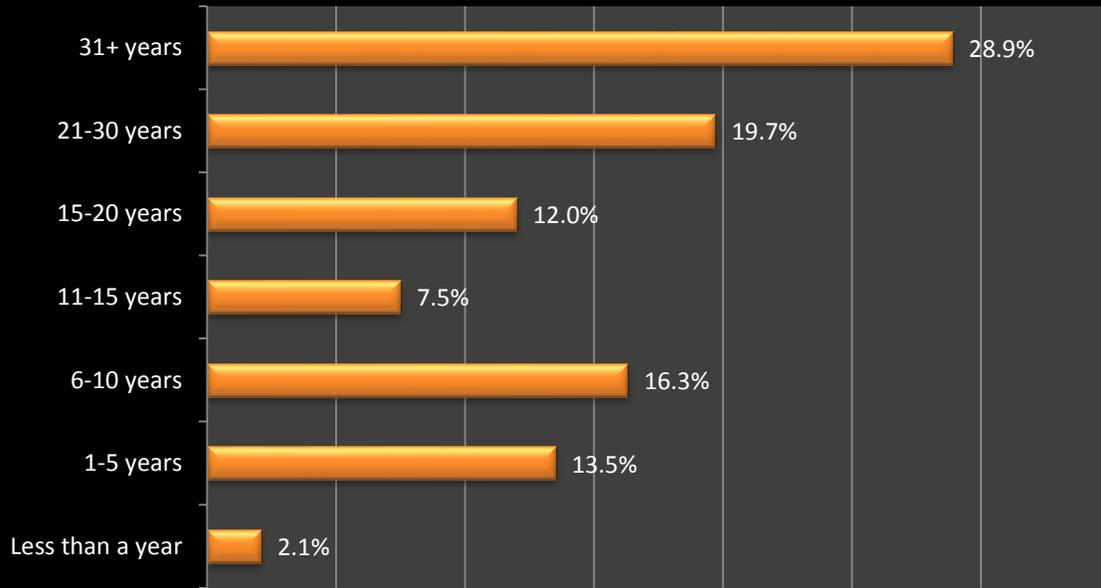
A total of 534 members responded and completed the 2014 *Pro Bono* Survey. Of the responses received, the largest percentage (71.9%) were actively engaged in private practice, with the majority (28.9%) of responders indicating that they have practiced for over thirty years. Most of those who responded practice in firms of less than ten attorneys.

The charts that follow illustrate the answers to the questions relating to whether and how attorneys provided legal services in 2013, the factors that encourage attorneys to engage in *pro bono* legal services and the reasons why some attorneys did not provide *pro bono* services to the poor in 2013. MVLP and other legal services providers intend to use the survey results to help formulate *pro bono* opportunities that will be more responsive to the needs of Mississippi Bar members.

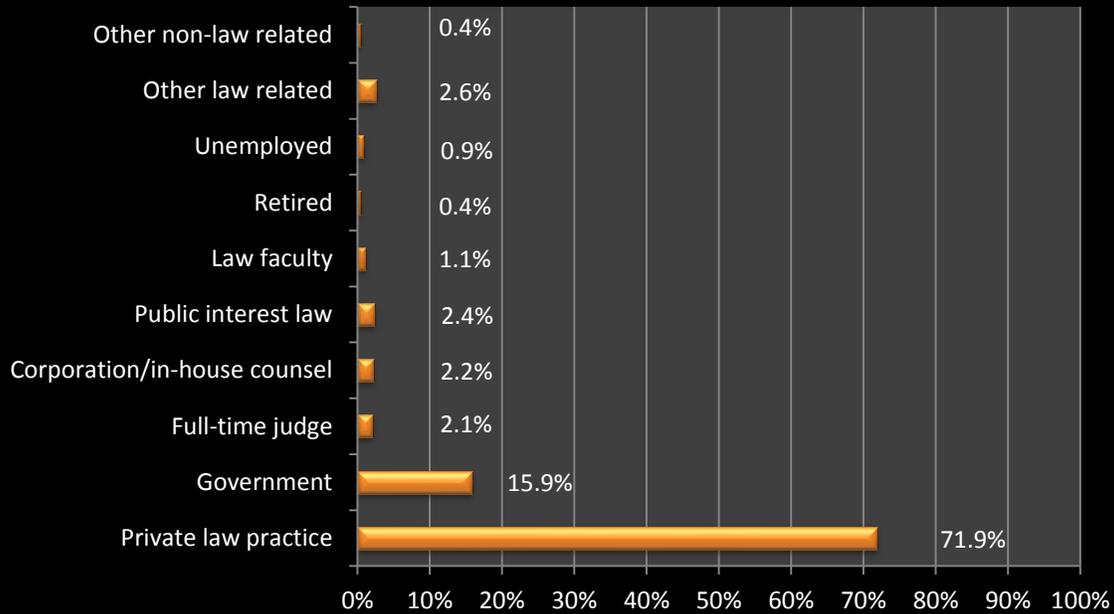
Please direct questions about the survey to Tiffany M. Graves, Executive Director and General Counsel of MVLP, at tgraves@mvlp.org or 601-960-9577.

