Recruitment Activities

County Bar Association Luncheon

Consider holding your Local Bar Association meeting during Pro Bono Week, October 24- 30, 2010. Have the meeting focus on Pro Bono Recognition honoring all those who perform pro bono services during the year. The Volunteer Lawyers Program will be happy to provide you with a list of local volunteers and maybe able to supply certificates for volunteers if you provide adequate notice.

Also consider presenting the one hour CLE contained in these materials.

Meet the Judges - Open House and Judicial Reception

Invite area attorneys to attend a reception with members of the local judiciary. At the reception recognize local Volunteer Lawyer Program members or outstanding pro bono attorneys. An event like this did not occur in Alabama last year but several other states held this type of event, including Florida and Mississippi. Events were held at local law firms and court houses.

Volunteer Lawyers Reception

The Montgomery County Bar sponsored a party on October 15, 2009 from 5:30 - 7:30 at the Renaissance Hotel. This celebration was free for members of the Volunteer Lawyers Program. There was a cover charge of $10.00 for all non-members. You could enroll in the Volunteer Lawyers Program on site in order to gain free entry. All bar members and their guests were invited to attend.

For more information on how to plan such an event contact:

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Courtroom Trial Table Tents: "Have you done your pro bono today?"

During the week of the National Pro Bono Celebration, October 24 – 30, 2010, place table tents on the trial tables in the courtrooms of your county and city courthouses. The table tents asks lawyers "Have you done your pro bono today?" The Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Week Task Force has table tents available for your use. Please call and request your table tents from Linda Lund, 1-800-354-6154.

Bar Association Phone-A Thon

National surveys have shown that many attorneys do not engage in pro bono because they were never asked. Help solve this problem by holding a phone-a-thon calling local bar members and encouraging them to join the Volunteer Lawyers Program. Alabama's local bars have a long and storied history of service to the community, particularly in the area of legal service to the poor, pro bono recruitment simply demonstrates the bar's commitment to the provision of legal services to the poor. The Volunteer lawyers Program can provide you with a list of current VLP members allowing you to contact only those not already involved.

Additional Information:

- For enrollment forms or assistance with recruitment activities contact the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program, 1-800-354-6154.

- Enrollment forms can also be found on line at the Alabama State Bar web site, www.alabar.org or from your local VLP program. All enrollment forms submitted to the Alabama State Bar will be distributed to the appropriate VLP program.

- For additional pro bono week activities see the Alabama State Bar's web site www.alabar.org and the American Bar Association web site www.celebrateprobono.org