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Welcome from the Forum Host Committee

We would like to welcome you to Madrid for the sixth annual European Pro Bono Forum. Following the success of the previous Forums in Berlin, Paris, and Budapest, this year’s gathering moves south to Spain with the aim of reinforcing the vital role that pro bono has increasingly assumed in the world of law.

To many of us in the Spanish legal profession, pro bono may be a new term, but the concept has a very long history here. The fact is that lawyers in Spain have been offering free legal aid to the underprivileged for more than 700 years. Not until very recently did lawyers begin to receive payment for their services through the state legal aid system.

Today, however, the economic crisis has accelerated the need for pro bono assistance in Spain and throughout Europe. With austerity measures targeting social programs for the disadvantaged, the legal profession in Spain faces a considerable challenge in upholding the spirit of social responsibility and solidarity, which for centuries has characterized the field here.

The support NGOs provide for social needs is more important than ever during this period of instability. But economic retrenchment has had a severe impact on these groups, which are struggling in face of a sharp decrease in support from the Spanish government. This year’s Forum will address these challenges directly in a special stream of workshops that will offer Spanish NGOs and pro bono lawyers a chance to develop strategies to help sustain the crucial work of nonprofits.

For pro bono to make a meaningful contribution to social justice, lawyers must see that it is a necessary and intrinsic part of their practice. Law schools can have a great impact by emphasizing pro bono in students’ professional training. But these are times for law firms to play a strong role by encouraging pro bono activity within their ranks and providing pro bono practice and programs—opportunities especially appreciated by younger lawyers. In-house legal departments can also bring the values of corporate social responsibility to bear through pro bono activity. At the same time, bar associations can take the lead by speaking out about pro bono’s vital function and by working with all segments of the profession—lawyers, NGOs, law schools, and companies—to promote its expansion. The work of the Colegio de Abogados de Madrid, for one, demonstrates the impact that committed leadership can have.

PILnet’s annual European Pro Bono Forum has played a major role in building support for pro bono across the continent and increasingly around the world. This year’s Forum is the largest yet, with more than 300 participants gathering to discuss how they can best collaborate to address critical issues of social justice. This is an opportunity to join forces towards the goal of emerging from this crisis with a better society.

PILnet and the Forum Host Committee thank you for participating in the 2012 European Pro Bono Forum and offer you the warmest welcome to Madrid.

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Welcome from the PILnet Pro Bono Council

At the conclusion of the 2011 Pro Bono Forum in Berlin, I spoke about how gratifying it has been to watch this gathering as it has grown year by year, from strength to strength. It’s clear that one of the great virtues of our current Forum is the depth of its attention to global pro bono. From the post-revolutionary countries of the Arab Spring to the emerging economies of the BRICS nations, pro bono has much to offer; it is not an optional extra. Europe may have been where the Forum began, but its impact is spreading far beyond this continent.

The deep focus on global issues this year is not unrelated to the Forum’s move south to Spain, a country that maintains close cultural and economic ties with other Spanish-speaking countries worldwide. But the Forum’s arrival in Spain is also an occasion to look closely at pro bono there. Spain has been particularly badly hit by the financial crisis, and NGOs are desperately struggling to sustain their work after a sharp decrease in public funding. Via workshops devoted to pro bono in Spain, our hope is that pro bono lawyers and NGOs will be able to build the working relationships that can help the country at this critical time. None of us can allow the most vulnerable and disadvantaged to be sidelined.

The 2012 Forum’s agenda also has a rich human rights focus, with workshops on some urgent social issues facing Europe, including immigration, disability rights, human trafficking, and civil rights. We are also featuring sessions addressing the practical aspects of pro bono, with contributions from in-house counsel, law schools, and bar associations.

PILnet’s partnership with the Madrid Bar has been remarkably effective at engaging the Spanish legal community and helping to develop some challenging workshops. We’re gratified that we had the opportunity to work with them and recognize their key leadership role in energizing and sustaining pro bono in Spain.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, may I express deep thanks to the members of the Forum Planning Committee who have worked so hard and so brilliantly: Coloma Armero of the Colegio de Abogados de Madrid; Miriam Buhl of Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York; Denis Chemla of Allen & Overy in Paris; Filip Czernicki of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation in Warsaw; Jan Hegemann of Raue in Berlin; Christopher Noblet of Partos & Noblet in co-operation with Hogan Lovells International in Budapest; Javier Rivera of the Colegio de Abogados de Madrid; Joss Saunders of Oxfam International in Oxford; and Suzanne Turner of Dechert in Washington, D.C.

