

Law School Pro Bono Advisor Program

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Presented by the ABA Center for Pro Bono

Designed for law school pro bono and public interest program advisors, coordinators, directors and assistant and associate deans, this program will take a close look at law school pro bono including cutting-edge programs and activities. Several interactive workshops will explore the unique aspects of operating and expanding a law school pro bono program.

11:30 – 12:50 pm **Networking Luncheon and Program**

Grand Ballroom F *Lunch is optional and is subject to a \$30 fee. To reserve a spot, please specify on Equal Justice Conference registration form.*

The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU Pro Bono Showcase: Justice Bus Legal Services on the Road!

Inspired by an Equal Justice Conference workshop, ASU's Justice Bus provides brief legal services by volunteer lawyers and law students in rural and remote areas of Arizona. Specialties include consumer protection, mortgage foreclosure prevention, income tax preparation, unemployment issues, wills and estate planning, and domestic violence prevention. Panelists will discuss what steps were taken to implement the program and attract donors.

- *Dean Paul Schiff Berman, The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University*
- *Kristine Reich, Director of Student Affairs and Public Interest, The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University*
- *Marcy Karin, Associate Clinical Professor of Law/ Director, Work-Life Law Policy Unit, Civil Justice Clinic*
- *Mary Juetten, 2L, The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University*
- *Stephanie McCoy Loquvam, 2L, The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University*

12:50 – 1:00 pm Break

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Opening Plenary Program Keynote Speaker: Sarah Buel,**
Grand Ballroom F *Clinical Professor at the University of Texas School of Law*

Inspiring Pro Bono

Sarah Buel will discuss common factors among successful pro bono programs based on her 33 years working in family violence, juvenile, education, and anti-poverty law. She will also offer examples of some exciting law school pro bono programs and ideas for replication.

2:00 – 2:15 Break

2:15 – 3:45

Concurrent Sessions (choose one of two below)

Grand Ballroom F

The Nuts And Bolts of Law School Pro Bono Programs for the Newer Pro Bono Professional

This program will discuss the key elements of operating a law school pro bono program, including basic recruitment and retention techniques; effective supervision and quality control methods; and systems to track and evaluate student and employer participation. Speakers will provide concrete examples and ideas for the audience to take with them after the presentation.

- *Sara Sommarstrom, Staff Attorney/Pgm Dir, Minnesota Justice Foundation*
- *Elizabeth P. Walsh, Assistant Dean for Student Services, Washington University School of Law*
- *Karen Pearlman Raab, Director for Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University*

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Taking Your Pro Bono Program to the Next Level: An Interactive Workshop for Experienced Law School Professionals

In this interactive workshop, experienced law school pro bono program managers will discuss how to reinvigorate existing programs – whether they've been around for two years, five years, ten years or even twenty! Participants will learn strategies that can work to expand and improve all programs. We will work in small groups to allow participants to brainstorm around their own needs, and everyone will walk away with the foundation to implement their new plans.

- *Arlene Rivera Finkelstein, Assistant Dean & Executive Director, Toll Public Interest Center, Penn Law School*
- *Laura Dym Cohen, Director, Street Law Clinic & Community Outreach, Southwestern Law School*
- *Eve Biskind Klothen, Assistant Dean for Pro Bono and Public Interest Programs, Rutgers University School of Law - Camden*

3:45 – 4:00

Break

4:00 – 5:30

Concurrent Sessions (choose one of three below)

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Don't Do It Alone: A Collaborative Approach to Pro Bono

The workshop will highlight collaborative ventures between law firms, law schools and legal aid or community service organizations. Panelists will discuss the types of projects that are most successful in these partnerships, identify lessons learned from project partners, and review case studies regarding the successes and challenges of these efforts. Come prepared to share and compare effective practices for collaborative pro bono efforts.

- *Alan Morrison, Associate Dean for Public Service & Public Interest, George Washington University Law School*
- *Kristin Erickson, Director, Pro Bono Initiatives, University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law*
- *Elizabeth Tobin Tyler, Director of Public Service & Community Partnerships, Roger Williams University School of Law*

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Putting Pro Bono in the Classroom

Following the movement toward integrating clinical courses and field placements into the traditional teaching curriculum, there is a growing trend toward incorporating pro bono service into classroom courses. There are several benefits to this model: students are provided with the opportunity to put classroom learning into practice, faculty teach practical skills side-by-side with casebook lessons, and much-needed legal services are provided to the community. This panel will focus on successful strategies for incorporating pro bono into the curriculum and will suggest methods to collaborate with faculty and provide a richer classroom experience for students.

- *Charlene Gomes, Senior Program Manager for Law School Advocacy, Equal Justice Works*
- *James Pietsch, Professor & Faculty Advisor, Pro Bono Program, University of Hawaii at Manoa, William S. Richardson School of Law*
- *Professor Deborah A. Schmedemann, Co-coordinator of Writing & Representation: Advice & Persuasion, William Mitchell College of Law*

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Pro Bono for First Year Students: Balancing Academics and Enthusiasm

Have you considered engaging first year students in your pro bono program? They arrive at your door full of enthusiasm, idealism and skills; why not put them to work on day one! Learn the pros and cons of first year student pro bono engagement from fellow professionals.

- *Pamela Robinson, Director Pro Bono Program, University of South Carolina School of Law*
- *Julie Jackson, Assistant Dean for Public Interest Programs and Lecturer in Law, Tulane University Law School*

6:00 pm

Welcome Reception hosted by The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University

Complimentary appetizers and cash bar at The Terrace Room at Different Pointe of View (Pointe Hilton)

2009 Equal Justice Conference Law School Pro Bono Planning Committee Members

The ABA Center for Pro Bono would like to acknowledge the following committee members for their strong dedication and participation in planning this preconference program.

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