



The Chicago Bar Association & The Chicago Bar Foundation's

2009 Pro Bono Week: Oct. 26-30

“With malice toward none; with charity for all.” -Abraham Lincoln



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The CBA and CBF will sponsor Chicago's Fifth Annual Pro Bono Week from October 26-30, 2009, to honor lawyers' pro bono efforts and to educate the public and the legal community about how these lawyers are improving the lives of the less fortunate.

Pro Bono Week will feature several events for attorneys to highlight pro bono work and to showcase pro bono opportunities, including:

Pro Bono Week Kickoff Event - Pro Bono Breakfast with Illinois Judges

Join members of Chicago's legal community to help celebrate pro bono and kick off 2009 CBA/CBF Pro Bono Week at a Pro Bono Breakfast with Illinois Judges. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 8:00 a.m., at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, 191 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Suite 3700. RSVP for the complimentary event at www.chicagobar.org (under CLE) or 312-554-2032.

MCLE Programs at The Chicago Bar Association

- An Introduction to Representing Low-Income Individuals and Families that Face a Tax Controversy with the Internal Revenue Service (October 28, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Complimentary)
- An Introduction to Forms of Relief from a Criminal Record - Expungement, Sealing & Pardons (October 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Complimentary)

In the spirit of Pro Bono Week, attendees are expected to accept a pro bono case within the next six months of attending a complimentary CLE. Register at www.chicagobar.org (under CLE) or 312-554-2056.

16th Annual CBA Young Lawyers Section Pro Bono and Community Service Fair

On Thursday, October 29, 2009, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., meet with representatives from over 40 of Chicago's legal aid, pro bono and community service organizations to network with likeminded professionals and uncover the volunteer opportunity you have been seeking. Refreshments will be served. The Fair is co-sponsored by The Chicago Bar Foundation, Exelon, Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Public Interest Law Initiative. The event is hosted by Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago. RSVP to yls@chicagobar.org by Oct. 23. A list of participating organizations can be found at www.chicagobar.org.

Celebrating Five Years of Pro Bono Week

In 2005, the CBA and the CBF launched our annual Pro Bono Week with the twin goals of honoring lawyers' pro bono efforts and educating the public and the legal community about how these lawyers are improving the lives of the less fortunate. In 2009, communities across the country will join Chicago in celebrating Pro Bono Week. The American Bar Association will sponsor a national Pro Bono Celebration, inspired in part by the success of Chicago's annual Pro Bono Week.

To learn more or to register for an event, visit www.chicagobar.org/probonoweek.



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