

THE ABA CENTER FOR PRO BONO

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The American Bar Association Center for Pro Bono is a national resource and support center that provides technical assistance and planning advice to pro bono advocates and supporters, *at no cost*, as they seek to fulfill the promise of equal access to justice for those who cannot afford paid counsel.

The Center for Pro Bono Provides a Wide Range of Services to:

- Bar Leaders
- Local Pro Bono Programs
- Statewide Pro Bono Programs
- Bar Association Entities
- Law Schools
- Corporate Counsel
- Government Attorneys
- Judges

The Center for Pro Bono's Resources Include:

- Personal technical assistance provided by Center staff on a variety of topics, such as bar support for pro bono and pro bono program management
- On-site peer consultations
- Pro bono publications (available free on the Center's web site)
 - *Directory of Pro Bono Programs*
 - *Making Pro Bono A Priority: A Bar Leader's Handbook*
 - *Directory of Law School Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs*
 - *Blueprint for Constructing a Pro Bono Project in a Mid-Sized Law Firm*
 - *Standards for Programs Providing Civil Pro Bono Legal Services to Persons of Limited Means*
 - *The Path to Pro Bono: An Interviewing Tool for Law Students*
 - *How to Begin a Pro Bono Program in Your Bankruptcy Court: A Starter Kit for Lawyers and Judges*
 - *Pro Bono Project Development: A Deskbook for Government and Public Sector Lawyers*
 - *Rural Pro Bono Delivery: A Guide to Pro Bono Legal Services in Rural Areas.*
- The Center's Pro Bono Clearinghouse Resource Library
- The Annual ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference
Mark your calendar now for the 2004 Equal Justice Conference being held April 15-17, 2004 in Atlanta, GA. Go to: www.equaljusticeconference.org.

To learn more, visit the Center's website: www.abaprobono.org

or contact Bill Jones at 312/988-5789, jonesw@staff.abanet.org

ABA Center for Pro Bono Peer Consulting Project



Through the Peer Consulting Project, the Center for Pro Bono makes available the expertise of experienced volunteer consultants. Center staff and these volunteers provide telephone and on-site consulting regarding pro bono initiatives for:

- ◆ pro bono programs
- ◆ state planning groups
- ◆ in-house corporate legal departments
- ◆ government attorney offices
- ◆ judges
- ◆ minority bar associations
- ◆ law schools

Technical assistance is available on many topics, including:

- ◆ program operations: recruiting, training, fundraising, use of technology, advice and referral and more
- ◆ planning efforts: including priority-setting and collaboration with other community providers
- ◆ identifying new resources for meeting unmet legal needs

For more information about the Project or to arrange for a consultation request, please contact Cheryl Zalenski at 312/988.5770 or zalenskc@staff.abanet.org to discuss your program's particular needs and interests.





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Business and Community Economic Development Pro Bono

Many local, community-based organizations have engaged in developing strategies and activities that involve low-income persons in the growth and development of their local community. Examples include a wide-range of initiatives and services to create affordable housing, jobs, child care, small businesses, etc. Many of these community-based organizations need the services of pro bono lawyers for assistance with legal matters pertaining to the business nature of their operations. Newly created organizations need assistance in a variety of areas, such as project assessment and start-up assistance. Established organizations may need assistance in evaluating, negotiating and structuring new projects, handling real estate matters and addressing labor and employment issues.

Many lawyers who are accustomed to serving the needs of "corporate" clients have the requisite legal skills and experience that so many community-based and nonprofit organizations desperately need. This includes attorneys who work for corporations and firms. To help these lawyers access the network of community-based and non-profit organizations, many community economic development or business law pro bono programs now exist. These programs act as an intermediary between the private attorneys and the community-based organizations and provide technical and litigation support.

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