BEYOND THE STARFISH



Pro Bono Opportunities for Business Lawyers

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Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources

Why Pro Bono?

We made a promise…

Texas Lawyer's Creed:

"I commit myself to an adequate and effective pro bono program."

State Bar Resolution:

"Each Texas attorney should aspire to render at least 50 hours of *legal services to the poor* every year."

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Legal Services to the poor include:

Legal services without a fee, or at a substantially reduced fee….

….rendered to a charitable, public interest organization with respect to matters or projects…

….designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons.

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Matching legal skills with community needs.

As a lawyer, you want to give back to your community. You have expertise in transactional work such as:

- business law
- real estate
- banking
- taxation and compliance

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How can you use your legal expertise to help individuals with:

- a child custody dispute?
- an eviction case?
- a debt collection action?
- other matters that need litigation assistance?

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Matching legal skills with community needs.

- You want to help, but these matters aren't the best fit for your legal skills.
- You need a pro bono opportunity that matches your skills as a business lawyer with clients who need help with transactional matters.

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