

2018 REPORT ON THE LAW FIRM PRO BONO CHALLENGE® INITIATIVE

Overall Performance

One hundred twenty-eight firms reported performing an aggregated total of 5,070,533 hours of pro bono work in 2018, an increase in total pro bono hours over 2017. Pro bono hours represented 3.8% of total paying client billable hours in 2018.

Participation

The percentage of attorneys engaged in pro bono remained steady in 2018. The percentage of partners participating in pro bono was 67.4% compared to 68.1% in 2017, and the percentage of associates participating in pro bono was 85.1% compared to 85.6% in 2017. The combined participation rate was 76.5% of attorneys in 2018, compared to 76.9% in 2017.

Pro Bono for Those of Limited Means

In 2018, firms once again reported performing more than 3.4 million pro bono hours for those of limited means and organizations serving them. Sixty-eight percent of all pro bono time was devoted to those of limited means and organizations serving them.

Charitable Donations

In 2018, the total amount of charitable giving to legal services organizations increased to \$25,891,604 from \$22,478,850 in 2017. The average firm donation in 2018 was \$507,679, which represents a 15% increase over the average firm donation in 2017, which was \$440,762.

LAW FIRM PRO BONO BY THE NUMBERS

