



ROMANIAN PRO BONO WEEK

23-27 November 2020

[European Pro Bono Week](#) celebrates the role played by volunteer lawyers in supporting civil society and those in need. During this week, events will take place all across Europe, including in Romania. The Romanian Pro Bono Week will highlight and promote pro bono culture through a series of online events, organised by partners in three major cities (Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Iasi).

By bringing together various stakeholders in pro bono culture – lawyers, bar associations, law students, non-profits, human rights activists, academics, and businesses – we want to stimulate them to integrate pro bono work into their future plans.

All events will be held in Romanian. If you want to learn more about the program of the Romanian Pro Bono Week, please check the next page.



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BUCHAREST

Pro bono legal assistance - advocating to increase access to justice

Nov 25, 2020
Online
12.00 – 13.30
(GMT+2)
Open event

An essential role of NGOs is to provide a voice for that part of society insufficiently served by public services, and also to bring difficult issues in the area of fundamental rights and freedoms on the public agenda. Part of the values of the legal profession derive from their social responsibility, and *pro bono publico* is the form in which lawyers contribute to increasing access to justice for the vulnerable and implementing the principles of the rule of law. The event brings together the perspectives of these key actors and aims to stimulate the imagination of students, law professionals and NGO practitioners to integrate pro bono work into their future plans.

Live streaming at: www.facebook.com/stiri.org

CLUJ-NAPOCA

Access to justice for vulnerable groups

Nov 25, 2020
Online
16.00 – 19.00
(GMT+2)
Open event

The event will discuss the needs of vulnerable groups with regard to their access to justice and the opportunity to regulate pro bono law in Romania. The only pro bono legal assistance center in Romania – the Pro Bono Network for Human Rights – will be presented. Pro bono lawyers from across the country will share their experience in supporting people in vulnerable situations, in cases of violations of fundamental rights: people with disabilities, victims of domestic and gender violence, single-parent families, without material possibilities. As pro bono law is not yet regulated in Romania, the event will present a proposal to amend the legislation so that it benefits from a legal framework and is formally encouraged.

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IASI

Building pro bono bridges

Online
Throughout the
week
(closed events)

A group of six hearty lawyers will open their offices during the Pro Bono Week and offer their legal expertise to community based NGOs working for vulnerable people. We are planting the seeds of a pro bono network in Iasi, while at least 10 NGOs will benefit from free legal advice during this week. With courtesy of lawyers Roxana Prisăcariu, Smaranda Coltea, Geta Lupu, Ana Maria Drăgan, Carmen Diaconu and Otilia Dupu. Organized with the support of Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for Social Services - FONSS

Attendance is not possible due to the confidential nature of this activity

