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The 2010 European Pro Bono Forum marks a turning point holding great promise. Little by little, many law offices within the Paris bar, in keeping with the practices of Anglo–Saxon firms, are making pro bono services a distinct segment of their overall activities.

Mentalities have evolved and so has our culture: individual initiative is taking precedence in a domain in which serving the public interest used to be the business of the State alone.

The Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) pursues the goal of “Mobilizing private sector resources for the public good.”

The Paris Bar also subscribes to this goal, without reservation. To achieve it, the Bar is working to create an institution focused on bringing together, encouraging and supporting personal initiatives through legal, logistical and financial assistance. This institution, undoubtedly organized as a foundation, will be able to receive donations and will include a Pro Bono Council composed of lawyers and leading figures, known and acknowledged for their social commitment.

Our society has no alternative but for civil society to participate in pursuing the public interest.

The voluntary provision of expertise constitutes a new means for expressing solidarity. This needs to be encouraged with all our energy.

Jean Castelain  
Head of the Paris Bar  
Honorary President of the Host Committee

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# Welcome from the Planning Committee

Bringing legal practitioners together with the organizations and people they help is one of the great challenges in developing pro bono practice. We are therefore delighted to be joined by so many of the people who make these connections happen, in NGOs, clearinghouses, charities and across the spectrum of legal practice.

The cornerstone of this Forum and of the Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) is the belief that justice should be equitable and accessible for all. To this end, PILI strives to find new ways to ensure greater justice to the greatest number of people. Over the last two decades its activities have expanded dynamically from its core activities in Central and Eastern Europe to embrace fellowships, projects and partners across the world.

Going forward, we aim to push the boundaries of pro bono to reach new lawyers, communities and solutions. This requires cultural changes within European legal practice, and this year's conference will explore the potential roles that legal education, law firms of all sizes, in-house practitioners and the organized bar can play.

The conference will also address the specific issues that arise when taking legal expertise across borders and building partnerships in different jurisdictions and cultures. The diversity of our workshops—including those focused on the environment, human rights, poverty and social exclusion—demonstrates the variety of ways pro bono legal work can make a difference.

Despite the economic crisis, the last year has been a truly exciting one for pro bono globally. Headline projects have illustrated how lawyers can contribute to initiatives far removed from their daily routine, whether rebuilding the legal systems of war-torn countries or taking pro bono cases to the European Court of Human Rights, to name just two examples. Numerous smaller-scale projects have leveraged an extraordinary quantity of legal skills and expertise to improve lives in a wide variety of communities.

As businesses and law firms across the globe regain confidence in the economic situation, we hope that this optimism will translate into energy and enthusiasm for pro bono work, and we hope that the Forum will be a catalyst for it.

In this spirit we wish you a warm welcome to our fourth annual European Pro Bono Forum.

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The **Public Interest Law Institute (PILI)** is an international NGO that advances human rights around the world by stimulating public interest advocacy and developing the institutions necessary to sustain it. PILI pursues this mission by building the legal capacity of civil society organizations and the leadership of public interest lawyers, by providing technical assistance on reforming legal aid systems and legal education and by promoting pro bono legal practice globally. It was founded in 1997 at Columbia University and became independent in 2007. PILI conducts its work from hubs in Beijing, Budapest, Moscow and New York.

Whether in Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Balkans, China or the other locales where PILI works, its chief aims are to increase access to justice for socially vulnerable, poor and disadvantaged communities and to nurture and sustain the next generation of public interest lawyers. In so doing, PILI brings together diverse constituencies by working across sectors of the legal community to strengthen public interest legal advocacy at the national level and across cultures to foster learning, innovation and collaboration within global public interest legal advocacy networks.

Since its founding thirteen years ago, PILI has provided over 80 capacity-building fellowships to public interest lawyers from 30 countries. It introduced pro bono practice in Central Europe. It helped establish a network of clinical programs for hands-on casework in law schools across Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. It helped put legal aid reform on the European agenda. It is supporting the development of ground-breaking forms of public interest advocacy in China. Through these and other activities, PILI has figured prominently in efforts to promote human rights in many disparate societies around the world.

#### **PILI's Strategies:**

1. Building the capacity of **public interest lawyers** working full-time in non-profit NGO settings through fellowship programs, skill-building workshops and other means.
2. Improve state-subsidized **legal aid** systems so that they more effectively provide access to justice to poor and socially vulnerable populations.
3. Transform **legal education** so that it more effectively promotes ethical values, develops broad analytical and problem-solving skills and provides knowledge of the social effects of the law.
4. Develop **pro bono** around the world in order to provide opportunities for engagement in public interest work by private sector lawyers.

