2005 Judicial Pro Bono Commitments/Ideas

Youth Education—Activities related to school age students

- Deliver Color of Justice Program to mentor minority high school students to consider law and judicial careers.
- Speak to high school students on drug awareness.
- Speak to middle school students on health and law issues.
- Conduct mock trials for classes at any/all grade levels.
- Present to elementary school classes on “Justice For All.”
- Conduct a high school presentation on equal protection using the theme of “Simple gender education in the public schools—Separate But Equal.”
- Develop and present a “Day In the Life of a Judge” presentation to school groups.
- Invite high school class for in-court mock oral argument.
- Host courtroom visit and Q & A afterwards.
- Present at school regarding the role of the juror and juror qualities.
- Judge a high school mock trial competition.
- Host mock trial via video hook-up.
- Travel to Bush communities to educate on the judicial process.
- Teach class at Russian school.
- Invite students to attend a naturalization ceremony.
- Serve as a debate judge.
- Travel to rural communities for school meetings.
- Serve on a school district committee.
- Review civics curriculum on behalf of school board.
- Host a speech and/or debate contest regarding the government.
- Present to an Economic class on the cost of a DUI—fines, SRZ2 and surcharges.

Adult Education—Activities related to college/graduate/post-graduate students

- Work with college age women about careers in the judiciary.
- Teach at the University and/or community college.
- Serve as a guest lecturer for a University law course.
- Present and/or serve on a gender equality panel.
- Present to paralegal program students.
- Judge a college mock court oral argument.
Youth Court—Activities specifically related to Youth Courts
http://www.alaskayouthcourt.org/members.html

- Teach annual training
- Present and/or serve on a gender equality panel.
- Train youth court judges
- Participate in mentoring opportunities and swearing-in events for new volunteers.
- Teach specifically about MCA’s.
- Invite and lead courthouse tour for new and experienced volunteers.

Social Service Organizations—Activities related to non-profit, faith based or other social service organizations

- Visit and learn about local social service organizations.
- Present at the annual CASA conference.
- Teach Evidence or other presentation topic to Alaska Legal Service Corporation attorneys.
- Provide training to women’s shelter staff on domestic violence protective order process and procedures.
- Provide training to medical staff in involuntary mental health commitment process and procedures.
- Educate treatment providers about the legal system.
- Discuss legal issues with Alaska Native Justice Center.
- Review legal content for Alaska Native Justice Center issues.

Committee work—Activities related to Court and/or Bar Committee work

- Continue work on Criminal Rules Committee.
- Pro Bono Service Committee
- Continue work on Access to Justice Committee.
- Participate in the Fairness and Access Implementation Committee.
- Continue work on Education and Family Rules Committees.
- Establish a new Judicial Mentoring Committee.
- Continue work with the USFSA Ethics Committee.
Legal Community—Activities benefiting the judicial and/or Bar population and court administration.

Judicial:
- Compile a list of social service and other programs for judicial officers.
- Organize lectures to judges by representatives of local social service organizations.
- Establish a judicial mentor model.
- Mentor judges—both new and experienced.
- Host Bench and Bar breakfast meetings.

Bar:
- Develop and teach class about CR 90.3
- Develop and teach class about the best interest of the child in custody disputes
- Give feedback to family law attorneys about what to expect if custody dispute goes to trial.
- Develop and teach class about what to expect if one parent leaves the state and wants to take the only child.
- Serve as a CLE faculty member.
- Organize debate on judicial independence.
- Organize attorney meetings to improve the spirit of the legal community.
- Participate in exchanges with attorneys and judges from other countries.
- Present at the annual Alaska Bar Convention as a panel member or faculty member.
- Develop and present lunch time CLE's for Family Law Section of the Alaska Bar Association.
- Continue involvement with local bar/bench meetings.
- Spearhead local criminal bar committee.
- Organize a courthouse tour for new/young attorneys.
- Organize judicial/attorney tours of local jail, mental health facilities, youth facilities, residential treatment centers, etc.
- Develop a practice pointer presentation for new attorneys.

Court:
- Prepare self-help forms on specific topics.
- Talk to court system staff about judicial process.
- Update the Yupik/English arraignment tape.
- Continue work on the CINA advisement tape.
- Continue work to improve the juror payment rate.
Charitable Giving—Activities related to financial giving to non-profit organizations

- Continue financial support to Alaska Legal Services Corporation.
- Continue financial support to the Robert Hickerson Fund.
- Provide financial support to youth court program.
- Assist Alaska Native Justice Center in fundraising development planning.
- Write a letter of support for grants.

Community Involvement—Activities related to community organizations, media and miscellaneous activities

Media:

- Write a newspaper article on the court process
- Write a newspaper article on jury service and Law Day.
- Write a Letter To The Editor regarding jury service.
- Write a newspaper article on the Administrative Adjudication process.
- Author article series on the court, important principles and projects—jury service, general sentencing concerns, Family Law Self-Help Center.
- Appear on a radio show to talk about the jury system and/or judicial process.

Speeches/Public Forums:

- Speak to community groups about therapeutic justice.
- Develop and present a “Meet the Judges” public forum.
- Present speech to demystify the court process/system for local/state government.
- Develop presentation for Boys & Girls Club
  http://www.bgcalaska.org/
- Develop presentation to explain the cost of a DUI.
- Develop and present information on court forms and booklets to community groups.
- Explain the pro-per forms for divorce and dissolution to community groups.
- Deliver a Rotary Club presentation using a sentencing video.
- Lunch at the local shelter or senior center and respond to questions about the legal community.
- Organize a women’s substance abuse center roundtable discussion.
- Develop and present a “Day In the Life of a Judge” presentation to community groups and specific professional groups, e.g., probation officers, police officers, corrections officers.
- Develop and present on Administrative Adjudication to community groups.
- Present annually at Chamber of Commerce.
- Develop and present a “How A Judge Decides A Sentence” for a church group, bank employees, medical clinic, teachers, senior citizens, etc.
• Educate and collaborate with local faith-based non-profits about services provided to the homeless.
• Educate and work with local mental health support groups.
• Meet and discuss the MCA law with parents and minors.
• Presentation to spiritual community about the need of having a will.

Board Leadership:

• Participate in Rasmuson Foundation Board of Directors regarding legal education for the public.

Tours:

• Lead school class tour at courthouse.
• Invite and lead tours of courthouse for community groups. For example, Court Watch.

Other:

• Community organize to develop support for new courthouse.
• Create a picture display for courtroom in conjunction with school teaching events and tours.
• Participate in local Juvenile Justice Task Force.
• Serve as a Boy Scout merit badge counselor for the Law and Citizenship in Nation badges.
• Teach at DIY clinics—small claims filing.
• Create a court related display for the library, local native organization, hospital or community center.
• Design a diagram and presentation of “The Motion Flow: What Happens to a Motion after the Front Counter?” for law office staff, lawyers, social workers, etc.

LRE Projects—Activities specifically related to established LRE projects/programs
• Judge “We The People” competition
  [http://www.alaskabar.org/teachingjustice/wethepeople.html](http://www.alaskabar.org/teachingjustice/wethepeople.html)
• Judge “Project Citizen” competition
  [http://www.alaskabar.org/teachingjustice/projcit.html](http://www.alaskabar.org/teachingjustice/projcit.html)
• Develop “Courage to Live” program within local community
• Participate in the Alaska Teaching Justice Network—Educating on Law and Democracy.
• Law Day
  [http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html)
• Close-Up Program participation