

**INTERNAL RESOLUTION OF THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION
ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE ANNUAL VOLUNTARY
CERTIFICATION OF PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES FOR YOUNG LAWYERS**

WHEREAS the Young Lawyers Division is an arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and

WHEREAS the Young Lawyers Division supports the improvement of our system of justice for all through the provision of pro bono legal services; and

WHEREAS in the interest of improving our system of justice for all, the American Bar Association has called for every attorney in the private practice of law to perform, at a minimum, 50 hours of pro bono legal service annually;

AND WHEREAS the Young Lawyers Division wishes to set a positive example in the provision of pro-bono legal services and provide well-earned recognition for the many young lawyers who are heeding their professional obligation, under Rule 6.1 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct, to “render public interest legal service;”

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that, commencing in January 2007, the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division shall make an annual, formal invitation to its members to submit online forms certifying their provision of at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services during the previous calendar year.

For purposes of this Resolution, “pro bono legal services” shall include not only the provision of traditional legal services to those who are unable to pay, but also the provision of volunteer services to the community requiring the use of one’s legal acumen – whether as a member of the board of directors of a non-profit, charitable entity or as a volunteer for a community service program. By way of example only, the term “pro-bono legal services” shall be interpreted, for purposes of this Resolution, to include a lawyer’s volunteer service at any one of the YLD’s various Law Week initiatives, the John S. Bradway Philadelphia High School Mock Trial Competition, and Legal Line.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division will make public the young lawyer certifications it receives each year on the website of the Philadelphia Bar Association and in such other publications as the Executive Committee deems appropriate.

IN RECOGNITION of our elected and appointed roles as leaders of the Young Lawyers Division, we, the members of the Executive Committee, **HEREBY PLEDGE** that each of us shall strive to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services on an annual basis.

**PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION’S
YOUNG LAWYER DIVISION
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