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2023 National Day of Service:

Pro Bono Legal Help for Nonprofits Strengthening Communities

In January 2023 Exponentum[®], a national network of business law pro bono providers, successfully completed a series of clinics under the banner of a National Day of Service to provide free legal consultations to nonprofit organizations serving low-income and disadvantaged communities. Four Exponentum members across the country participated, each serving a different geographical region.

The legal topic was sound nonprofit governance, and members strongly encouraged BIPOC-led organizations and organizations serving BIPOC communities to register for the clinics. Sixty nonprofits received timely guidance, thanks to pro bono attorneys and other legal volunteers from multiple law firms and corporate legal departments.

The program offered nonprofits an educational training about legal issues related to best practices for corporate governance. Nonprofit staff and board members then met with their individual volunteers by video-conference for a customized assessment and consultation. Through this year's program, the Exponentum members, along with pro bono attorneys and other corporate volunteers, helped community-based and other resource-constrained organizations improve their corporate governance practices and fiscal oversight procedures.

This was Exponentum's Sixth Annual National Day of Service, offering coordinated, pro bono legal assistance to nonprofits around the country on a legal topic core to their operations. Pro bono providers that participated in this project were Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. of Tampa Bay, Florida; the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center; Lawyers Alliance for New York; and Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta.

Exponentum[®] is a national network of business law pro bono providers dedicated to improving the quality of life in low-income and disadvantaged communities by expanding the availability and quality of pro bono business legal services for nonprofits that serve those communities. Exponentum partners with law firms and corporations to implement national responses to challenges faced by the nonprofit sector by delivering expert legal assistance and educational programs to nonprofits. Members serve geographic regions throughout the United States, including major metropolitan and surrounding areas in California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington D.C., and Washington State. Members share a goal of making nonprofits more effective in serving their communities.