

**2008 Pennsylvania Bar Association
Pro Bono Conference**

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AGENDA

2 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Pennsylvania State Capitol
8E Senate Hearing Room
(Lower level, State Capitol East Wing)

1:30 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room

Registration/Materials

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room
(Lower level, State Capitol East Wing)

“Grassroots and the Legislative Process”

1.0 substantive CLE credits

Get the scoop on how to build a good working relationship with your legislator and impact the legislative process with proven grassroots lobbying techniques.

Presenter: Julie Strandlie, Grassroots Operations/Legislative Counsel, American Bar Association

3:00 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room

Roll Call of Pro Bono Award Winners

Presenters: PBA President Andy Susko, Vicki Coyle, PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee Co-Chair



3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room

“The Civil Gideon”

1.0 substantive CLE credit

This session highlights information about and issues raised by the “Civil Gideon” movement in Pennsylvania, focused on implementing the right to counsel for the indigent in civil cases.

Invited panelists: President Judge Richard A. Lewis, Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas; Rhodia Thomas, MidPenn Legal Services

Moderators: Sam Milkes, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network; David Trevaskis, PBA

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room

“The New Right to Know Law: You Have the Right to Know More”

1.0 substantive CLE credit

On Feb. 14, Governor Rendell signed the new Right to Know Law, the first sweeping and substantial changes in the public’s ability to access government records in more than 50 years. During the crafting of this legislation, many stakeholders weighed in with different perspectives and proposals. Hear from the experts on the differences between the old and new laws and how to get the information you want.

Presenter: Dennis Whitaker, Assistant Chief Counsel, Pa. Department of Environmental Protection

All attendees of the 2008 Pro Bono Conference are welcome to attend the reception which follows in the Capitol Rotunda, part of the PBA’s On the Hill Program, at no charge. The reception is sponsored by the PBA and no Pennsylvania Bar Foundation funds will be used for the reception.

5:30 p.m. State Capitol Rotunda

Reception with Pennsylvania Legislators and Showcase of PBA Pro Bono Award Winners

PBA Pro Bono Award winners, honored at the start of the Pro Bono Conference, will be celebrated by their legislators and Bar leaders during this informal reception.