

CELEBRATE PRO BONO 2012

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Vermont State House

Montpelier, VT

8:30-9:00 **Register and visit exhibits:** VBF grantees and friends who provide legal services to the poor

9:00-9:10 **Welcome by Amber Barber, Esq., President, VBA Board of Bar Managers**

9:10-10:25 **Strengthening the Vermont Bar Foundation: VBF turns 30** (1.25 MCLE Credit)

Hon. John Dooley, Beth Danon, Esq., and Daniel Richardson will review the history of Vermont's Bar Foundation, its present programs and fundraising efforts, and future challenges.

10:25- 0:40 **Break and visit exhibitors**

10:40-12:10 **Strength in Unity: Vermont's Access to Justice Coalition** (1.5 MCLE credits)

VBA's Robert Paolini, Esq. as Coalition Chair joins with Eric Avildsen, Esq. of Vermont Legal Aid, Thomas Garrett, Esq., of Legal Services Law Line of Vermont and Mary Ashcroft, Esq., VBA's Pro Bono Coordinator to discuss the history of the Coalition and its present work, to review current legal needs statewide, and to facilitate discussion of needed programs.

12:10-1:15 **Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Hon. Beth Robinson**

1:15-2:45 Concurrent Sessions: (1.5 MCLE credits)

A. Overcoming Barriers to Pro Bono Service

Angele Court of the Vermont Volunteer Lawyers Project joins with Legal Services Law Line attorney David Santos, Poverty Law Fellow Jay Diaz and private attorney L. Raymond Massucco to discuss the challenges that poverty presents to disadvantaged clients and to the lawyers who represent them. The panel will offer techniques for overcoming barriers to pro bono service and tapping resources available to assist the low-income client.

B. Vermont Strong and the Legal System: Meeting legal needs in time of disaster

VBA President Amber Barber, Esq., will moderate this discussion of post disaster legal needs and the Vermont experience following Tropical Storm Irene. Panelists Margaret Frye, Esq., of Legal Services Law Line of Vermont, Therese M. Corsones, Esq., Rutland County Bar, James May, Esq. of the South Royalton Legal Clinic and Robert M. Paolini, Esq. of the Vermont Bar Association will review their organizations' responses, legal issues still outstanding, and meeting future challenges.

2:45-3:00 BREAK

3:00-4:30 **Pro Bono, Low Bono and Public Service for the New, New-to-Vermont and Veteran Lawyer** (1.5 MCLE credits, including 0.5 hours of ethics)

VBA's Pro Bono Coordinator Mary Ashcroft, Esq. will lead a panel exploration of volunteer opportunities in Vermont for the Vermont lawyer using VRPC 6.1—the Pro Bono Rule.

Attorney-panelists John Lamson, David Carter, James F. Carroll, Eileen Blackwood, Teri Corsones and Austin Gray will discuss pro bono and low bono projects, service on state and local government boards, task forces and commissions, and integrating volunteer legal work into a law practice.

4:30-5:00 Vermont Supreme Court Swearing In Ceremony for New Vermont Attorneys

5:00-6:30 Reception to Celebrate the Vermont Bar Foundation's 30TH Birthday, Honor Access to Justice and the Poverty Law Fellowship Program.

VT Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Registration Form

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**Celebrate Pro Bono Conference
October 25, 2012
Vermont State House
Montpelier
9:00am - 4:45pm
Lunch is included**

Pre-registration is required to attend this event.

There is no registration fee to attend; however, in the spirit of Pro Bono we suggest a \$30 donation to the VBF, celebrating their 30 year anniversary. Checks should be made out to the VBF. To pay by credit card, please visit www.vtbarfoundation.org and click on "Donate Now"