

Promoting Pro Bono Through Statewide and Regional Pro Bono Partnerships

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Website Links:

1. Louisiana

- a. State Bar Association of Louisiana's Access to Justice Committee:
http://www.lsba.org/atj/Pro_Bono/pro_bono.html
- b. The Committee facilitates and supports the local groups in meeting quarterly throughout the year, and has been instrumental in getting the local programs to meet regularly.

2. Los Angeles, California

- a. Pro Bono Managers/LA (California) <http://www.probonola.org>
- b. The group started after the 2002 statewide Access to Justice Conference and continues to meet quarterly, uses a list serv, and has the web site listed above. Approximately 30 groups are members, covering four counties with more than 16,000,000 residents.

3. Florida

- a. Florida Pro Bono Coordinators Association
<http://www.probono4.org/coordinator.html>

4. Washington State

- a. Washington Association of Community Legal Services Providers (WACLSP)
(no web site)
- b. WACLSP had its formal beginning in late 2001. However, the pro bono agencies had always had a loose statewide relationship. There are 23 pro bono agencies in the organization, along with 3 specialty legal services agencies. The group meets twice a year, in June at the Access to Justice Conference and in February at the IOLTA program's annual luncheon. WACLSP has hired a part-time staff person.

5. New York

- http://www.nysba.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Attorney_Resources/Pro_Bono/Pro_Bono.htm
- a. The NYSBA Pro Bono Coordinators Network is an advisory group of 80 pro bono leaders which helps to coordinate and support pro bono activities around the state, including a statewide conference.

6. Massachusetts

- a. The 1998 Statewide Plan for Massachusetts states that the Pro Bono Coordinators started quarterly meetings in 1997. In 1998 they expanded to include five neighboring states, coordinated by the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association.