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## McV PRO BONO NEWS

### *Pro Bono Program Recognizes Work of its Attorneys*

McConnell Valdés held the Pro Bono Program Annual Luncheon to recognize the pro bono work of its attorneys during the firm's 2014-15 fiscal year. The featured speaker at the event was the Honorable David Bernier Rivera, Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

During the past fiscal year, the firm donated more than 1,000 hours of free legal services to not-for-profit organizations in Puerto Rico, an in-kind donation valued at more than \$215,000.

Attorneys [Hernán Marrero](#), [Raquel Calzadilla](#), [Myrgia Palacios](#), and [Ignacio Vidal](#) were specially recognized because each worked 25 hours or more on pro bono matters. To honor their commitment to the Pro Bono Program, the firm will make a donation to a not-for-profit organization of their choosing.

The McConnell Valdés Pro Bono Program, the only one of its kind in Puerto Rico, was established in 2006 to honor the Firm's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our long-standing tradition of giving back to the community. The Firm provides legal services free to those nonprofit organizations that, because of budget constraints, cannot afford to pay for them. Our attorneys counsel these institutions to insure that Puerto Rico continues to have stable and robust organizations working hard to improve our communities and the lives of Puerto Ricans.

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