

ABA/ NLADA 2004 Equal Justice Conference

Closing Plenary: Recap on Business Law Pro Bono Issues (WSR 112)

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Brief Description:

Wrap-up session to hear what lessons were learned and what best practices were identified to bench mark. To conclude the 5 sessions on “Lawyers for Community Change” Bill Kelly, a volunteer lawyer, who helped start and chairs a business pro bono program will share his insights and experiences. Through his commitment and dedication to the DC Community, Kelly was recognized by the ABA Business Law Section as the 2000 National Public Service Award recipient for exemplifying a volunteer business lawyer working for community change.

Topical Outline:

- I. Recap on Starting Up a Program – Kathleen Hopkins (15 minutes)
 - a. Variety of examples
 - b. WAACO story
 - c. Minnesota Bar

- II. Recap on Identifying Clients & Clients Needs – Allen Bromberger (15 minutes)
 - a. Variety of tools and methods
 - b. Landscape driven

- III. Recap on Resources & Best Practices – Guy Lescault (15 minutes)
 - a. National resources – peer review
 - b. Technological resources – national practice area
 - c. Financial Resource developemnt plan
 - d. How adopted at local level

- IV. Introduction of Bill Kelly – Kathleen Hopkins (30 minutes)
 - a. Volunteer Attorney
 - b. Client engagement
 - c. Chair of provider organization
 - d. Benefits as a professional

Note: The objective of the closing plenary is to recap the issues identified in the sessions and benchmark the best practices presented.