

Resources & Best Practices (WSR 115)

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Brief Description:

Learn what national resources are available to grow new and existing business pro bono programs. This session will highlight the range of resources, whether it be peer visits, an on-line toolbox of forms, or a national community development/non-profit law support site; all are available to assist in the growth and development of your pro bono program. Panelists of program directors will also discuss how they have used these resources to set "benchmarks" of best practices in their programs.

Topical Outline:

- I. Welcome & Introduction of presenters – Guy Lescault
 - a. Objective of workshop show the depth of national resources available and how some entities have used these resources to develop their own best practices
- II. ABA Center for Pro Bono – Dina Merrell (10 min)
 - a. On site peer consultation
- III. CLR Strategic Planning – Sally Schwartz (10 min)
 - a. Resource Development a critical need for new and existing programs
 - b. Consultant to develop a financial plan
 - c. Evaluation of plan as tool to guide Board in making resource decisions.
- IV. Pro Bono Net – Michael Hertz (10 min)
 - a. Community development/non-profit law practice
 - b. Existing practice areas around the country
 - c. Proposed expansion plan

- V. Georgia ABC – Michael Monahan (10 min)
 - a. Abc-georgia.org
 - b. Use platform to place cases with volunteers
 - c. Communication

- VI. CLR Intake process – Angie Zemboy (10 min)
 - a. Process developed
 - b. Forms used & follow-up

- VII. CED Project – Sue Kaplan (10 min)
 - a. Client Outreach
 - b. Educational training programs

Biographies:

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