The troubled world we inhabit will need wise laws accessible to all citizens to restore harmony and balance. That is our mission.

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PILnet was established after the fall of the Berlin Wall to work in Central and Eastern European countries that were re-inventing themselves. At that time, the law was seen by many as a means of state control rather than a tool that could be used to protect human rights and deliver justice. Today, PILnet conducts its work globally from hubs in Beijing, Budapest, Moscow, and New York.

Since its founding 15 years ago, PILnet has figured prominently in efforts to promote human rights in Europe, Russia, China, the Middle East, and the other locales where it works. To ensure that the law delivers justice and protects rights, PILnet focuses on two primary strategies:

**Strengthening the Community of Public Interest Lawyers**

PILnet builds the capacity of public interest lawyers working in NGOs around the world through fellowships and trainings, access to a global network of like-minded advocates, and, increasingly, links to pro bono legal support. Through its PILnet Fellows program, PILnet has transformed the lives and careers of almost 100 leading public interest lawyers from 33 countries who are advancing human rights, environmental protection, and other public interest causes.

**Building Global Pro Bono**

PILnet develops pro bono in Europe and around the world by providing opportunities for commercial lawyers to engage in public interest work aimed at strengthening civil society. PILnet’s efforts to build pro bono extend from its annual European Pro Bono Forum to the pro bono clearinghouses it operates, which match up law firms and corporations with NGOs in need of legal assistance. As global pro bono increasingly takes root, PILnet is successfully building partnerships between NGOs on the front lines and lawyers at firms and corporations who are willing to provide the legal assistance NGOs need to strengthen their impact.

For more information on PILnet’s work and to get involved, visit our website at [www.pilnet.org](http://www.pilnet.org).
PILnet’s Pro Bono Achievements

Developing pro bono legal practice globally is one of PILnet’s key strategies for expanding justice and the rule of law.

PILnet’s Pro Bono Council and its Leadership Committee, comprised of representatives from law firms and corporations around the world, help guide PILnet’s initiatives to build pro bono globally. The Council is helping to create a growing network of legal professionals engaged in and committed to pro bono.

PILnet’s domestic pro bono clearinghouses in Hungary, Russia, and China and its cross-border global pro bono clearinghouse direct the resources of the private-sector legal community to NGOs in need of assistance. In 2011 alone, these four clearinghouses matched lawyers from 25 countries on six continents with 117 nonprofits from 26 countries ranging from Cameroon and Mongolia to Moldova and Indonesia. The result was more than 12,500 hours of free legal assistance for NGOs. These pro bono services addressed a wide variety of needs, with a growing focus on human rights and other public interest concerns.

In Russia and Hungary, PILnet’s pro bono clearinghouses have paved the way for law firms and corporations to make an enduring impact on their communities by developing long-term relationships with NGOs. PILnet’s China clearinghouse has helped create partnerships between law firms and public interest law centers that are significantly advancing environmental advocacy, labor rights, and other issues in need of pro bono assistance.

PILnet’s global pro bono clearinghouse encourages high-impact collaborations in many countries where pro bono practice is nascent. It also builds alliances between private-sector lawyers and PILnet’s Fellows, a diverse group of public interest lawyers from around the world. These partnerships generate legal support for projects aimed at, for example, strengthening protections against domestic violence in Nigeria, developing juvenile justice in China, and engaging local communities in the Philippines in monitoring human rights.

In addition, PILnet works with partner clearinghouses in Europe and around the world to strengthen the infrastructure for pro bono and to legitimize its practice. In the Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia, these partners are making great strides by engaging national firms and state institutions in voluntary legal services. PILnet also encourages the development of pro bono culture in places where it is just emerging such as Nigeria, and is exploring ways to assist the further development of pro bono in Hong Kong and elsewhere in Asia.

These efforts come together at the annual European Pro Bono Forum, PILnet’s cornerstone pro bono initiative. The Forum—now in its sixth year—gathers hundreds of representatives from law firms, multi-national corporations, bar associations, academic institutions, and NGOs to discuss trends and challenges in pro bono and to explore collaborations that can deliver justice and protect rights around the world.
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There will be members of the press present at the European Pro Bono Forum as well as video cameras and photographers at selected plenary sessions and workshops.