Thank you for your participation.

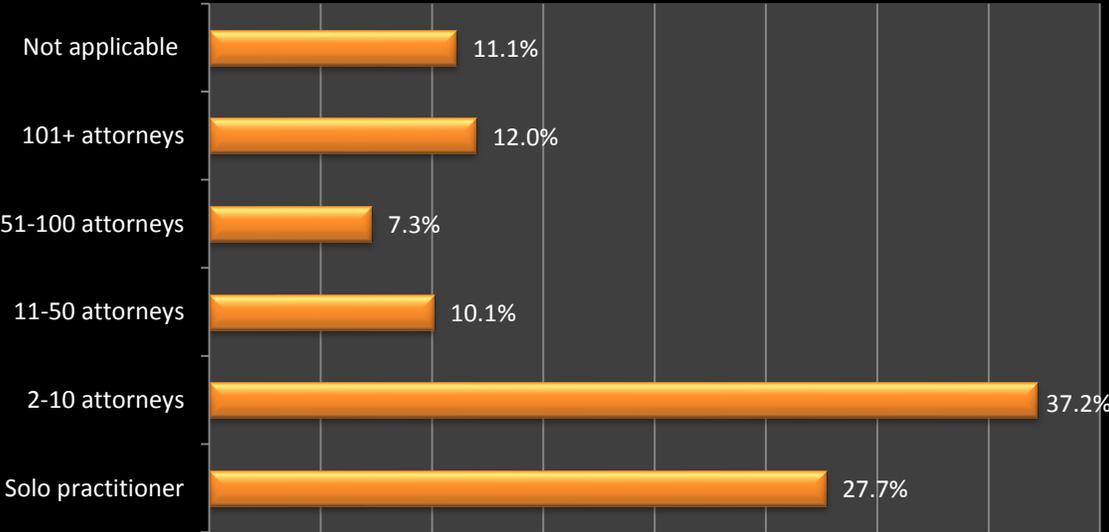
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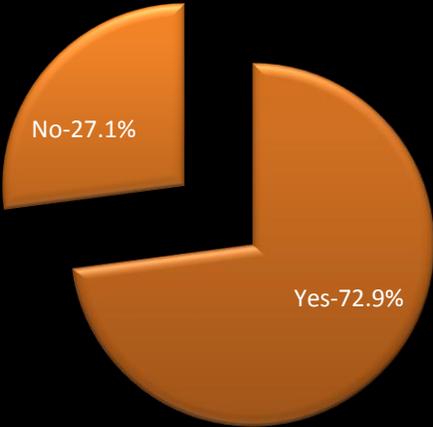
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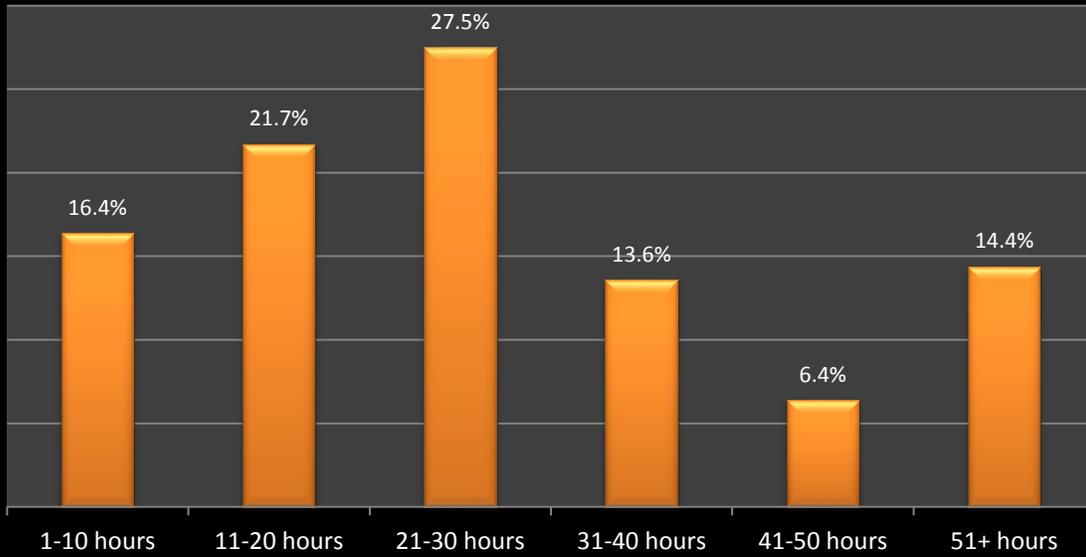
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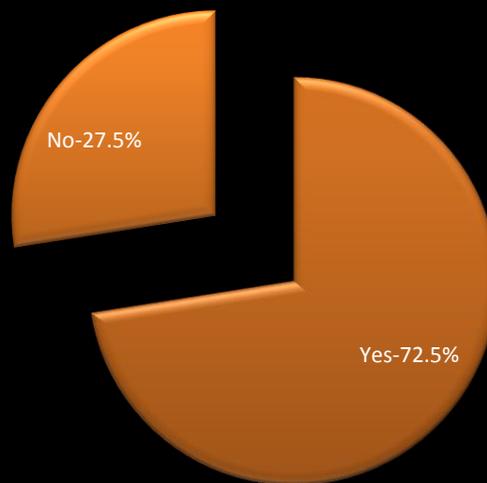
