

Time - and Space - is Running Out! Register Now for the Pro Bono Institute Annual Seminar/Forum on In-House Corporate Pro Bono.

The response to the announcement of the PBI Seminar/Forum has been extraordinary. The 2007 Seminar/Forum promises to be a very exciting event, with timely programs on controversial pro bono engagements and pro bono in other professions. The Seminar/Forum will include a large number of new topics, in keeping with the rapidly-changing world of law firm and corporate pro bono. Another notable aspect of this year's event is the fast-growing presence of in-house corporate leaders.

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ACC Releases 7th Annual Chief Legal Officer Survey.

The [Association for Corporate Counsel](#) has conducted the [Chief Legal Officer Survey](#) annually in conjunction with its Annual Meeting since 2000. This year, the ACC received responses from 848 in-house counsel who are the chief legal officers or general counsel for their client companies. According to the survey, almost 80 percent of those responding to the question find participation in pro bono services or in company-wide public-service efforts to be important to them as leaders of an in-house legal department. However, less than 10 percent of those responding to the question had an established program in place to support participation in pro bono efforts, and only 36 percent had an established program in place to support participation in company-wide public service efforts. To see the complete survey results, go to <http://www.acc.com/public/surveys/2006closurveyreport.pdf>.

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There's still time to complete the Pro Bono Institute's Second ActsSM Survey!

With the aging of the "baby boomer" generation, the number of lawyers in the United States 50 and older is expected to triple over the next two decades. It has been estimated that if only five percent of these lawyers transition to public interest practice, the number of lawyers available to meet the legal needs of the poor and disadvantaged and the community groups that serve them will double. With this in mind, the Pro Bono Institute, with generous financial support from Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP, is conducting a survey to determine the factors at major law firms that may promote or inhibit participation in pro bono by lawyers in transition. Survey results will be announced at the upcoming Pro Bono Institute Seminar/Forum.

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Continuing Controversy Over Department of Defense Employee's Guantanamo Interview

As many of the *Wire's* readers may be aware, on January 11, 2007, Cully Stimson, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs, gave an interview to Federal News Radio, in which he listed several major law firms who have undertaken pro bono work on behalf of Guantanamo detainees and implied that corporations would force such firms to choose between representing detainees or representing those corporations. Mr. Stimson resigned from his position on February 1, 2007.

[FULL STORY]

Akin Gump Releases a New Set of Pro Bono Policies and Procedures.

The firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld adopted a new set of pro bono policies and procedures in December 2006. The document clearly states what matters are or are not considered pro bono work and establishes the firm's procedures for taking on pro bono matters. More importantly, the policies and procedures confirm Akin Gump's commitment to pro bono work and public service. As the introduction by firm chairman, Bruce McLean, notes, Akin Gump's "commitment to pro bono service is unequivocal." **[FULL STORY]**

Please Welcome Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP as the Law Firm Pro Bono Project's Newest ChallengeSM Signatory.

The Law Firm Pro Bono Project is pleased to announce the latest law firm to sign the Law Firm Pro Bono ChallengeSM - Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP. With over 70 business litigation attorneys, Maslon Edelman is a Minneapolis firm with an emphasis on commercial law and litigation. We welcome the firm and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship. **[FULL STORY]**

Corporate Pro Bono (CPBO) Project Director Moderates Legal Marketing Association Conference.

In January, the Director of the [Corporate Pro Bono Project](#) (CPBO), Eve Runyon, moderated a panel discussion sponsored by the Los Angeles chapter of the Legal Marketing Association and the [Association of Corporate Counsel](#), on the topic of pro bono as a marketing tool. Panel speakers included Jonathan Block, General Counsel of Salem Communications and president of ACC's Southern California Chapter; Dan Fisk, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Computer Sciences Corporation; Vincent Gonzales, Senior Counsel, Sempra Energy; and Richard Tom, Southern California Edison. **[FULL STORY]**