



PRO BONO PROJECT

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Serving the Legal Community in Assisting
Low-Income Persons To Navigate the Justice System

LAWYER UP!

Step up and support the ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE

What would happen if you weren't available to your clients when they need you? Who would steer them through legal waters, putting them on the course toward a positive outcome, and helping them avoid unseen obstacles just below the surface of their issues. Your clients are very fortunate in two respects. First, they understand there are issues in their lives that might be addressed through legal representation. And second, they have the ability to retain an attorney.

That isn't true for more than 300,000 East Tennesseans. Even if they understand their situation might be addressed through legal means, they most often don't have the resources to hire a lawyer. And they struggle daily with some of the most difficult legal needs: domestic violence, preventing homelessness, safe housing, securing public benefits (SSI, food stamps, unemployment compensation), public/private insurance issues, and consumer protection.

In a nation that promises "justice for all," all too many low-income families remain locked out of our legal system. LAET is doing its best to serve as many as we can. But the need is great, and we can't do it without your support. PLEASE . . . Lawyer Up! Pledge your tax-deductible contribution today!

FIRM UP!

Step up your firm's support Join the LAET LEADERSHIP CABINET

New to this year's annual Campaign for Justice, the LAET Leadership Cabinet consists of law firms whose annual combined firm & attorney giving averages at least \$250 per attorney. Membership is open to all law firms, small and large, who pledge this level of giving in 2013. Cabinet members will have the knowledge that they not only have made a significant contribution to Legal Aid, but also that they are fully participating in the life of LAET and working to fulfill ethical obligations as attorneys.

Leadership Cabinet member firms will be recognized as such in the LAET annual report, newsletters, other publications, and LAET DICTA inserts. And Class of 2013 members will be recognized as Charter Members as they maintain Leadership Cabinet membership in successive years.

FIRM UP! Commit your firm to the Leadership Cabinet membership level. Join the firms listed below in securing the promise of "justice for all" in East Tennessee. For more information, contact Bill Evans, LAET Resource Development Director at bevans@laet.org or (865) 521-4948.

For a list of current members of the LAET Leadership Cabinet - Class of 2013
and a pledge form, see the insert in this edition of DICTA.

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