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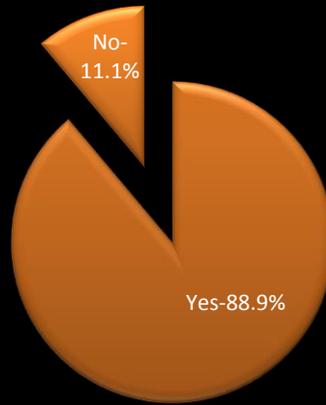
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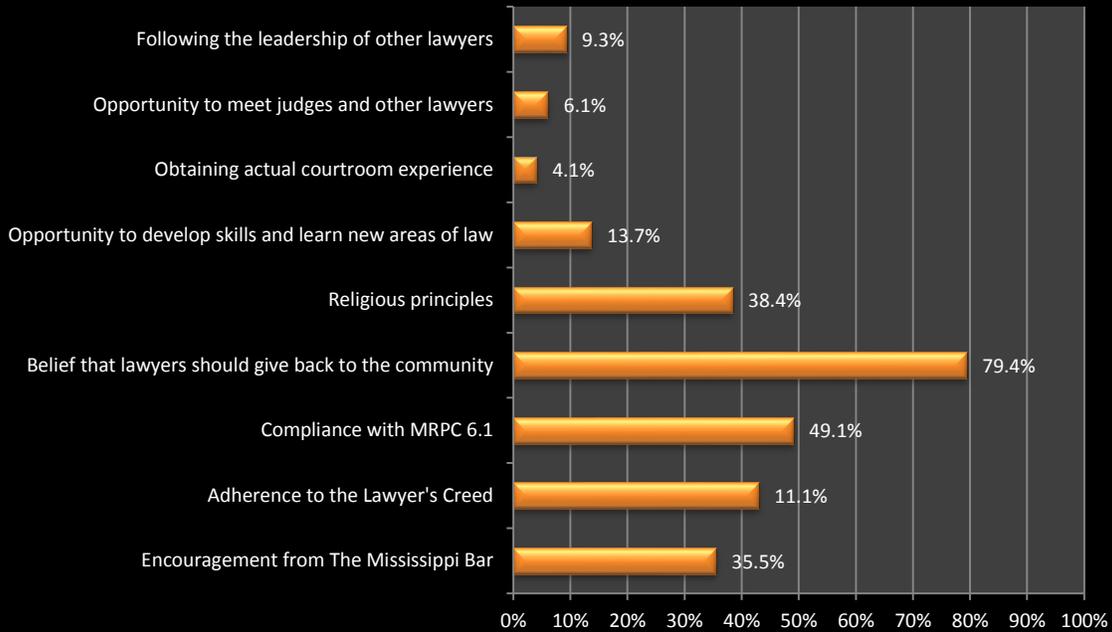
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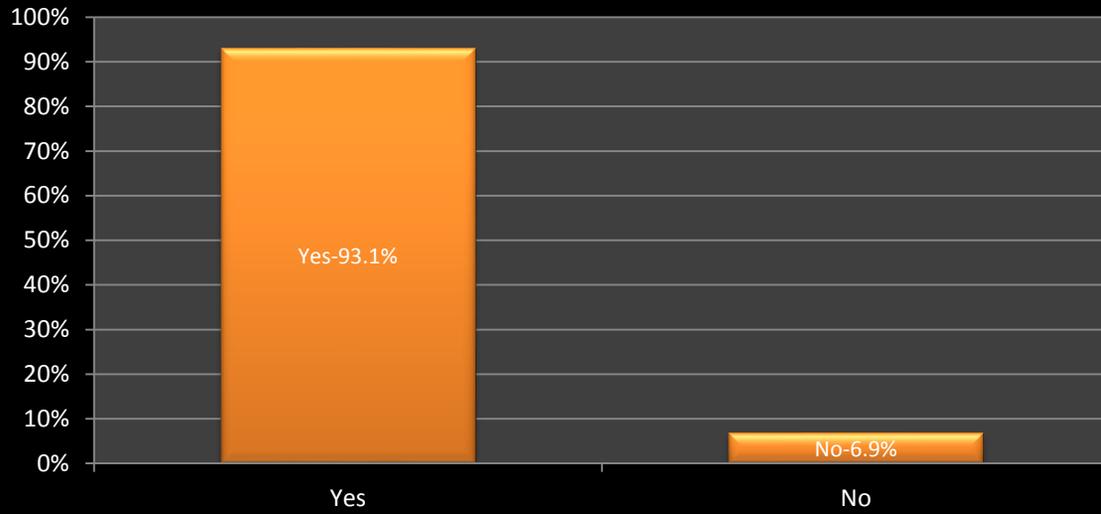