For more information on PILI's work and to get involved, visit our website at [www.pili.org](http://www.pili.org).

## PILI's Pro Bono Achievements

The Public Interest Law Institute works to institutionalize pro bono practice globally in order to leverage private sector resources for the public good. The annual European Pro Bono Forum is one of many ways that PILI fosters international exchange and collaboration among lawyers in order to extend pro bono practice throughout Europe and beyond.

Since the first European Pro Bono Forum in 2007, PILI's pro bono efforts have grown exponentially. In 2009 alone, PILI's clearinghouses placed 211 matters that assisted 101 NGOs from 25 countries, facilitating a total of roughly 8,000 hours of legal services, valued at about \$3.5 million dollars. These pro bono services were provided in a wide variety of legal areas, increasingly addressing human rights and other public interest issues.

Over the last year, PILI's Global Clearinghouse has expanded geographically and substantively, largely by developing high-impact projects that benefit the pioneering work of PILI's International Public Interest Law Fellows. Specifically, PILI facilitated relationships between these innovative human rights leaders and private sector lawyers in order to provide Fellows with comparative research on international law, model legislation and litigation strategies. These innovative collaborations have supported projects defending women's rights and the rights of lower-caste Dalits in Nepal, protecting individuals against involuntary commitment and developing legal aid standards in China and promoting the right to education in Nigeria, among others.

PILI's domestic clearinghouses in Russia, Hungary and China have also developed apace, including through a training component in which PILI facilitates workshops and seminars led by private sector lawyers that are designed to equip NGOs with the tools to solve their corporate legal needs. These workshops allow PILI to reach beyond the city centers, enabling more NGOs in outlying areas to obtain the legal assistance they need. PILI's Hungarian Clearinghouse website – [www.probonougyved.hu](http://www.probonougyved.hu) – continues to serve dozens of Hungarian NGOs and is a gateway for Hungarian lawyers to find pro bono cases.

Moreover, PILI's pro bono work has spread to Asia. The Chinese Pro Bono Clearinghouse, based out of PILI's Beijing office, has already helped create partnerships between law firms and public interest law centers in China to provide research support for environmental advocacy, labor rights and other public interest topics.

Beyond PILI-operated pro bono efforts, PILI's clearinghouse partners in the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Poland, Latvia and Bulgaria are also making great strides, achieving growth by engaging more national firms and state institutions in pro bono practice. The Czech Pro Bono Alliance hosted the first-ever national pro bono conference in Prague in 2010, and the Slovenian Pro Bono Clearinghouse (Peace Institute) organized the first-ever pro bono roundtable in the country at the Ljubljana School of Law in September.

# Summary Agenda for the 2010 European Pro Bono Forum

The Forum has been approved as continuous training by the ad hoc institute of the Paris Bar. The Forum has been approved by the Association of the French and German-speaking Bars of Belgium (OGBF) for 6 points of non-legal continuing education. CPD points are available from the Law Society of Ireland.

**Unless otherwise noted, all plenaries and workshops  
will be translated simultaneously in English and French.**

## Wednesday, 17 November 2010

10:00 – 16:00      **Pre-Forum Workshop for Pro Bono Clearinghouses** (*English only*)  
*Co-sponsored by Allen & Overy LLP and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP*

*Venue:* Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP  
31, avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie  
75782 Paris  
*Metro: Alma-Marceau*

19:15 – 22:00      **Wine & Cheese Reception**  
*Sponsored by Ashurst LLP*

*Venue:* Ashurst LLP, Avocats au Barreau de Paris  
18, square Edouard VII  
75009 Paris  
*Metro: Opéra*

# Thursday, 18 November 2010

*Venue:* Cap 15  
1/13, quai de Grenelle  
75015 Paris  
*Metro:* Bir-Hakeim

8:30 – 9:30 Conference Registration and Welcome Coffee

## 9:30 – 10:45 **PLENARY I: Forum Opening**

- Jean Castelain | Head of the Paris Bar | Paris
- Aryeh Neier | President, Open Society Institute | New York
- Michael Smyth CBE | Clifford Chance LLP | London
- Edwin Rekosh | Executive Director, Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | New York



10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 13:30   **Workshops** (including **Break** at 12:15–12:30)  
(See detailed description on pages 14–16.)

