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Baker McKenzie, 100 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6JA

Agenda

10:00-10:15 – Welcome

10:15-11:15 – **Session One: Clinics and Technology**

Charities and pro bono practices have been waking up to the possibilities for using technology to re-imagine the provision of legal advice. Tech solutions both large and small abound but how do we ensure that these effectively improve service delivery and avoid causing more issues than they solve? This session will look at some successful examples of tech used by charities working with pro bono lawyers and by pro bono lawyers on the inside of their firms. The audience will have the opportunity to raise particular questions or concerns that have arisen in their practices. We hope for a lively debate on the future for tech in the pro bono world.

- *Chair: Eithne Lynch – Associate, Pro Bono (A&L Goodbody)*
- *Kari Gerstheimer – Director of Information and Advice (Mencap)*
- *Martin Barnes – Chief Executive (LawWorks)*
- *Sybille Raphael – Head of Legal Advice Services (Working Families)*
- *Alex Temple – Public Lawyer and Policy Officer (Just for Kids Law)*

11:15-11:30 – Break

11:30-12:30 – **Session Two: The ‘Management Macarena’**

Running any part of a pro bono practice involves a significant amount of people management. Whether partners, peers or PAs, every relationship can be challenging at times. This session will be an opportunity to look in some detail at those challenges and how they might best be met. The panellists represent a broad spectrum of pro bono roles and will be offering their different perspectives. It is, however, the audience that will be driving the direction of discussion, identifying particularly tricky areas and (hopefully) offering their own “top tips” to address them.

- *Chair: Emma Rehal-Wilde – Pro Bono Manager (Debevoise and Plimpton)*
- *Rebecca Naylor – Associate, Pro Bono Manager EMEA (Reed Smith)*
- *Alex Radcliffe – (Cooley)*
- *Cherry Swift – (DLA Piper)*

12:20-13:30 – Lunch

13:30-14:30 – **Session Three: Pro Bono Policy and Strategy**

Is your pro bono policy a dusty and dull document buried within your intranet? Or are you thinking about drafting a policy but unsure about how to make it meaningful? This session aims to reinvigorate our pro bono policies so that they are living tools that help rather than hinder us in our work. We will share our experiences on drafting and using our policies, and discuss “pressure points” and “hot topics” of a policy and strategy, with the aim of giving you helpful suggestions to take away.

- *Chair: Kristin Bong – Pro Bono Lawyer (Allen & Overy)*
- *Rebecca Perlman – Senior Associate (Herbert Smith Freehills)*
- *Kerry Stares – Pro Bono Legal Director (Charles Russell Speechlys)*
- *Rebecca Greenhalgh – Senior Associate, Pro Bono Manager (Ashurst)*

14:30-15:00 – Break

15:00-16:00 – **Session Four: “First rule of leadership: everything is your fault”**

Whether you’re co-ordinating a legal clinic or leading a multi-jurisdictional research report, pro bono co-ordinators will often be the glue holding many different people and organisations together, responsible for making sure everyone is heading in the right direction and delivering on time. Keeping everything on track throughout the life of a pro bono project can be tricky and will call upon many soft leadership skills, from influencing to problem solving and keeping calm under pressure. In this session, we will test your collaboration and leadership expertise through an unusual medium....all we ask for is enthusiasm and a willingness to “go with us”.

- *Jane Topham – Learning and Development Consultant, (Linklaters)*

16:00-16:30 – Break

16:30-17:30 – Open Forum

17:30-17:45 – Wrap Up