In order to ensure robust and free-flowing discussions, members of the press have been instructed to follow the "Chatham House Rule" of attribution for all meetings that are designated as workshops in the Forum agenda.

When a meeting or part of one is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information they receive but they cannot reveal the identity and affiliation of the speaker or of any other participant without permission. Any requests for attribution of identity should be made directly to the speaker or participant.
October 24

9:30–16:15  
Pre-Forum Pro Bono Clearinghouse Meeting
Location: Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl,
C/ San Pedro 3 – 28014 Madrid

17:00–19:00  
Registration
Location: Hotel Husa Princesa, Princesa, 40, 28008 Madrid

19:30–22:00  
Welcome Reception
Sponsored by Thomson Reuters Aranzadi
Location: Hotel Husa Princesa, Princesa, 40, 28008 Madrid

October 25

Registration
Location: Hotel Husa Princesa, Princesa, 40, 28008 Madrid

09:00–10:00  
Forum Opening
Princesa
- Edwin Rekosh | PILnet | U.S.A.
- Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón | Minister of Justice | Spain
- Antonio Hernández-Gil Álvarez-Cienfuegos | Dean of the Colegio de Abogados de Madrid | Spain
- Noeline Blackwell | Free Legal Advice Centres | Ireland
- Atanas Politov | PILnet | Hungary

10:00–10:45  
Coffee Break
Rosales Hall and Moncloa Hall
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WORKSHOP STREAMS

Pro Bono in Spain

Pro Bono and Human Rights

Global Pro Bono

Making Pro Bono Possible

All workshops in these streams will have simultaneous translation available.

10:45–12:00

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

The Current State of Play sponsored by La Ley (Grupo Wolters Kluwer)

This workshop will look at the current status of pro bono in Spain and examine how both larger and smaller law firms handle their pro bono work as well as how they overcome the challenges they face.

Moderator:
• Constanza Vergara Jaakkola | Pérez-Llorca | Spain

Panelists:
• Carmen Pombo | Fundación Fernando Pombo | Spain
• Isabel Dutilh Carvajal | Dutilh Abogados | Spain
• Luis Ureña | Cáritas Española | Spain
• María Eugenia Larrégola | Fundación Lealtad | Spain

Advancing Mental Disability Rights Through Pro Bono

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the key issues in Europe affecting the rights of persons with mental disabilities and to explore how pro bono lawyers can assist advocacy efforts in this field.

Moderator:
• Lycette Nelson | Mental Disability Advocacy Centre | Hungary

Panelists:
• Zsolt Zombori | Lakatos, Köves and Partners | Hungary
• Sinéad Mulhern | Law Centre NI | Northern Ireland
Emerging Economies (BRICS)

This workshop will discuss the new and innovative ways pro bono has developed in the emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, including challenges and lessons learned.

**Moderator:**
- Edwin Rekosh | PILnet | U.S.A.

**Panelists:**
- Dmitry Samigullin | RBL | Russia
- Erica Emdon | ProBono.org | South Africa
- Flavia Regina de Souza Oliveira | Getúlio Vargas Foundation | Brazil
- Swathi Sukumar | i-Probono | India
- Li Yan | Longan Law Firm, Shenzen Office | China

How Bar Associations Can Promote Pro Bono and Social Responsibility

This workshop will facilitate discussion on structural obstacles to the practice of pro bono and how they can be overcome. It will also address how bar associations, as the regulators of their constituent legal communities, can promote pro bono as the most effective form of professional volunteerism.

**Moderator:**
- Jan Hegemann | Raue | Germany

**Panelists:**
- Javier Rivera | Colegio de Abogados de Madrid | Spain
- Friedrich Graf von Westphalen | German Lawyers’ Association | Germany
- Nick Fluck | Law Society of England & Wales | U.K.
WORKSHOP SESSION 2

Shared Experiences of Pro Bono: Law Firms and NGOs Working Together

Panelists in this workshop will discuss how Spanish NGOs can work together with law firms on pro bono initiatives that will help them during this time of financial crisis and state budget cuts, and will provide examples of good existing collaborations.

