

2009 NLADA/ABA Equal Justice Conference
Beyond the Basics: A Program for Experienced Pro Bono Program Managers
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
12:30 p.m-5:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel at the Entrance to Universal Orlando
Orlando, Florida
Osceola Room

Speakers and Reporters

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

Tony Barash is the Director Emeritus of the American Bar Association Center for Pro Bono. After 35 years in private practice and as a corporate general counsel, Tony spent 15 months as an ABA/CEELI judicial reform volunteer in Uzbekistan and was Scholar-in-Residence at Furman University's Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership prior to joining the Center as its Director in 2005. While practicing in California, he served on the Boards and as President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation and Public Counsel, one of the nation's largest and best urban pro bono programs.

Helena Marculewicz, President, National Association of Pro Bono Professionals and Executive Director, Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project, Dayton, OH

Helena Marculewicz graduated from Boston University (1967) and went on to a long and joyous career in association administration. She has managed projects for Area One of Boston, Council of Elders; and served as the Executive Director of the YWCA of Greater RI before joining a group of attorneys to create (in 1988) the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project. While director of this program for 20 years, GDVLP has grown to provide services in a seven county region with a volunteer force of more than 900 lawyers. During 2008, the agency closed more than 1821 cases that accounted for 4017.0 donated hours of attorney time.

Sara Woods, Executive Director, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, Philadelphia, PA

Sara L. Woods serves as the Executive Director of Philadelphia VIP. Philadelphia VIP is a non-profit organization dedicated to recruiting and training volunteer attorneys to assist low-income Philadelphians with non-fee generating civil matters, as well as non-profit organizations and small businesses through VIP's LawWorks Project. Before joining VIP, she served as the Director of Public Service Careers & Pro Bono Programs at Villanova University School of Law for five years. Prior to her tenure at Villanova, Sara worked as a staff attorney at Women Against Abuse Legal Center and the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County. Sara received a B.A. with honors from the Pennsylvania State University, a J.D. cum laude from Villanova University School of Law, and a Master of Public Administration from Villanova University. She is an adjunct Professor at Villanova University School of Law, where she teaches a Public Interest Lawyering course.

David Ackerly, Directing Attorney, Homeless Veterans Project Inner City Law Center, Los Angeles, CA

David Ackerly worked as a Staff Attorney at two pro bono programs, Public Counsel in Los Angeles and Public Law Center in Santa Ana, before joining the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, the largest LSC-funded program in the west, in 2002 to develop a pro bono program. He received the Tanya Neiman Pro Bono Professional of the Year Award in 2007. In 2008 he joined Inner City Law Center as Directing Attorney of the Homeless Veterans Project. He is developing a project to recruit and train pro bono attorneys to represent clients seeking VA benefits.

Martha Delaney, Assistant Executive Director, Volunteer Lawyers Network, Minneapolis, MN

Martha Delaney is Assistant Executive Director of Volunteer Lawyers Network, a stand-alone pro bono program in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through roughly 700 volunteers, VLN provides approximately 6,000 legal services annually, ranging from legal advice to brief service to full representation. Prior to VLN, Martha practiced family law, mediation and child support enforcement. Martha graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School (1991) and the College of the Holy Cross (1986) in physics.

Pete J. Fierro, Equal Justice Volunteer Program Coordinator, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Midland, TX

Pete Fierro graduated from Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. He has been employed at Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas as the Equal Justice Volunteer Coordinator since 2003. He is editor of the LANWT- EJVP “**Newsmakers**” Newsletter. He is the current President Elect of (NAPB Pro) National Association of Pro Bono Professionals Executive Committee Board. He serves as Vice President of the Stanton Community Service Organization and sits on the Casa de Amigos Social Agency Board and serves as Secretary of the Midland County Victim Coalition Board.

Jennifer van Dulmen, Managing Attorney, Community Legal Aid, Akron, OH

Jennifer J. van Dulmen is the Managing Attorney of the Volunteer Legal Services Program at Community Legal Aid Services, based in Akron, OH. She has been at Community Legal Aid since 2006 where she manages a staff of five and a program with a volunteer pool of over 1500 attorneys. Before legal aid, Ms. van Dulmen was in private practice and was an instructor at Kent State University. Ms. van Dulmen earned a J.D. at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, MN, as well as a Masters in Education and a bachelors degree from the University of Minnesota.