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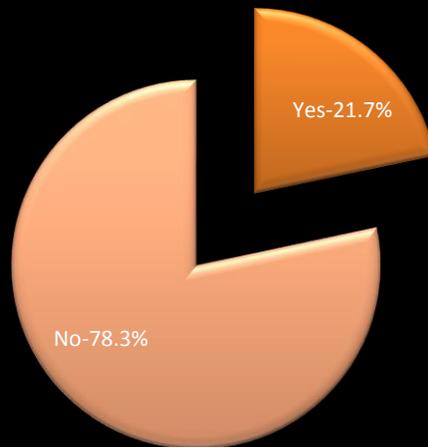
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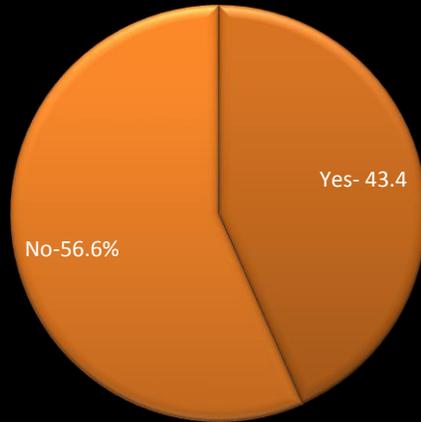
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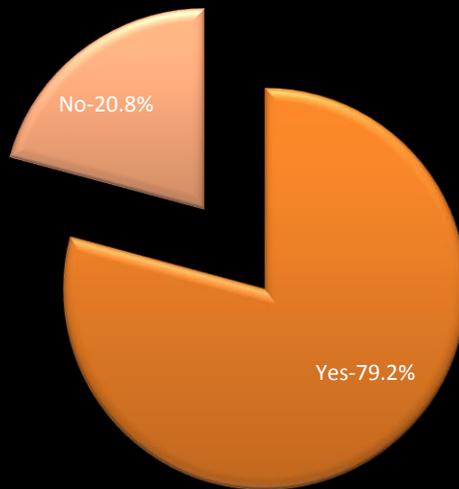
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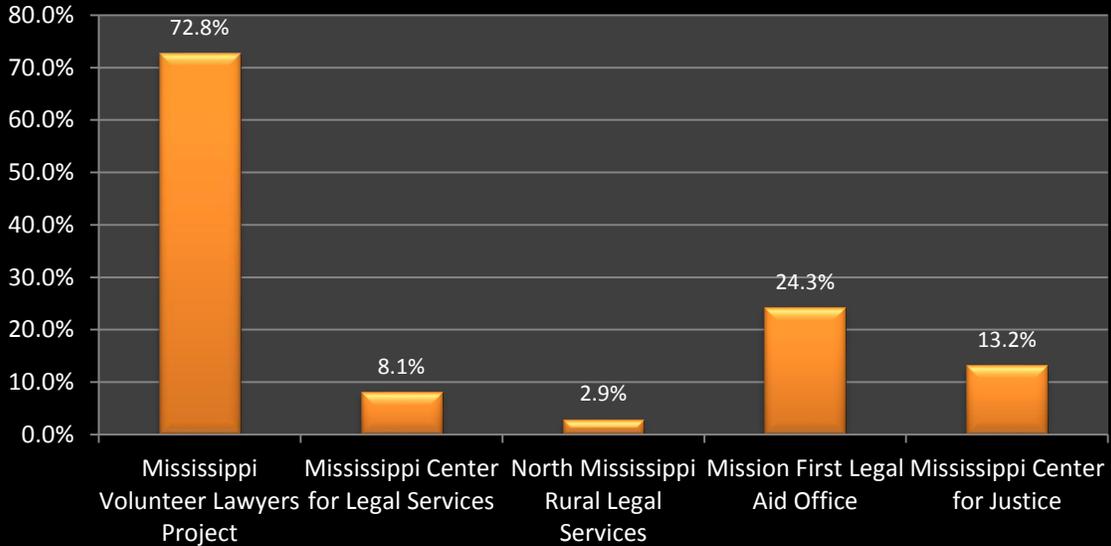