Moderator:
• Javier Escudero | Garrigues | Spain

Panelists:
• Francesc Ventura | Fundación La Caixa | Spain
• Esteban Arimany Lamoglia | Fundación Profesor Uría | Spain
• Diego Ramos | DLA Piper | Spain
• María Entrecanales | Fundación Balia | Spain

Using Strategic Litigation to Challenge Discrimination

This workshop will examine how pro bono initiatives and volunteer lawyers can support strategic litigation aimed at upholding non-discrimination standards in the European Union.

Moderator:
• Cristina de la Serna | Open Society Justice Initiative | Spain

Panelists:
• Maxim Ferschtman | Open Society Justice Initiative | Netherlands
• Sara Giménez Giménez | Fundación Secretariado Gitano | Spain
• Slim Ben Achour | Syndicat des Avocats de France | France

Pro Bono in Latin America

This workshop is organized by the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice. It will provide a brief history of the pro bono movement in Latin America and present model pro bono programs from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Venezuela. It will further
elaborate on ongoing pro bono work in each of these jurisdictions, as well as region-wide public interest law reform activities of the Inter-American Pro Bono Network.

Moderator:
- Marcos Fuchs | Instituto Pro Bono | Brazil

Panelists:
- Martin Zapiola Guerrico | Bar Association of the City of Buenos Aires | Argentina
- Nicolás Allamand | Pro Bono Foundation | Chile
- Paula Samper Salazar | Pro Bono Foundation Colombia | Colombia
- Gerardo Bello Aurrecoechea | Pro Bono Foundation Venezuela–ProVene | Venezuela
- María Lucía Torres Villarreal | Universidad del Rosario | Colombia

The Role of In-House Lawyers in Delivering Pro Bono Services
sponsored by MSD Rosales II

This workshop aims to facilitate discussion on how the particular skills and knowledge of in-house lawyers can be utilized through pro bono projects for the benefit of NGOs representing the most vulnerable and disadvantaged across Europe.

Moderator:
- Anne Kelley | Microsoft | U.S.A.

Panelists:
- Javier Ramírez Iglesias | Hewlett-Packard | Spain
- Adolfo Zunzunegui | Ernst & Young Abogados | Spain
- Jean-Claude Najar | GE | France

Lunch  Moncloa I
Moncloa II
Rosales I
WORKSHOP SESSION 3

The Road to a Spanish Clearinghouse: Learning Lessons From Abroad

sponsored by La Ley (Grupo Wolters Kluwer)

By highlighting the models and best practices used by clearinghouses in other countries, this workshop will open up discussion on how to create a strong and effective Spanish clearinghouse model.

Moderator:
• Miguel Klingenberg | Colegio de Abogados de Madrid | Spain

Panelists:
• Atanas Politov | PILnet | Hungary
• Andres V. Gil | Davis Polk & Wardell | U.S.A.
• Javier Caravajal | Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves, Pereira | Spain
• Ana Sainz | Fundación Seres | Spain

Civil Liberties Under Threat

This workshop aims to highlight the recent wave of threats to the protection of civil liberties across Europe and will discuss what oversight mechanisms are in place or need to be established to hold local and regional authorities to account.

Moderator:
• Michael Skrein | Reed Smith | U.K.

Panelists:
• Balázs Dénes | Hungarian Civil Liberties Union | Hungary
• Adam Bodnar | Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights | Poland
• Hugo Brady | Centre for European Reform | Belgium

Law After the Revolution: The Middle East and North Africa

The revolutionary movements of the Arab Spring resulted in a paradigmatic shift in the way the law is perceived in the region. This workshop will discuss the approaches employed by civil society
actors to use law for social activism, and will identify challenges that they have faced and the ways those challenges are being addressed.

**Moderator:**
- Nizar Saghieh | Legal Agenda | Lebanon

**Panelists:**
- Habib Nassar | PILnet | U.S.A.
- Abdelbasset Ben Hassen | Arab Institute for Human Rights | Tunisia
- Samira Trad | Frontiers Ruwad Association | Lebanon

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**What Makes a Pro Bono Project Great?**

Speakers in this workshop will discuss how to ensure quality in a pro bono project and how clearinghouses, NGOs, and lawyers can evaluate and learn from their own experiences to develop more effective and sustainable pro bono initiatives.

**Moderator:**
- Yasmin Baltiwala | A4ID | U.K.

**Panelists:**
- Anastasia Dergacheva | Morgan Lewis & Bockius | Russia
- Jasper Teulings | Greenpeace | Netherlands
- Suzanne E. Turner | Dechert | U.S.A.