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 **NGO Marketplace**

*NGO representatives have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with pro bono lawyers and to discuss the legal challenges their organizations face.*

15:00 – 17:15   **Workshops** (including **Coffee Break** at 16:00–16:15)  
(See detailed description on pages 16–19.)

19:30 – 22:00 **Forum Cocktail Reception**  
*Sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

*Venue:* 2, rue Paul Cézanne  
75008 Paris  
*Metro:* St. Philippe du Roule

# Friday, 19 November 2010

*Venue:* La Maison du Barreau  
2, rue de Harlay  
75001 Paris  
*Metro:* Pont Neuf

8:30 – 9:30 **Conference Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome Coffee and Pastries**

9:30 – 11:00 **PLENARY II: Pro Bono and the Role of the Bar**

*This panel will explore different ways in which the bars and law societies of Europe promote an ethic of volunteerism and social responsibility.*

*Moderator:*

Patricia Brannan | Hogan Lovells | Washington, DC

*Panelists:*

- Dominique Attias | Council Member and Pro Bono Envoy of the Paris Bar, SCP Attias & Jauze | Paris
- Antonio Hernández-Gil | Madrid Bar Association | Madrid
- Laurent Pettiti | Chairman, Human Rights Committee, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe | Brussels

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:30 **PLENARY III: Forum Closing with Pro Bono Award**

- Ian Forrester, QC | White & Case LLP | Brussels
- Lord Andrew Phillips of Sudbury | Bates Wells & Braithwaite LLP | London
- Francis Teitgen | Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP | Paris
- Edwin Rekosh | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | New York
- Atanas Politov | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | Budapest

12:30 **Lunch**

*Sponsored by Latham & Watkins LLP*



# Workshop Detail

11:15 – 12:15

W O R K S H O P

Moderator

Panelists

Room

## Introduction to Pro Bono

*French-established lawfirms and NGOs will share their experience of pro bono within the French environment.*

Christophe Pettiti | Cabinet Pettiti / Institut des droits de l'homme du barreau de Paris | Paris

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- Pierre Servan-Schreiber | Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP | Paris
- Camille Vincent | VS Associés | Paris
- Jean-Luc Bédos | Salans LLP | Paris

## Pro Bono and the European Non-Profit Sector

*This panel will explore the legal needs of NGOs in Europe and the role of pro bono lawyers in addressing them.*

Joss Saunders | Oxfam UK | Oxford

II

- Priya Pillai | International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) | Geneva
- Tatyana Zadirako | United Way Russia | Moscow
- Jean-Claude Rivalland | Allen & Overy LLP | Paris

## Rule of Law and Pro Bono in China

*This workshop will provide an overview of current efforts and future potential for pro bono practice to contribute to the development of the rule of law in China.*

Robert Precht | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | Beijing

III

- Forrest Ye | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP | Beijing
- Jingjing Zhang | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | Beijing

### Pro Bono and Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe

*In light of the 2010 EU year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, the panelists will discuss existing challenges and will suggest ways of overcoming them.*

Denis Chemla | Herbert Smith LLP / Droits d'Urgence | Paris

- Noeline Blackwell | Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC) | Dublin

- Sophie Eisenmann | Grameen Creative Lab | Wiesbaden

- Dalma Fabian | European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA) | Brussels

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### Pro Bono and the Environment (English only)

*This contemporary and innovative workshop will bring to the Forum a new and different perspective on the relationship between pro bono and the environment.*

Yasmin Wajjee | Hogan Lovells | London

- Steve McNab | Carbon Leapfrog | London

- David Holzwarth | FLO eV / FLO-CERT GmbH | Bonn

- Jasper Teulings | Greenpeace | Amsterdam

II

### Pro Bono and Human Rights

*This workshop will highlight a variety of European initiatives to involve pro bono lawyers in human rights efforts.*

Michael Smyth CBE | Clifford Chance LLP | London

- Balázs Sahin-Tóth | Allen & Overy LLP | Budapest

- François Cantier | Avocats sans Frontières France | Toulouse

- Mikel Córdoba Gavín | Foundation of Spanish General Council of Bars | Madrid

III

12:30 – 13:30

W O R K S H O P

Moderator

Panelists

Room

**Mobilizing French Lawyers to Engage in NGO Advocacy**

Luc Lamprière | Oxfam France | Paris

• Patrick Baudouin | International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) | Paris

