

ProBono.Net/NY: Connecting New York's Pro Bono Community

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Whether interested in helping a military service member draft a will or assisting a new not-for-profit organization through the process of incorporation, New York attorneys looking to get involved in pro bono or find pro bono practice resources have a one-stop source: www.probono.net/ny.

Probono.net/ny's online volunteer opportunities guide is a searchable directory of over 100 pro bono programs across the state, and allows users to narrow their search by geography or areas of law. Probono.net/ny also features substantive practice areas with libraries of resources created and maintained by experts in areas such as Family Law, Asylum, Housing, Community Development and Foreclosure. In addition, the site also has an extensive calendar of trainings and events in New York, and an up-to-date news feed.

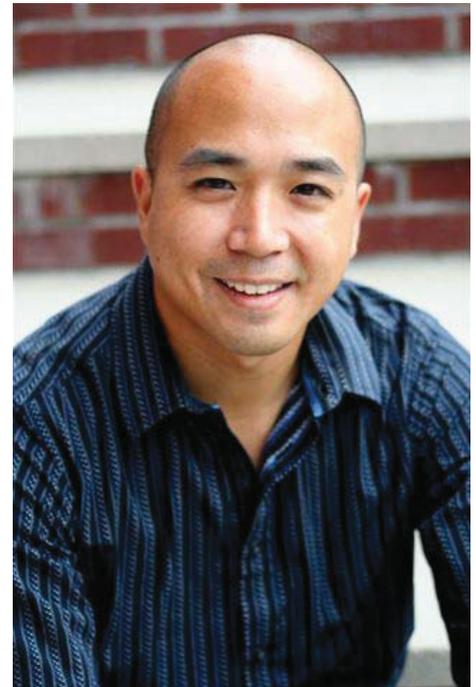
By joining Probono.net/ny, volunteer attorneys can become a part of a community of over 20,000 lawyers in New York who have embraced the time-honored tradition of *pro bono publico* in the legal profession, and are using today's technology to get involved.

This fall, ProBono.Net continues its webinar training series, *Pro Bono in New York*, which features New York pro bono programs covering a substantive legal topic in practice areas ideally suited for pro bono participation. These webinars serve as an orientation for attorneys interested in pro bono practice, and allow pro bono programs to showcase their projects. Past webinars, which are available on Probono.net/ny, have featured Lawyers Alliance of New York on nonprofit bylaws, MFY Legal Services on adoption and the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project on consumer debt, among others. The series will continue through the winter and spring - see Probono.net/ny for details. Organizations interested in featuring their pro bono opportunities and recruiting new volunteers can

sign up by contacting Tony Lu at tlu@probono.net.

New York pro bono attorneys interested in representing low-income immigrants will have a new resource this fall when the Immigration Advocates Network (IAN), a project of Pro Bono Net and 11 leading immigration advocacy and legal support groups, launches its Pro Bono Resource Center. The launch of this area, which includes a library of practice resources and a community forum moderated by expert immigration practitioners, will create new opportunities for volunteer attorneys interested in getting involved in immigration work. The IAN Pro Bono Resource Center will launch the week of the National Pro Bono Celebration, October 24 through 30, 2010, at www.immigrationadvocates.org.

For more information about Probono.net/ny or the Pro Bono in New York webinar series, contact Tony Lu at Pro Bono Net (tlu@probono.net or 212-760-2554 x483). For national pro bono news updates, you can also fol-



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low Pro Bono Net on Twitter (@probono) or join us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/probononet).

The screenshot shows the ProBono.Net/NY website interface. At the top, there's a logo for 'probono.net/ny' with the tagline 'New York lawyers serving the public good.' To the right of the logo are links for 'Donate | Tell A Friend' and a search bar. Below the logo is a horizontal strip of small images representing various community members. A navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'Calendar', 'News', 'Volunteer', 'About', 'Help', 'Feedback Survey', and 'Login'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Thanks to PBN Sponsors' (featuring the 'LAW SCRIBES' logo), 'New York PRACTICE AREAS' (listing categories like Community Dev./Nonprofit, Corporate Counsel Pro Bono, Criminal Appeals, Family Justice/DV, Foreclosure, HIV Advocacy, Housing, NYC Pro Bono Center, Rochester / Finger Lakes, and Reentry.net/NY), 'National PRACTICE AREAS' (listing Asylum Law, Death Penalty, and Immigration Advocates), 'Welcome to probono.net/ny!' (a central message), 'JOIN A PRACTICE AREA' (describing resources for legal professionals and law students), 'CALENDAR' (describing CLE trainings and public interest legal events), 'VOLUNTEER' (describing opportunities for trusts/estates lawyers, domestic violence help, and litigators), 'NEWS' (describing a news feed for pro bono and legal aid news), and 'Hot Topics in Pro Bono' (listing NYC Service Legal Outreach Volunteers, TPS for Haitians, Attorney Emeritus, Deferred Associates, and Upcoming Events).