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**NGO Marketplace and Coffee**

Rosales Hall & Rosales I

16:15–17:45

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**Gala Reception**

sponsored by Mutualidad General de la Abogacía

Location: Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando
C/ Alcalá, 13, 28014 Madrid

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**October 26**

**Location:** Hotel Husa Princesa  
Princesa, 40, 28008 Madrid

08:00–12:00  
**Registration**

09:30–10:30  
**WORKSHOP SESSION 4**

**Microfinance for Low-income Clients**

**sponsored by Surne**

Participants will hear how lawyers can assist efforts to alleviate poverty by providing pro bono legal assistance to microfinance NGOs that supply loans and other basic financial services to people in poverty.

**Moderator:**
- Pablo Serrano | Clifford Chance | Spain

**Panelists:**
- Jaime Durán Navarro | Spanish Microfinance Forum | Spain  
- Linda Facchinetti | Fundación Nantik Lum | Spain  
- Sydney Domoraud-Operi | Orrick Rambaud Martel | France

**European Immigration Issues**

Speakers in this workshop will discuss the key issues related to immigration practices in Europe and how pro bono projects can help to address them.

**Moderator:**
- Denis Chemla | Allen & Overy | France

**Panelists:**
- Kristina Touzenis | International Organisation for Migration | Switzerland  
- Cristina Manzanedo | Centro Pueblos Unidos | Spain  
- Charles-Albert Helleputte | Mayer Brown | Belgium
Using Pro Bono to Tackle Environmental Concerns

Panelists in this workshop will explore the key strategic global environmental challenges faced by all sectors of society and examine what role the law can play in reaching solutions and making progress.

Moderator:
- Nick Flynn | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | U.K.

Panelists:
- Ana Barreira | International Institute for Law and the Environment | Spain
- Ludwig Krämer | ClientEarth | Spain
- Philip Riches | Coalition of the International Court for the Environment | U.K.

What European Law Schools Can Do to Promote Pro Bono

This workshop will facilitate discussion of how law schools and pro bono lawyers can collaborate to encourage and provide opportunities for the next generation of lawyers to engage in pro bono.

Moderator:
- Barbara Schatz | Columbia University School of Law | U.S.A.

Panelists:
- José García-Añón | Universitat de València | Spain
- Andrei Dontsov | White & Case | Russia
- Maxim Tomoszek | Palacký University of Olomouc | Czech Republic

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break
WORKSHOP SESSION 5

The Role of Pro Bono in Addressing Human Trafficking
sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Princesa I

This session will address issues related to anti-trafficking efforts in Europe and explore how pro bono projects can support them.

Moderator:
• Katarzyna Cuadrat-Grzybowska | European Commission on Trafficking in Human Beings, Directorate-General for Home Affairs | Belgium

Panelists:
• Marieke van Doorninck | La Strada International | Netherlands
• Laura Sizemore | White & Case | Turkey
• Patricia Fernández Olalla | Deputy Prosecutor of Immigration | Spain
• Omer Fischer | Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe | Poland

Challenging Corruption Through Pro Bono
sponsored by Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe

Princesa II

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss how NGOs and pro bono lawyers can collaborate on projects that challenge corruption and promote transparency.

Moderator:
• Servaas Feiertag | Transparency International | Germany

Panelists:
• Laura Tuell Parcher | Jones Day | U.S.A.
• Clement Fondufe | Latham & Watkins | France
• Monique Villa | Thomson Reuters Foundation, TrustLaw | U.K.
Thought Leadership: How Pro Bono Can Produce Systemic Change
Rosales II

Panelists will discuss how pro bono projects can result in systemic change when lawyers get involved in strategic pro bono projects, i.e. those that are likely to have a wide or systemic impact, rather than just one-off projects.

Moderator:
• Joss Saunders | Oxfam | U.K.

Panelists:
• Lianne Murphy | Public Interest Law Alliance | Ireland
• Rae Linsay | Clifford Chance | U.K.
• Catherine Lalonde | Avocats sans Frontières | Belgium

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Forum Speakers’ Biographies

**Esteban Arimany Lamoglia** is a lawyer in the Barcelona office of Uría Menéndez. Prior to joining the firm, he was in private practice in his own law firm and worked for many years as the state lawyer in charge of the Special Delegation of the Inland Revenue in Catalonia and as the secretary of the Regional Administrative Tribunal of Catalonia. At Uría Menéndez, he focuses on public law, frequently advising public- and private-sector companies on the financing and operation of public infrastructures and public sector contracts. He has particular expertise in the legal aspects of public water systems and transactions in the distribution and commercial establishment sectors.

