

# pro bono connection

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- **Portrait of a Pro Bono Champion**
- **Nominations Sought for ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards**

## Mark Your Calendar

- **March 10, 2003** – deadline for nominations for 2003 Pro Bono Publico Award
- **March 21, 2003** – deadline for Equal Justice Conference pre-registration. *Look for more details at [www.equaljusticeconference.org](http://www.equaljusticeconference.org)*
- **April 10-12, 2003** – Equal Justice Conference in Portland, Oregon



## 2003 Equal Justice Conference to be Held in Portland, Oregon on April 10-12, 2003

Come April 10, 2003 approximately 1,000 people will descend upon Portland, Oregon for the largest gathering of equal justice advocates in the country. These people will include pro bono and legal services program staff, judges, corporate counsel, court administrators, law school leaders, private lawyers, paralegals, government officials, funders and technology experts interested in networking and learning how better to deliver legal services to those unable to afford them.

The Equal Justice Conference, which is jointly sponsored by the American Bar Association and the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, is focused this year on **The Power of Partnerships**. Two keynote speakers are Professor David Hall, Professor and former Provost and Law School Dean, Northeastern University and A.P. Carlton, President, American Bar Association.

The theme of the Conference emphasizes the need for developing and

strengthening partnerships across professional lines to improve the quality of legal services to those segments of the population that need it the most. The Conference showcases approximately 80 workshops and sessions on issues as diverse as: Pro Bono; Pro Se; Hotlines; State Planning; Resource Development; Racial Justice Initiatives; Alternative Delivery Models; Client Outreach; Program Management, Training and Support; Intake; and Information Management and Technology.

The conference will include a one-day, invitation-only **Partners for Justice Forum** that convenes legal services and pro bono program supporters, advocates and partners to discuss and work on issues critical to their community.

Please look for the conference registration material in the mail and join us in Portland if you can. This year, you can also register online for the conference at [www.equaljusticeconference.org](http://www.equaljusticeconference.org)

## New Chair of the ABA's Pro Bono Committee



**Debra A. Segal**, the pro bono partner for the law firm of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta, Georgia, has taken over as the new chair of the ABA's Standing

Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. Prior to joining her law firm

in January 2001 as full-time pro bono counsel, Ms. Segal had devoted her career to the delivery of legal services to low-income clients. She is the former executive director for the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation and former managing attorney at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. In 2001, Ms. Segal coordinated more than 17,000 hours of pro bono legal services through her firm's pro bono program. In market dollars, these free legal services would be valued at more than \$3.7 million.

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