*This workshop will explore opportunities to*

*increase the engagement of French lawyers in the work of international NGOs.*

- Joseph Braham | Sherpa | Paris
- Arnaud Gaillard | Alert and Intervention Network for Human Rights (RAIDH) | Paris

15:00 – 16:00

W O R K S H O P

Moderator

Panelists

Room

**Building Pro Bono Programs in Mid-Sized European Law Firms**

Éva Bognár | Andriékó Kinstellar | Budapest

- Prof. Dr. Jan Hegemann | Raue LLP | Berlin
- Michael Karlsson | Mannheimer Swartling | Helsingborg

*In setting up a pro bono program, mid-sized European law firms have some unique concerns. Representatives from European law firms will discuss common issues and approaches to pro bono work.*

**Building the Infrastructure for****Cross-Border Pro Bono** *(English only)*

*Developing pro bono work in other jurisdictions implies specific challenges for lawyers, clients and intermediaries alike. This workshop will investigate those various perspectives.*

Miriam Buhl | Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP | New York

- Monique Villa | Thomson Reuters Foundation | London

- Elisabeth Baraka | Advocates for International Development (A4ID) | London

- Jean Berman | International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) | New York

- Atanas Politov | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | Budapest

**Pro Bono for In-House Lawyers**

*The discourse on pro bono being made more accessible for in-house lawyers will lead this workshop with emphasis on the importance of pro bono through in-house participation.*

Jean-Claude Najar | GE France | Paris

- Marc Mossé | Microsoft | Paris

- Claire Carless | Vodafone Group Services Limited | Berkshire

- Javier Ramirez | Hewlett-Packard | Madrid

**Pro Bono and Micro-Financing for****Low-Income Clients**

*Micro-financing offers many lawyers the possibility of combining pro bono with their field of expertise.*

Werner Gumpff | Ashurst LLP | Frankfurt am Main

- Nicolas Hamel | Association pour le droit à l'initiative économique (ADIE) | Paris

- Andreas Bartsch | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP | Frankfurt am Main

- Samuel Lefèvre | Microfinancing sans Frontières | Paris

**The Role of European Law Schools in Promoting Pro Bono**

*The panelists will explore ways in which European legal education can instill pro bono values.*

Lusine Hovhannisian | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) | New York

• Jacqui Zalberg | Human Rights Clinic, Humboldt University | Berlin

• Karolina Czernicka-Kuhl | Linklaters LLP | Warsaw

• Emmanuel Decaux | Research Centre on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, University of Paris II | Paris

• Ruth Mestre | University of Valencia | Valencia

**Developing Issue-Specific Pro Bono Strategies (English only)**

*Panelists will provide practical examples of successful projects that have impact on particular issues around the world.*

Tom Dunn | Clifford Chance LLP | London

• Masha Lisitsyna | Open Society Justice Initiative | New York

• Philomena McFadden | Linklaters LLP | London

• James Claxton | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP | Paris

**Developing Domestic Pro Bono in Europe**

*The workshop will provide an overview of the varied experiences of existing and newly established European pro bono clearinghouses.*

Christopher Noblet | Partos & Noblet,  
in cooperation with Hogan Lovells |  
Budapest

- Noanne Tenneson | Alliance des Avocats pour les droits de l'homme (AADH) | Paris
- Javier Carvajal | Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira | Madrid
- Rebecca Hilsenrath | Law Works | London
- Julia Kluczyńska | Centrum Pro Bono | Warsaw

III

**What's New in Europe?**

*Representatives of NGOs and European law firms will share their experience in developing pro bono institutions at the national level.*

Felicity Kirk | White & Case LLP |  
London

- Malte Richter | Mayer Brown LLP | Frankfurt am Main
- Ondine Ripka | Médecins sans Frontières | Paris
- Tom Barkhuysen | Stibbe NV | Amsterdam

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# Biographies of Speakers and Moderators

**Dominique Attias** has been registered at the Paris Bar since 1981. She is a member of the Paris Bar Council and is in charge of its special pro bono observatory mission as well as its international and criminal commissions. She is a member of the French National Council of the Bars and its Commission for Freedoms and Human Rights. She is an honorary member of the Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights (AADH) and an expert to the Council of European Bars.