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Slim Ben Achour is a member of the Paris Bar specializing in labor and discrimination cases. He co-ordinates the non-discrimination commission of Syndicat des Avocats de France (the French Lawyers Union). This commission aims to raise awareness of discrimination issues among potential victims and litigates cases of discrimination that lead to the development of anti-discrimination law in France. In addition, he carries out trainings on equality and non-discrimination law for lawyers, community leaders, and union activists. Achour previously worked with Lawyers without Borders for several years, primarily in Colombia.

Abdelbasset Ben Hassen is president of the Arab Institute for Human Rights. Prior to this, he was the human rights program director at the Ford Foundation (Cairo), and served as director of the Arab Institute. He is chair of the Tunisian National Committee for the Support of Refugees and was a member of the High Committee for the Realization of the Objectives of the Revolution, Political Reform and Democratic Transition. He has been invited to teach at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences in Tunisia, the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Tunis, and the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg-France.

Noeline Blackwell has been the director general of Free Legal Advice Centres in Dublin, Ireland, since 2005. Before that, she worked in general practice as a solicitor, with a special interest in family law and human rights law, and a particular focus on refugee and immigration law. She sits on the Law Society’s human rights committee and its family law and civil legal aid committee. She is a former chair of the Irish section of Amnesty International and is a trustee of Front Line, the Dublin-based international foundation for human rights defenders at risk.

Adam Bodnar is vice-president of the board and head of the legal division of the Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR). In 2004 he formed the strategic litigation program at HFHR, a pro bono initiative that pairs attorneys from major Polish law firms with human rights cases around the country. He also lectures in the human rights department of Warsaw University and is a senior expert with the FRANET network of the E.U. Fundamental Rights Agency. In 2011, PILnet recognized the collective efforts of the Polish HFHR’s strategic litigation program as the most effective public interest collaboration of the year by bestowing upon it its European Pro Bono Award.

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Hugo Brady joined the Centre for European Reform in May 2005, as a research fellow on E.U. institutions and justice and home affairs. Since 2009, he has been based in Brussels, thanks to the generous support of the Open Society Institute. His research areas include E.U. policies on migration, security and criminal justice. He also thinks and writes about the overall future of the E.U. and follows closely the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty and reform of the Union’s main institutions: the Commission, European Parliament and the Court of Justice. Other research interests include Britain’s European debate as well as the connections between E.U. foreign policy, internal security and immigration matters.

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S. Todd Crider is a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York and São Paulo and serves as co-head of the firm’s São Paulo office. He advises leading international banks, corporations, and private equity firms in international corporate finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and project finance. He is the former co-chair of his firm’s pro bono committee and was founding chair and is current vice-chair of the Cyrus Vance Center for International Justice of the New York City Bar.

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Balázs Dénes has worked continuously for the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU) since completing his law degree, with the exception of a year as a PILnet Fellow at Columbia University in New York. He has worked as an apprentice lawyer at Andrea Pelle’s legal office as well as in the HCLU’s legal aid service. Dénes was director of the HCLU’s drug policy program and has been executive director since 2004. A founding member of both the Hempseed and Harm Reduction associations, he is also a board member of the Common Sense for Drug Policy Foundation.

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Andrei Dontsov is the head of White & Case’s mergers and acquisitions/corporate practice in Russia, with more than 20 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions. He is listed as one of the top M&A lawyers in Russia in Chambers Global, Chambers Europe, The Legal 500, and IFLR1000. He developed a course on M&A and has taught at three leading Russian law schools for the past 10 years. He frequently participates in other academic activities, including the initiative for the development of legal education in Russia, and supports various charitable and pro bono projects in both a corporate and personal capacity.

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Erica Emdon has worked for ProBono.Org since its inception in 2006. In her capacity as advancement director since 2010 she has focused on building the organization. She has managed the branding, fundraising, and communications work of the organization and taken a leadership role in transforming ProBono.Org from a little-known legal NGO to one that has become a key player in the access to justice sector. She works with the private legal profession to recruit pro bono lawyers to undertake legal work on behalf of ProBono.Org’s thousands of clients who cannot afford private legal fees. She is a published author.

