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and  
Santa Clara County Bar Association

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*The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Pro Bono Volunteer  
Recognition Reception*



*September 25, 2007  
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# 2007 Volunteer Recognition Program



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# Interesting Statistics



Santa Clara County has the fourth largest population of California counties, following Los Angeles, San Diego, and Orange counties.

Santa Clara County is the largest of the nine Bay Area counties and its population constitutes about one fourth of the Bay Area's total population.

As of 2006, Santa Clara County's population is 1,791,869.

Santa Clara County has an area of 1,312 square miles.

The County of Santa Clara has a culture rich ethnic diversity, with over 100 languages and dialects spoken.

California ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> in the country in funding per poor person for legal services.

There are only 754 legal aid attorneys in California, out of a total of 165,381 active attorneys, to address the legal problems of an indigent population that numbered 6.3 million in 2005, representing nearly 18% of the population.

In 2000, approximately 7.5 million Californians had incomes higher than the maximum eligibility limit for federally funded legal aid, and yet their incomes were lower than the state's median income.

Among those eligible for legal aid are almost one in five of the state's children and many of the 26 percent of California workers who earn poverty-level wages.

Among law firms in Santa Clara County, over 40% of all legal work is pro bono.

*Statistics Provided by the California Department of Finance, the California Commission on Access to Justice, April 2007, Information.com, and by the Santa Clara County Government Website*



# Recognition of Volunteers



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# Organization Descriptions



## **PRO BONO PROJECT OF SILICON VALLEY**

*480 North First Street, Suite 219  
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(408) 998-5298*

Since 1986, the Pro Bono Project has been helping low-income and indigent citizens in Santa Clara County gain access to pro bono legal representation. In our first year, 21 volunteer attorneys provided 361 hours of service to 52 clients. During 2004 and 2005, 455 volunteer attorneys provided over \$2 million of free legal services to over 2,000 low-income clients.

The Pro Bono Project is the only legal services agency in Santa Clara County chartered to use volunteers as its primary vehicle of service delivery. We fill in gaps that exist in the services offered by other local legal aid agencies by accepting the cases that they are not able to accommodate. We are the last chance many clients have for receiving any kind of skilled legal assistance.

The Pro Bono Project provides civil legal services at no cost to low-income people. The Project takes cases in general practice, including family law, paternity, and consumer issues. The Project staffs legal clinics, provides advice in clinic settings and sponsors the "Lawyers in the Library" program that takes legal advice into the communities that need it the most.



## **SUPPORT NETWORK FOR BATTERED WOMEN**

*444 Castro Street, Suite 30  
Mountain View, CA 94041  
Office: (650) 940-7850  
Crisis Line: 1-800-572-2782*

Support Network for Battered Women is a multi-service agency providing services to women and their children. Services include: a 24-hour crisis hotline and intervention, clinical and peer counseling, support groups, an 18-bed shelter for battered women and their children, community education, and legal assistance. The Legal Program uses attorney volunteers in all aspects of its work, including the restraining order clinic, the divorce clinic, court accompaniments, victim outreach, and legal research. The Legal Program also relies heavily on its panel of private attorneys who accept low or no fee referrals of Support Network clients.



## LAW FOUNDATION OF SILICON VALLEY

*111 West St. John Street, Suite 315*

*San Jose, CA 95113*

*(408) 293-4790*

*Public Interest Law Firm: (408) 280-2417*

The Law Foundation's mission is to secure justice and protect human rights by providing legal advocacy and counseling which influences public policy and provides access to the legal system for those who would otherwise be unrepresented.

SCCBALF has the following five programs:

1. *AIDS Legal Services (ALS)*: ALS provides pro bono legal services for indigent persons with AIDS and for persons who are HIV-positive. All cases are referred to our panel of volunteer attorneys on a rotating basis.
2. *Mental Health Advocacy Project*: MHAP provides legal services to people in mental health and developmental service systems on problems involving care and treatment, education, rehabilitation, employment, housing, consumer rights, and financial benefits. Volunteers are used for casework (investigation, representation, advice, monitoring), clerical and office management (reception, secretarial).
3. *Legal Advocates for Children and Youth*: LACY provides free, comprehensive legal services to children and youth in Santa Clara County. Priority areas for direct representation include: juvenile court issues of neglect/abuse, custody issues involving termination of parental rights, legal guardianships, emancipations, family disputes, domestic violence, and homelessness advocacy. LACY has volunteer opportunities for attorneys and legal advocates to assist with clearinghouse services, systemic reform, direct representation, and participation in community-based programs.
4. *Public Interest Law Firm (PILF)*: The mission of Public Interest Law Firm (PILF) is to protect the human rights of individuals and groups in the Silicon Valley area who are underrepresented in the civil justice system. PILF accomplishes its mission by leveraging the skills and resources of pro bono attorneys to provide high quality representation in class action and impact litigation, advocacy in state and local government, and litigation support to local legal services programs. PILF was formed in 1974 by the Santa Clara County Bar Association to provide legal representation through class action and impact litigation to individuals and groups whose civil and constitutional rights were threatened. In 1987, the firm expanded its ability to provide such representation through the development of Public Interest Counsel, a panel of law firms committed to co-counseling with PILF on a pro bono basis.
5. *Fair Housing Law Project*



