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National Pro Bono Week Celebration

Members of the _____ Bar Association are putting the focus on pro bono by sponsoring a Wills for Heroes legal clinic for the _____ on October _____, 2009, at _____. The clinic is part of the Pro Bono Week Celebration.

[*Quote about the Event* - "As a community, we owe first response personnel a debt of gratitude. We also believe that each person in the community has something to give back to the people who give so much. It is our hope that as lawyers, we can contribute by affording first response personnel the peace of mind in knowing their affairs are in order should the unthinkable occur," says _____, president of the _____ Bar Association. "We are looking forward to answering their questions by providing this service.]"

The National Pro Bono Week Celebration focuses attention to the legal work lawyers do in their communities to improve the lives of their friends and neighbors. According to a study released in February 2009, nearly three quarters of lawyers in the United States report doing pro bono work. "We believe the American Bar Association recommendation that each lawyer performs a minimum of 50 hours of pro bono service each year allows the legal community to support the greater community," says Mark Schickman, chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service.

Information on facility

Information on bar association/pro bono program