María Entrecanales Franco is chair and co-founder of the Spanish NGO Fundación Balia; UNICEF and the Fundación Príncipe de Girona recently bestowed awards on this group in recognition of its volunteer network. She worked for the law firm Araoz & Rueda for four years, then joined the multimedia group Antena 3, where she is the director of the board. In addition to co-founding the Lateral chain of restaurants, she has been a member of several juries and boards, including for the Codespa Foundation awards, the Comunidad de Madrid’s childhood awards, and the advisors committee of the Barcelona’s Contemporary Art Museum. In 2011 she received the national Directive Woman award.

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Antonio Hernández-Gil Álvarez-Cienfuegos has served as dean of the Colegio de Abogados de Madrid since 2007 and has been elected as an academic of the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Law. He earned his Ph.D. in 1974 for his thesis, The Function of Analogy in Legal Reasoning. He was later named full professor in civil law at the University of Santiago de Compostela, and appointed full professor at the National Distance University. He has practiced as a lawyer, primarily in litigation and arbitration, within the branches of civil, corporate, and business law. Hernández-Gil is the 2012 honorary president of the Spanish Host Committee as the Forum comes to his hometown of Madrid.

Anne Kelley is assistant general counsel at Microsoft Corporation, with a focus on intellectual property issues in the global supply chain, enhancing the rule of law, and creating meaningful pro bono opportunities for her colleagues around the world. She has been with Microsoft for 18 years. Her previous experience at Microsoft includes managing its intellectual property licensing business and the U.S. anti-piracy team. Kelley’s most recent publications are “Practicing Effectively in the Patent Marketplace” in the University of Chicago Law Review and “Learnings from Microsoft’s Immigrant and Refugee Rights Programs” in PLI’s Pro Bono Service by In-House Counsel: Strategies and Perspectives.
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Sinéad Mulhern is a qualified solicitor with extensive experience working on equality and human rights issues in the private, statutory, and voluntary sectors. Sinéad is a former chief legal officer of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland. She has also worked with the Children’s Law Centre and the Public Interest Litigation Support Project (PILS Project). In October 2012 she was appointed head of the Law Centre (NI)’s Legal Support Project. This is a new pro bono initiative set up to provide advice and representation to those who do not otherwise have access to representation in social security appeals and industrial tribunals.

Lianne Murphy is project officer at the Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA)–a project of the Free Legal Advice Centres, an Irish human rights organization. Along with other members of the PILA team, she set up its pro bono referral scheme, working in particular with NGOs to identify their legal needs. PILA’s focus is on collaborating with organizations that work on policy and legal reform so the legal assistance received will have the widest possible benefit. Prior to working with PILA, she worked as advocacy officer at Amnesty International Ireland. She has a LL.M. in international human rights law from the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway.
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**Lord Phillips of Sudbury** founded the law firm Bates, Wells & Braithwaite in 1970 and remains a consultant there. He is a specialist in charity law with wide experience in other branches such as business and defamation. He has established three national charities, including the Solicitors Pro Bono Group (now LawWorks) and the Citizenship Foundation. He was made a Life Peer in 1998 and is active in the House of Lords. He is the Chancellor of the University of Essex, a regular broadcaster, and occasional author. The 2010 recipient of PILnet’s European Pro Bono Award, he has been president of PILnet’s Pro Bono Council since 2008.

**Atanas Politov** is the director of PILnet’s Budapest office. He received legal training in his native Bulgaria and worked as a staff attorney for Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights. He received an LL.M. from Columbia Law School and is a former Fulbright Scholar. He has developed large-scale legal aid reform projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia, coordinated the contributions of PILnet to legal aid reform in other countries, and has overseen the development of PILnet pro bono clearinghouses in China, Hungary, Russia, and globally. He leads the organization of the annual European Pro Bono Forum.

**Carmen Pombo** manages the Fundación Fernando Pombo, an organization that promotes social responsibility within the legal profession; she has worked there since December 2010. She graduated from the ICADE Law School in Madrid and entered the Colegio de Abogados de Madrid in 1998. During her first ten years of practice she specialized in intellectual property law, working for the multinational Clarke, Modet & Co. (member of the board of directors 2008–11). She earned her MBA in 2005. Pombo participated actively in the International Bar Association, creating the IBA Young Lawyers’ Committee, which she chaired in 2008 and 2009. She then headed the business development area of the biomedical research center Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe.

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