

The Boston Bar Association Resolution

Recognizing October as Pro Bono Month

Whereas, the promise of equal justice under law is the most fundamental tenet of our justice system; and

Whereas, the bench and bar face a crisis of unmet need for legal representation for the poor; and

Whereas, Boston attorneys donate thousands of hours of pro bono legal services and make annual financial contributions directly to legal services organizations, to help address the huge unmet need for legal assistance to Boston's poor, especially in light of the current economic situation; and

Whereas, the Boston Bar Association actively promotes pro bono participation in a variety of ways on an ongoing basis and gives special recognition annual for outstanding pro bono contributions made by its members; and

Whereas, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has designated October as Pro Bono Month to recognize the valuable pro bono contributions made by lawyers throughout the year, and to increase pro bono participation across the state to narrow the justice gap;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Boston Bar Association recognizes October as Pro Bono Month, commends Boston attorneys for their ongoing pro bono contributions, and reminds all members that by engaging in pro bono work and providing financial support they can made a significant difference in the lives of Boston's poor who would not otherwise have access to the legal system.