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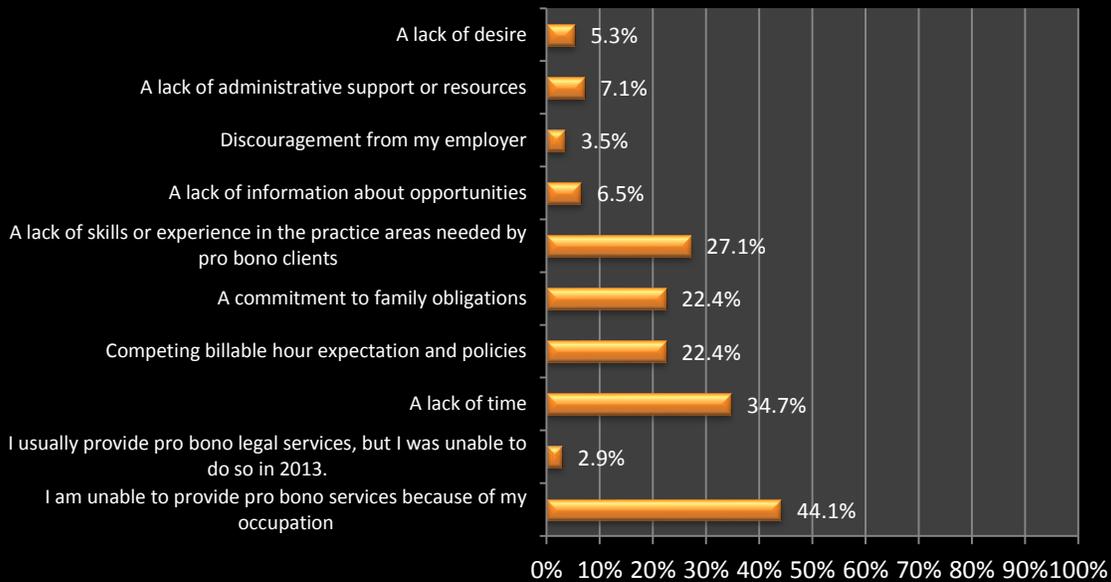
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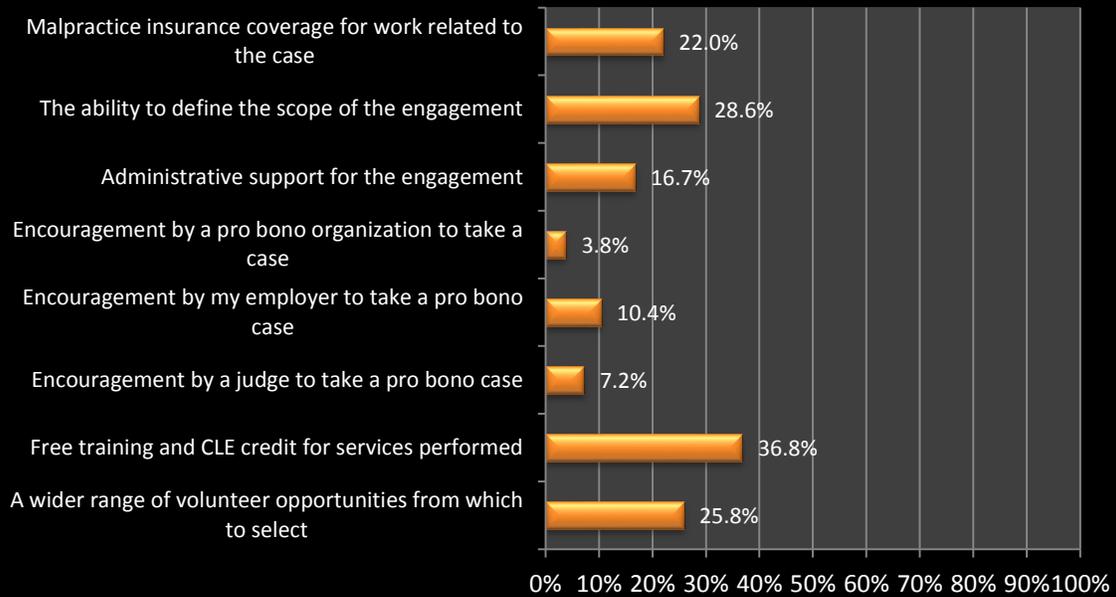
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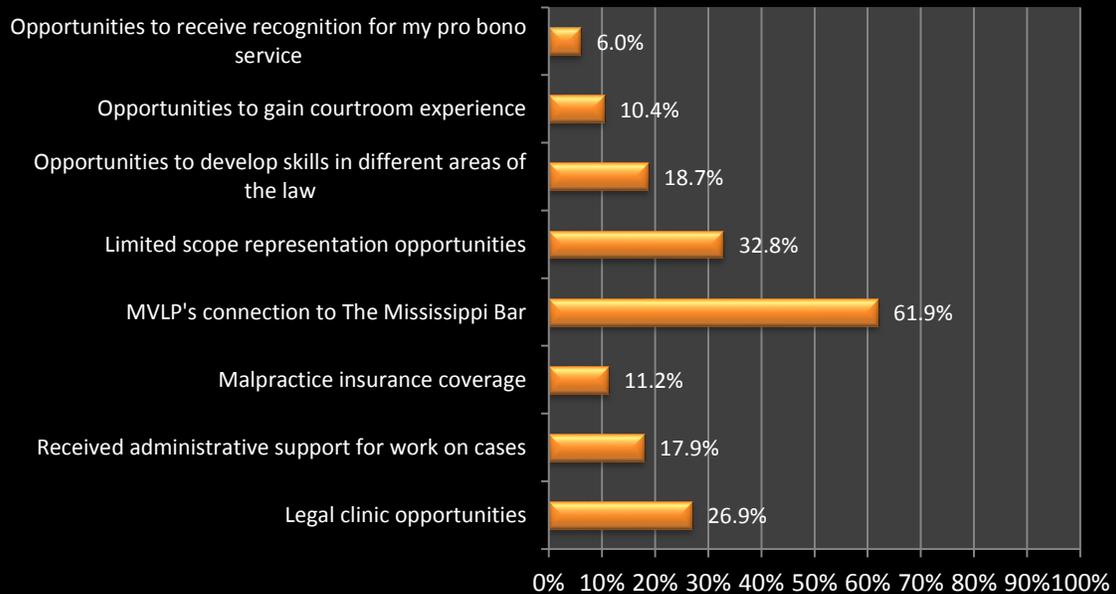
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What factors might encourage you to provide *pro bono* legal services in the future?



If you have volunteered with MVLP, what are the specific reasons why you volunteered?



What can MVLP do to encourage more attorneys to provide pro bono services to the poor?

