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Pro Bono Quick Poll

Has your firm/legal department represented death row inmates and/or other prisoners?

- Yes.
- No.
- I don't know.

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The Progress of Corporate Pro Bono

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Corporate pro bono used to be so rare, says Esther Lardent, that few companies had a formal program before 2000. But last November the Washington, D.C.-based Pro Bono Institute, which Lardent heads, created the Corporate Pro Bono Challenge. Since then 58 law departments have signed on, pledging that at least 50 percent of their staff attorneys will do free legal work every year. Reporter Jill Nawrocki recently spoke with Lardent about what this landmark endeavor has accomplished so far. An edited version of their conversation follows.

[FULL STORY]

Update on Pro Bono Representation of Veterans

The Pro Bono Institute would like to thank the more than fifty law firms and corporate legal departments who have stepped forward to ask to volunteer to provide pro bono legal services to veterans seeking disability benefits as part of a national project administered by the National Veterans Legal Services Project, the American Legion, and other veterans groups.

On October 31st, a videoconference orientation was broadcast to twenty-seven sites with participation from hundreds of law firm and legal department volunteers. Firms participating in the program have received free access to a training manual and website, and referral of veterans' benefits claims appeals will begin soon after the orientation session.

[FULL STORY]

Philadelphia House Calls

Law Firm Pro Bono Project Director and Assistant Director Visit Philadelphia Law Firms

The Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Project continues to provide a new technical assistance benefit for Member law firms – pro bono "house calls." On October 22-23, Law Firm Pro Bono Project Director, Tammy Taylor, and Assistant Director, Reena Glazer, met individually with five Philadelphia law firms, visiting with firm leaders, partners, and pro bono coordinators to discuss national trends in pro bono and to learn about innovative pro bono projects currently underway in the Philadelphia area. Firms participating in the most recent "House Calls" program included: Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, Saul Ewing LLP, Blank Rome LLP, Pepper Hamilton LLP, and Reed Smith LLP.

[FULL STORY]

The Impact of Pro Bono on Legal Recruitment



In an interesting footnote to [the article in the last issue of the Pro Bono Wire](#) regarding the impact of a law firm's pro bono efforts on recruitment, a recent article in the New York Law Journal details a report issued by a group of Stanford Law School students – grading firms on pro bono among other "quality of life" issues.

The student group – Law Students Building a Better Legal Profession – has also added members from Harvard Law School and Yale Law School. In addition to issuing a report card on firms' pro bono efforts, the students assessed diversity and billable hours.

Interestingly, the article notes that pro bono is "more important than ever to law school graduates." This is reinforced by the student group's purpose in grading firms – to provide law students with data beyond salary with which to evaluate potential employers.

[FULL STORY]

Global Pro Bono: Canadian Lawyer Finds New Pro Bono Work in Liberia

In a story reflective of both the growth of global pro bono and PBI's [Second ActsSM](#) initiative, a Canadian attorney has found satisfying and different pro bono work in Liberia. Jim Dube, a corporate attorney from Toronto, recently spent five weeks in Liberia under the auspices of the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP), which matches experienced lawyers with pro bono projects that focus on the rule of law and human rights around the world.

[FULL STORY]

Law Firm Pro Bono Project Issues Call for Materials

The mission of the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Project is to provide consultative services, research, training, and materials to help firms create and maintain first-rate pro bono programs. We cannot, however, accurately respond to your requests and fulfill our mandate without obtaining information from you! We encourage readers of the *Pro Bono Wire* to share information and materials with us in response to these regular "Calls for Materials." Sensitive materials that you provide to us will be **confidential** and will not be disclosed without your permission.

[FULL STORY]

Pro Bono Victory: Clifford Chance Secures Last Minute Stay of Execution For US' Longest-Serving Death Row Prisoner

In an exciting pro bono victory for Clifford Chance, the firm has obtained a stay of execution for Jack Alderman, the United States' longest-serving death row prisoner. Read the full story for details of the case.

[FULL STORY]

Pro Bono Victory: Winston Scores Seventh Circuit Victory in Pro Bono Prisoner Case

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Winston & Strawn LLP obtained a unanimous ruling from the Seventh Circuit on their client's issue on appeal – denial of his motion for appointment of counsel.

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