

State Bar of Georgia Resolution Pro Bono Celebration Week in Georgia

Whereas, pro bono is a shortened version of the Latin phrase, “pro bono publico” which means “for the public good”; and

Whereas, pro bono is widely used in the legal profession to designate the ethical and professional obligation of attorneys for the public good such as representing low-income or marginalized citizens, providing community legal education, and participating in programs that provide the public greater access to the courts and opportunity for the orderly resolution of disputes; and

Whereas, the justice system in Georgia is well-served by the pro bono work of attorneys in their assurance that all Georgia citizens will have access to the legal system; and

Whereas, the State Bar of Georgia encourages lawyers to participate in coordinated pro bono programs available in every county in Georgia through its Pro Bono Project and local pro bono and legal services programs; and

Whereas, the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia urges young lawyers to assume leadership in pro bono service to their communities, having itself created in 1971 what is now known as the Georgia Legal Services Program, one of the largest legal aid programs in the United States; and

Whereas, the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service has designated the week of October 24, 2010, as National Pro Bono Celebration Week to honor pro bono service and to call for increased participation in pro bono programs.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, the State of Georgia does hereby proclaim the week of October 24, 2010, as Pro Bono Celebration Week in Georgia in recognition of the valuable role volunteer lawyers play in resolving the legal problems of Georgia’s low-income citizens and of the importance of structured, coordinated programs that support and train volunteer lawyers.

Resolved Further that, the State Bar of Georgia and the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division urge lawyers to reflect upon the precepts of professionalism and ethics that are hallmarks of the legal profession and which serve to protect our nation’s pledge of equal justice under law.

Given this 20th day of October 2010.



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