

2007 Pro Bono Institute Annual Seminar and Forum on In-House Corporate Pro Bono A Resounding Success!

Event characterized by extensive networking and exchange of concrete ideas

As those who attended can attest, this year's Seminar/Forum was an incredible experience. Participants in the sessions were brimming with ideas, and the event was alive with energy. As the largest gathering in PBI's history, it was also a bit too crowded, but the caliber of the discussions and the quality of the participants made the space squeeze worth it. In addition to the substantive programming, two key strengths of this year's Seminar/Forum were the unparalleled networking opportunities and the availability exchange of effective, concrete ideas attendees could take home and implement. At the Lessons Learned Luncheon that ended the programming for law firm for law firm representatives, many speakers noted that they had discovered specific ideas and options that resolved questions or issues that they were dealing with.

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Five New Corporate Pro Bono ChallengeSM Signatories Added in Recent Months

Although the Pro Bono Institute Gala in November 2006 celebrated the launch of the Corporate Pro Bono ChallengesSM, the project has not lost momentum in recent months. Since the Gala, Corporate Pro Bono (CPBO) has continued to receive inquiries from in-house legal departments eager to institute their own pro bono programs.

Hewlett-Packard Joins Corporate Pro Bono ChallengesSM

Announced During HP Webcast to Introduce New General Counsel

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New Ethics in Pro Bono Practice Memos are Available

The Pro Bono Institute has created a handbook on pro bono ethical issues impacting law firms that take on pro bono matters. With invaluable assistance from a great team of lawyers and summer associates at Heller Ehrman LLP, the Institute has just produced five new chapters in its pro bono ethics handbook. Topics include ethical issues related to advancing out-of-pocket costs in pro bono matters, the ethical obligation of law firms to the client when a lawyer handling a pro bono matter leaves the firm, the nature of the firm's duty regarding supervision in pro bono matters, limitations on fee-splitting in pro bono matters, and attorneys' fees waivers in pro bono settlements. Heller Ehrman's research and analysis on the ethical guidelines regarding these commonly encountered issues is a real service to the pro bono community. These chapters will be available on [the Pro Bono Institute website](#) - in the member's clearinghouse. This material is provided free of charge to member law firms. Non-members can obtain a copy by [contacting PBI](#); there will be a \$15 charge per chapter, or a \$50 charge for the set of five.

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Intel Recruits Law Firms for Pro Bono Partnerships

Intel Corporation recently garnered attention by issuing a request for proposals to law firms interested in partnering on pro bono projects. (Please see the New York Law Journal article below.) The Pro Bono Institute was delighted to work with Intel in the development of these innovative partnerships. If you would like similar assistance or information on developing partnerships, please contact Esther Lardent at elardent@probonoinst.org.

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Global Pro Bono

The "emerging area of international human rights law."

In an article in the *Friends of the Jessup Newsletter*, Steven M. Schneebaum, shareholder in the Washington, DC office of Greenberg Traurig LLP and a long-time pro bono supporter, argues that law firms should consider "the emerging area of international human rights law" as a fertile area for pro bono work.

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Pro Bono Institute President Lauded in DLA Piper Pro Bono Newsletter

In an article published in the DLA Piper pro bono newsletter, PBI President, Esther Lardent, is lauded as a visionary who "has changed the world." As Co-Chair of DLA Piper's New Perimeter international pro bono initiative, she assists the Advisory Board on a policy level. [FULL STORY]