**Elisabeth Baraka** has been the Projects Officer at Advocates for International Development (A4ID) since 2008. She manages A4ID's provision of legal services. In particular, she is responsible for the charity's international pro bono broker service and its relationships with over 300 Legal and Development Partners. Through this work, A4ID has provided over 550 pro bono project opportunities to law firms, in-house counsel and barristers from over 40 countries. Previously, Baraka practiced as a lawyer in Australia for seven years and also worked for two nonprofit organizations, including managing the provision of free legal services to Sydney's homeless people through lawyers from the private and public sectors.

**Tom Barkhuysen**, Counsel at Stibbe NV, Amsterdam, specializes in general administrative law, environmental, planning, housing, licensing, regulatory and governmental liability issues. He acts for a wide range of companies, developers and public bodies (e.g., municipalities, provinces), representing them before the Dutch and European courts (including the European Court of Human Rights) and in negotiations with government agencies and other public authorities. He also holds a part time professorship in constitutional and administrative law at Leiden University. His research, teaching and counseling concern many aspects of constitutional, administrative, European (EU and ECHR) and international law. He has a special interest for the relationship/interaction between these fields of law as well as for human rights issues. As a lawyer he litigates in these fields of law before national and European courts also on a pro bono basis.

**Andreas Bartsch** has been a partner since 1996 and works in the Frankfurt office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. He has worked on a broad range of structured finance transactions advising both corporations and major financial institutions as well as on bank restructurings and the refinancing of microfinance banks. Born in Bogota, Colombia, Bartsch completed his legal education at the University of Hamburg and is admitted as a tax advisor (*Steuerberater*) and chartered accountant (*Wirtschaftsprüfer*).

**Patrick Baudouin** has been a lawyer at the Paris Court of Appeal since 1971. He was President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) from 1995 to 2001 and on its behalf has carried out many international inquiries (Turkey, Algeria, Russia, Ivory Coast, etc.). Author of papers on international justice, the protection of human rights defenders and the misuse of counter-terrorism laws, he currently manages FIDH's Judicial Action Group (GAJ), a network of lawyers, judges and law professors whose purpose is to assist the victims of the most serious international crimes in their quest for justice before national and international courts.

**Jean-Luc Bédos** is a partner in Salans' Paris office. He founded Droits d'Urgence in 1995, the largest French legal NGO, and was President of the organization until 2002. In 2003, he also founded the NGO Accès aux Droits-Solidarité Paris in cooperation with the Paris Bar Association and the City of Paris. He earned his Doctor of Law from the University of Paris II (1984) and a Master of Law, LLM, from Harvard Law School (1983). At Salans, Bédos advises investment funds and French corporate groups on mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganization and equity financing. He assists family funds and real estate funds with acquisitions and regularly advises clients on acquisitions and fund structuring in North and Sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to working with Salans, he was a partner with Lefèvre Pelletier & Associés.

**Jean Berman** joined the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) as Executive Director and first staff member in September 2001, shortly after the completion of the feasibility study for ISLP. Since then, Berman has worked with the founding Board to implement more than 350 projects in or affecting over 45 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Russia and Latin America and has expanded the organization to include ISLP–Europe, a French 1901 Association, eight staff and six senior lawyer volunteer program coordinators. Prior to joining ISLP, Berman was the Senior Attorney for Affordable Housing at Lawyers Alliance for New York in New York City, where she represented nonprofit organizations serving low-income communities. Earlier in her career, Berman was an associate with the New York office of the law firm Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson and with an environmental law firm, Berle, Butzel, Kass & Case. A graduate of Harvard University and the New York University School of Law, Berman spent the year 1970–71 in Yugoslavia on a Fulbright Scholarship. She also spent a year in Geneva, Switzerland (1956–57) and Moscow, Russia (1961–62).

**Noeline Blackwell** is the Director General of the Irish human rights organization Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC). FLAC promotes equal access to justice in Ireland. It provides basic legal information and advice to individuals through a low-cost information line and through support for a network of volunteer-run evening legal clinics around Ireland. It carries out research and policy analysis of laws that particularly affect vulnerable and disadvantaged people and it campaigns through advocacy and the courts for law reform in these areas. Since 2008, FLAC has begun a new public interest law initiative. It seeks to promote and assist individuals and organizations who work for positive social change to use the law as a tool in their work and to link them with lawyers who will assist them in that work. Blackwell was a lawyer in private practice before she joined FLAC in 2005.

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