

Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Coordinators **Mission Statement**

Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Coordinators ("CCPBC") support pro bono work by in-house counsel. CCPBC serves as a resource for corporate counsel to provide legal services in the public interest and to the under-privileged, and for companies to establish or expand in-house counsel pro bono programs and efforts.

Pro bono service may include the rendering of professional legal services to persons in the public interest, without the expectation of compensation, such as by rendering direct legal services to persons with low income and/or to organizations that address the needs of such persons; legal services designed to simplify the legal process or increase the availability and quality of legal services; legal services that protect the rights of individuals or a significant segment of the public that would not otherwise secure quality legal representation; legal services to persons or groups that have been harmed by or are providing assistance to persons or groups harmed by a natural disaster or public emergency; public interest work such as providing legal counsel to not-for-profit and community groups; and legal services provided to charitable, religious, civic, governmental, artistic or cultural, educational, professional, or similar organizations. Companies may have their own policies and protocols relating to in-house counsel pro bono work, including as to definitions of such work, and lawyers and other legal staff are encouraged to consult their respective companies' policies in this regard before undertaking a pro bono project.

Those employed by a company legal department can become a member of CCPBC by visiting CCPBC's site, located at <http://www.probono.net/corporatecounsel>, clicking the "Become a Member" link on the lefthand side of the screen and completing the brief form. Members have access to certain restricted areas of CCPBC's site, such as resources in CCPBC's Library. In addition, members receive periodic mailings via email, which will help keep you informed about pro bono opportunities, upcoming training seminars, links to relevant articles, and the like. In-house lawyers, as well as legal assistants, secretaries, and other personnel employed by company legal departments, are all eligible to become CCPBC members.

Those who are functioning as the company's pro bono coordinator can also join the pro bono coordinators' listserv for CCPBC. The company's designee can participate in this listserv to liaise with other companies' pro bono coordinators to serve as a resource and to assist in the formation and implementation of company pro bono programs and initiatives. Only one person from each company may participate in the coordinators' listserv. To join this listserv, visit CCPBC's site, located at <http://www.probono.net/corporatecounsel>, and complete the brief form by accessing the "Join this Area if You are Your Company's Pro Bono Coordinator" link on the lefthand side of your screen.

For additional information about CCPBC, please visit CCPBC's web-site, located at <http://www.probono.net/corporatecounsel>.