

# **The New Pro Bono Standards: Update on the 2013 Model Rule Revisions**

**November 14, 2013**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

## **Why You Should Attend**

The American Bar Association has just released updated Standards for Pro Bono Legal Services Programs. Join this program to learn about what the Standards provide, and how you might use them to improve or build on your program.

## **What You Will Learn**

- Overview of the Pro Bono Standards
  - The nature and purpose of the Standards
  - Development of the Standards
  - How the Standards are used
- Updates to the Standards
  - Significant revisions
- Hot Topics and Controversies
  - Governance and board roles
  - Attorney-Client privilege issues
  - Pro Bono placement and volunteer support

## **Who Should Attend**

Anyone interested in pro bono and volunteering and those involved in developing or administering pro bono programs, such as, pro bono coordinators from law firms, pro bono managers and executive directors in legal aid organizations, free standing pro bono program staff, and local and state bar association staff and officers, would greatly benefit from attending this program.

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## **Program Schedule**

9:00

### **Program Overview and Introductions**

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### **Overview of the Pro Bono Standards**

- The nature and purpose of the Standards
  - Role of the ABA
  - Minimum standards and gold standards
  - Applicability
- Development of the Standards
  - Initial process
  - Process of revision
    - Working group
    - Public input
- How the Standards are used
  - Existing pro bono programs
  - New pro bono programs
  - Funders
  - Volunteers and others
- Structure of the Standards
  - Black letter, Commentary, Links
  - The different sections of the Standards
  - How to find what you are looking for

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### **The New Pro Bono Standards – Hot Topics and Controversy**

- Significant changes in the update
- Controversial topics, Part I:
  - Governance and board roles
  - Allocation of cases to pro bono
  - Other

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*Networking Break*

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## **Controversial Issues, Part II**

- Volunteer support
  - Training
  - Mentoring
  - Cultural competency
- Pro bono programs and the attorney-client privilege
  - When is an attorney-client relationship created?
  - What are programs' obligations?
- Pro bono placement
  - Giving attorneys a free first look
  - Taking cases back?
- Other

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*Adjourn*

## **Faculty**

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