

2008 NLADA/ABA Equal Justice Conference
Beyond the Basics: A Program for Experienced Pro Bono Program Managers
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Minneapolis Hilton Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Minneapolis Grand Ballroom - Salon A

Beyond the Basics: A Program for Experienced Pro Bono Managers will explore issues of concern to stand-alone pro bono programs and programs affiliated with legal aid providers, bar associations and other organizations. This is a terrific opportunity to share your experience and expertise with experienced pro bono managers from different pro bono delivery models and settings in a candid discussion. If you've ever thought there was an 800 pound gorilla in the room or felt like Cinderella, this may be the session for you.

Welcome

12:30 – 12:45 - Minneapolis Grand Ballroom - Salon A

Steven B. Scudder, Committee Counsel, ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, Chicago, IL

Anthony H. Barash, Director, ABA Center for Pro Bono, Chicago, IL

Brenda Schexnider, President, National Association of Pro Bono Professionals and Pro Bono Director and Senior Paralegal, Acadiana Legal Service Corporations, Lake Charles, LA

Plenary

12:45 – 1:45 - Minneapolis Grand Ballroom - Salon A

Moderator:

Robert A. Graves, Executive Director, Chicago Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL

Speakers:

Michael G. Bergmann, Director, Pro Bono Initiative, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI), Chicago, IL

Kimberly Mucha Abbott, Director, Pro Bono Project, Clark County Legal Services, Las Vegas, NV

David Ackerly, Pro Bono Attorney, Los Angeles, CA

In a “point/counterpoint” format, our colleagues representing different pro bono delivery models and settings will discuss such topics as program funding, volunteer recruitment, volunteer training and mentoring, case selection and assignment and staff attorney support. Acknowledging that there can be tension, competition and rivalry between staffed and volunteer programs, they will identify ways to address and achieve prioritization, synergy, cooperation and support within the organization and the larger provider community. The audience will be encouraged to comment and ask questions.

Workshops

1:55 – 2:55

Our opening remarks will be followed by three interactive workshop sessions for members of the audience from different program settings. In addition to discussion topics presented by the facilitators, you are encouraged to raise topics and issues of concern to you in these workshops.

Workshop: Stand-Alone Pro Bono Programs
Minneapolis Grand Ballroom - Salon A

Facilitator: Margaret C. Benson, Executive Director, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation, Chicago, IL

Reporter: Moya Gray, Executive Director, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI

**Workshop: Pro Bono Programs Affiliated with Legal Services Corporation Grant Recipients
Symphony Ballroom II**

Facilitator: David Ackerly, Pro Bono Attorney, Los Angeles, CA

*Reporter: Patricia Gerrich, Director, Volunteer Lawyers Program, Community Legal Services, Phoenix,
AZ*

**Workshop: Pro Bono Programs Affiliated with Bar Associations or Other Organizations Not
Affiliated with Legal Services Corporation Grant Recipients
Symphony Ballroom I**

*Facilitator: Virginia Martin, Pro Bono Director, New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program, New
Hampshire Bar Association, Concord, NH*

*Reporter: Kimberly Mucha Abbott, Pro Bono Project Director, Clark County Legal Services,
Las Vegas, NV*

**Plenary: A Report to the Whole and a Candid Discussion
3:05 – 5:00 - Minneapolis Grand Ballroom - Salon A**

Workshop reporters will summarize the discussions in their respective workshops. The audience will be encouraged to comment and ask questions.

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