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## Policy News

### Colorado Adopts Rule on Judicial Conduct and Pro Bono

Colorado has amended Rule 3.7(a) of the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct, effective July 1, 2010. According to Colorado's new rule, a judge may participate in activities sponsored by organizations or government entities concerned with the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice including assisting an organization in planning related to fundraising, soliciting organizational membership, and making recommendations about planning. In addition, under Colorado's rule 3.7(b), a judge may encourage lawyers to provide pro bono legal services. For more information, see:

[http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court\\_Probation/Supreme\\_Court/Rule\\_Changes/2010/2010\(09\)%20clean%20-%20original%20repealed.pdf](http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court_Probation/Supreme_Court/Rule_Changes/2010/2010(09)%20clean%20-%20original%20repealed.pdf).

### Hawaii Adopts Rule on Judicial Conduct and Pro Bono

Hawaii has amended Rule 3.7(a) of the Hawaii Revised Code of Judicial Conduct, effective July 1, 2010. According to Hawaii's [new rule](#), a judge may participate in activities sponsored by organizations or governmental entities concerned with the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice including participating in pro bono activities to improve the law, the legal system or the legal profession. Comment 6 to the rule provides examples of such pro bono activity. In addition, under Hawaii's rule 3.7(b), a judge may encourage lawyers to provide pro bono publico legal services. For more information, see

[http://www.state.hi.us/jud/ctrules/rcjc.htm#Rule\\_3.7](http://www.state.hi.us/jud/ctrules/rcjc.htm#Rule_3.7).

### Organizations Issue Reports on Deferred Associates and Public Service

Several recent reports reveal positive findings concerning how well the deferred associates' public service placements are faring. These reports include the City Bar Justice Center's [Deferred Associate Law Extern Support Project](#), NALP's [Perspectives on Fall 2009 Law Student Recruiting](#), and the Pro Bono Institute's [Law Firm Deferred Associates and Public Interest Placements: Survey Report and Preliminary Assessment](#). Findings indicate that host organizations are pleased with the associates' substantive contributions; law firm managers value the pro bono collaborations that have emerged; and associates are reaping benefits in skills, development and exposure to public interest practice. For more information on deferred associates, contact [Steve Grumm](#), Director of Public Service Initiatives, NALP, or call 202/835-1001

### Tennessee Supreme Court to Host Pro Bono Summit

On June 22, 2010, The Tennessee Supreme Court unveiled plans to host a statewide pro bono summit as a part of the Court's effort to address access to justice in Tennessee. The pro bono summit was just one of several action items outlined by the Court, as it announced the adoption of four overarching goals to guide its Access to Justice Initiative in the coming years. The pro bono summit, which will be held in Nashville on January 20, 2011, will bring together members the legal community to discuss pro bono issues, preview available technology, and seek input on the development of a statewide pro bono referral system. For additional information about the initiative and to download a copy of Chief Justice Holder's remarks, please visit: <http://www.tncourts.gov/geninfo/Programs/A2J/A2J.htm>