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Dear Colleagues:

In 2009, the SDCBA launched Lawyers Giving Back, a campaign created to promote pro bono work, volunteerism and community service, which have long-been priorities for the SDCBA. Through this campaign, the SDCBA is challenging each of its members to dedicate at least 50 hours to volunteer service this year, a goal which mirrors the American Bar Association's recommended standard for pro bono work.

As part of this campaign, the SDCBA is creating and alerting members to a wide variety of service opportunities, from volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity "build day," to assisting distressed homeowners during the foreclosure crisis, to mentoring underprivileged young adults, and working on various pro bono projects.

The Guide to Giving Back was designed as a resource to provide you with easy access to opportunities to serve your community in three distinct ways:

- Pro Bono Work
- Community Service
- Service to the SDCBA

The Guide to Giving Back will continue to grow and evolve, providing you with access to opportunities and the resources you need to make a difference in our community. Our hope is that through your involvement, and through the collective efforts of our legal community, we will be able to inspire others to do the same. We appreciate all of the sponsors of our Lawyers Giving Back Campaign (found on the last page) for making it possible for us to better publicize our efforts.

Please join us and give back in any way that is meaningful to you. Together we can create something special - a greater kinship among SDCBA members, a greater bond within our legal community and a positive perception of lawyers in our community at large.

Warmest regards,

Jerrilyn T. Malana, Esq.
2009 SDCBA President

"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
The word pro bono is derived from Latin meaning “for the public good.” Lawyers are uniquely trained to provide service and ensure justice in a meaningful way for those who are unable to afford legal services. While many attorneys are apprised of pro bono opportunities through their law firms, there are a myriad of ways for lawyers to get involved in pro bono work. Lawyers seeking pro bono work are encouraged to contact the following organizations:

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
Since 1983, the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (SDVLP) has changed the lives of thousands of poor women, children and men throughout San Diego County. A private, non-profit organization, SDVLP serves the most vulnerable members of our community: the homeless, abused children, domestic violence victims, elder abuse victims, veterans, immigrants and HIV/AIDS sufferers. It is through the efforts of volunteers and generosity of supporters that SDVLP clients are able to get the legal help that they are otherwise unable to afford. For more information on SDVLP and to get involved, visit www.sdvlp.org or call 619-235-5656.

Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Receiving over 3000 calls each month, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) serves an important role in providing access to justice for San Diegans. LASSD’s service is available to low income individuals and disadvantaged communities for a variety of legal problems, including consumer, family disputes, welfare and health benefits, immigration and poverty law issues such as landlord/tenant disputes, disability support and family benefits payments, with Federal Poverty Income Guidelines determining eligibility for free legal services. LASSD is the only law firm in the County which devotes 100% of its resources to keeping alive the rights of all persons to be afforded equal justice before the law.

Those who qualify for LASSD services receive substantive legal services dealing with basic survival issues such as consumer law, juvenile law, family law, welfare and health benefits, individual rights, immigration, and housing law. LASSD offers the poor of San Diego County legal help when no other resource is available. LASSD may well be their best and is often their last hope. To get involved in LASSD’s pro bono efforts call 877-534-2524 ext. 2717, or e-mail sarar@lassd.org. For more information, visit www.lassd.org.
The SDCBA offers a variety of ways to get involved in service projects. Projects vary throughout the year, and new opportunities are posted on our website at www.sdcba.org/volunteer. Volunteer opportunities are also highlighted every week in the SDCBA’s weekly e-publication *This Week at the Bar*. To get involved, contact the SDCBA’s Community Service Committee. Current opportunities include:

**High School Mock Trial Program**

Volunteers are also needed to serve as coaches and judges for our annual High School Mock Trial Competition, developed by the SDCBA in partnership with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. For additional information, contact Michelle Chavez at 619-231-4150 or via email at mchavez@sdcba.org.

**Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Program**

Lawyers are asked to offer their expertise to assist those serving our country, as a part of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Program. The SDCBA maintains a list of volunteer attorneys willing to make limited appearances on behalf of active duty servicemembers. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to scralris@sdcba.org.

**Juvenile Court Book Club**

The Juvenile Court Book Club, a forum for juveniles in the court school system to read and talk about books with adult volunteers, is looking for SDCBA members to become program volunteers. Volunteer attorneys will meet students once a month to discuss the book chosen for that month. In addition to encouraging literacy, the program fosters discussions of thought provoking issues based on each book. From time to time, local authors also attend Book Club sessions and talk about their writing. Developed by Hon. Maria Arroyo, Juvenile Court Referee (now retired), with support and encouragement from Hon. James Milliken (Ret.), former Presiding Judge of the San Diego Juvenile Court, Book Club volunteers provide “hands-on” outreach and positive support to those in the court’s school system. For more information, contact Bobbie Kunath at bobbiekunath@juvenilecourtbookclub.com or visit www.juvenilebookclub.com.

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2009 SDCBA Award Winner for Community Service

**Jay Jeffcoat**

DLA Piper

“Our communities have done so much for me from my youth to the Wildfires of 2007, that I can never do enough to pay back”. 
For more information on how to get involved in our community service projects, join the SDCBA’s Community Service Committee!

To join and get notices of different community service projects, contact Member Services at 619-321-3505 or mbr@sdcba.org, or log in to your MySD-

If none of the projects listed above are calling out to you, visit Volunteer San Diego at www.volunteersandiego.org. Volunteer San Diego pairs organizations with volunteers in many areas and in ways that best meet the scheduling needs and interests of the volunteers.

NEED VOLUNTEERS?

Do you need lawyers to serve in leadership positions in your organization? Do you have a project that could use volunteers? If so, please visit www.sdcba.org/volunteer and fill out the Attorney Volunteer Request Form located at the bottom of the page.

2009 SDCBA Award Winner for Service to Diversity

Doc Anthony Anderson III
Law Offices of Doc Anthony Anderson III

“I have always recognized where I have come from and where I am now in my life. I am committed to never forgetting where I have come from. Giving back is one way I live up to that commitment.”
San Diego County Bar Foundation

The San Diego County Bar Foundation is the charitable arm of the San Diego County Bar Association, and strives to provide access to justice by investing in sustainable results and advocacy for people and communities in our region that are impacted by poverty, abuse, and discrimination.

The Foundation does this by supporting, funding, and encouraging the creation of public service programs that support the ideals of justice by delivering legal services, improving the administration of justice and promoting public understanding of the law.

Since its founding, the San Diego County Bar Foundation has donated more than $1.94 million to more than 30 legal aid and public interest organizations and has grown restricted endowment. The San Diego County Bar Foundation has supported the following service based organizations:
Access, Inc.
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
Casa Cornelia Law Center
Center for Community Solutions
The Community Resource Center
Elder Law and Advocacy
Hannah’s House
Homeless Court
International Rescue Committee
Kids Included Together
La Cuna, Inc.
Legal Aid Society of San Diego

Parkinson’s Association of San Diego County
Peninsula Family YMCA
Saint Clare’s Home
San Diego Coastkeeper
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
Voices for Children
Volunteers in Parole of San Diego County
Women’s Resource Fair
YMCA of San Diego County

Giving back comes in many different forms - including financial contributions. To make a donation to the Foundation please visit www.sdcbf.org or call 619-231-7015.