## **SENIOR ADULTS LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

*160 East Virginia Street, Suite 260  
San Jose, CA 95112  
(408) 295-5991*

SALA is a non-profit law office that provides free civil legal services to the elder (age 60 or older) residents of Santa Clara County with low income, frail, and risk of institutionalization. SALA is the only legal services program in Santa Clara County to provide such services under the mandate of the Federal Older American's Act.

SALA serves approximately 2,000 Santa Clara county elders each year through scheduled appointments at twenty-three senior centers. Home visits are made to elders who are homebound or institutionalized. SALA's attorney staff has expertise in these areas: Public Benefits (Social Security, SSI, Medicare, and Medi-Cal), Housing, Elder Abuse, Nursing Homes and Alternatives, Advance Directives, and Consumer Law. SALA also provides simple wills free of charge to elders with modest assets through the pro bono No Free Wills Panel.

SALA utilizes volunteers in three ways. First, volunteer attorneys and paralegals assist with direct services to clients by conducting interviews at senior centers and undertaking the necessary legal follow-up work for these clients. Second, volunteer attorneys serve on SALA's No Free Wills Panel, a pro bono project endorsed by the SCCBA Estate Planning Section. Since 1987, pro bono Wills Panel attorneys have provided simple wills for SALA clients through Will Days at senior centers. Pro Bono attorneys on the Wills Panel also make home visits to homebound or institutionalized elders in need of a simple will. Third, SALA uses volunteer attorneys on the Wills Panel to serve as speakers for our Elder Law Education Project.



## **KATHERINE & GEORGE ALEXANDER COMMUNITY LAW CENTER**

*1030 The Alameda  
San Jose, California 95126  
(408) 288-7030*

CLC is a project of Santa Clara University School of Law. CLC provides free legal services to low-income clients in consumer, employment (including workers' compensation), immigration and small business matters. The Center offers individual consultations to clients at drop-in-advice clinics, representation, workshops, and community education in each of its areas of practice.

CLC uses community volunteers to answer phones, make copies, and interpret. Student volunteers do case handling and interpreting. Attorney volunteers advise on cases, teach classes, and handle cases with student workers.



## **FEDERAL PRO BONO PROJECT**

*4 North Second Street, Suite 400  
San Jose, CA 95113  
(408) 975-2114*

The Federal Pro Bono Project was developed in 1992 by the Santa Clara County Bar Association, in association with the Federal Court, to provide pro bono representation for indigent clients in the Federal Court system. Since its inception, the Federal Pro Bono Project has received 70 requests for assignment of pro bono counsel in the areas of Title VII law, Prisoners' Civil Rights, and Social Security Appeals.



## **BAY AREA LEGAL AID**

*2 West Santa Clara Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113  
(408) 283-3700*

Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) is the largest provider of free civil legal services in the Bay Area. Seven regional offices work together to provide high quality legal assistance to low-income people regardless of their location, language, or disability. BayLegal is uniquely positioned to help people across county lines and assists people in the areas of housing, public benefits, health access, and domestic violence.





*The Pro Bono Project provides quality, caring representation to clients with limited means. Volunteer attorneys make the courts and the protection of the laws accessible to the most vulnerable members of our community. The Pro Bono Project is the only legal services agency in Santa Clara County chartered to use volunteers as its primary vehicle of service delivery.*



*Founded in 1917, the Santa Clara County Bar Association is a non-profit, non-regulatory professional organization working to provide training and support to member attorneys, improve and streamline local administration of justice, and serve the public by fostering improved public understanding of and access to the legal system. The Bar Association currently has over 3,600 member attorneys in the County.*

