

## LawHelp Template Highlights

### Multiple, Easy-to-Find, National and State Entry Points

- National Entry Point – [www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org) -- for both the public and advocates
  - Currently view this page at [www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org)
- State Entry Points – e.g. [www.lawhelp.org/mn](http://www.lawhelp.org/mn) or [www.minnesotalawhelp.org](http://www.minnesotalawhelp.org)
  - Integrated entry point for both public and lawyers
  - States can substitute any registered domain name (e.g., [www.iowalaw.org](http://www.iowalaw.org))

### Public Portal (Now Available for Configuration and Data Loading)

- Easy-to-use Icon menu allows users to find relevant information.
- Each state can add up to 8 “channels” of substantive materials (Pro Se Materials, FAQs, Legal Education materials, Find a Court, Find a Lawyer, Social Services Information, etc.)
- Tools to support multi-state posting of national content.
- Administrator can customize menus, entry page content, descriptions, etc.
- Capability for multi-lingual navigation and content posting (with translated content from the state)

### Advocate Portal (Summer 2002 Roll Out)

- Password-protected Practice Areas that contain News, Calendar, Library, Listservs, Pro Bono Case Opportunities, and other content tools
- Can share and publish content across Practice Areas, including content from National Practice Areas
- Ability to create secure collaborative workspaces for taskforces and ad hoc working groups

### Program Web Sites (Now Available for Configuration and Data Loading)

- State administrators can create web sites for individual legal services organizations
- These sites can use a program’s previously registered domain name
- Each program can manage their respective organizational web site through easy-to-use content management tools; no need for a web master
- These sites can be customized by each program and provide a flexible structure for the organization’s information including program descriptions, resources, news and contact information.
- One time posting and updating: Resources authored by each organization can be published into the state site and also be simultaneously published on the program site.

### Optimized Design

- Template design complies with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998
- Template will be thoroughly tested for usability
- Built to incorporate enhancements such as document assembly, streaming video and XML
- Built to handle multilingual version of each site (including all navigational elements)

### Administrative Convenience

- The template will be developed, enhanced and hosted by Pro Bono Net. No need for software or hardware purchases by each state. States can concentrate on content.
- Multiple levels of administrator control within each state are available so that management of content can be shared across organizations within the state
- Authoring tools integrated into the site mean that there is little need to know HTML
- Easy ability to create new practice areas for advocates, new program web sites for organizations, new substantive “channels” of content for the public, and new language version of each site
- Content tagged for display by appropriate geographic scope (zip, county or state) and problem code (per National Index)
- Content authored by LSC-funded programs will automatically be tagged and identified on the site, fulfilling LSC requirements