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Law Firms Giving Back, A Pro Bono Profile: Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

As part of the Lawyers Giving Back campaign, the SDCBA is recognizing the pro bono and community service work of members of the SDCBA 100% Club. Here, Bob Gerber, Chair of the firmwide Sheppard Mullin Pro Bono Committee, gives an overview of the firm's pro bono work and community service efforts.

Coast-to-Coast. Sheppard Mullin has a long tradition of providing legal services to people who could otherwise not afford access to legal representation. We have compiled an admirable record in providing community service and legal services to those in need across the country. We believe that part of each attorney's obligation to the community is to provide high-caliber legal services to people of limited means and to charitable and civic organizations, in whatever community we serve, whether it be in San Diego or Manhattan.

Wide Variety. Each office receives cases from local referring agencies that pre-screen potential clients. Our attorneys have assisted with problems relating to education, immigration, political asylum, domestic violence, criminal matters, creditor-debtor relations, copyright, trademarks, and landlord-tenant relations, among many others. For example, an associate in our Del Mar office won an Outstanding Service Award from the Legal Aid Society for work on an appeal of an

indigent's default entry in a landlord tenant case. In recent years, we have provided pro bono services outside the litigation arena, including counseling to non-profit developers of affordable housing and "micro businesses," as well as those seeking to preserve historic landmarks.

The Pro Bono Committee. Our committee consists of partners and associates from all of our offices. Among other weighty duties, the Committee is responsible for identifying and/or approving projects for Firm representation and communicating with outside legal pro bono and community service organizations.

No child left behind – Sheppard Mullin style! The firm finalized the adoption of 63 children for

indigent families in 2008 as part of Public Counsel's Adoptions Project organized out of our Los Angeles office and with significant participation from our San Diego and Del Mar attorneys. The firm's

as the Legal Aid Society of San Diego and the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program; in addition, we are expanding our relationship with the Board of Casa Cornelia Law Center. Many of these organizations

have honored us with outstanding service awards and we continue to work closely with them.

More than just legal work. The ABA Pro Bono Guidelines suggest that lawyers give back through pro bono

volunteer in literacy and education programs through the Children at Risk Committee of the SDCBA. Finally, a variety of Sheppard Mullin attorneys have co-chaired the Women's Resource Fair (a one-day event that provides legal, medical, social, and other services to homeless and indigent women in San Diego) through SDVLP.

Internal incentives. Each year, the firm specially recognizes one or more attorneys for their pro bono work and donates \$5,000 to a service agency in the recipient's local legal community. The firm also shares pro bono victories in its internal publications and circulates opportunities to get involved, through a dedicated pro bono coordinator. Associates get up to 50 annual hours of billable credit for their pro bono legal work.

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lawyers have finalized well over 100 adoptions over the years as participants in this life-changing program.

Local Leadership. Our lawyers are materially involved at the Board, Director, or Chair levels including as Past Presidents of such groups

activities other than legal work. In that regard we have had our lawyers serve locally as the President and Past Board Members of Project Concern International and on the Advisory Board of the Genesis International Orphanage Foundation. Our attorneys also

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 100 PERCENT CLUB 2009

The San Diego County Bar Association's 100 PERCENT CLUB is a special category of membership that indicates an outstanding commitment to the work done through SDCBA programs and services in the legal profession and the community. These firms (five or more lawyers) are members of the 100 PERCENT CLUB for 2009, having 100 percent of their lawyers as members of the SDCBA.

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