# CPBO CHALLENGE REPORT 2018: The Expansion of In-House Pro Bono

CPBO CORPORATE PROBONO

Covering the Year 2017

#### Corporate Pro Bono

Founded in 2000, Corporate Pro Bono (CPBO) is the global project of Pro Bono Institute (PBI).

#### Mission

CPBO's mission is to explore and identify new approaches to and resources for the provision of legal services to the poor, disadvantaged, and other individuals or groups unable to secure legal assistance to address critical problems. CPBO does so by supporting, enhancing, and transforming the pro bono efforts of in-house legal departments in the U.S. and around the world. Since its inception, CPBO has worked with more than 900 legal departments and ACC chapters.

### The Corporate Pro Bono Challenge® Initiative

In 2006, at the urging of chief legal officers, CPBO launched an initiative enabling legal departments to identify, benchmark, and communicate their support for pro bono service. The Corporate Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup> initiative is the standard for in-house pro bono. It is a simple, voluntary statement of commitment to pro bono service by legal departments and their lawyers and staff.

Specifically, the CPBO Challenge  $\ensuremath{^{\circ}}$  statement calls for chief legal officers to:

- » encourage and promote pro bono service by their legal department staff;
- » use their best efforts to encourage their staff, including at least one-half of their legal staff, to support and participate in pro bono service; and
- » encourage the outside law firms with whom they work to acknowledge publicly their support for pro bono by becoming signatories to the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup>.

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### CPBO CHALLENGE<sup>®</sup> REPORT

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### INTRODUCTION

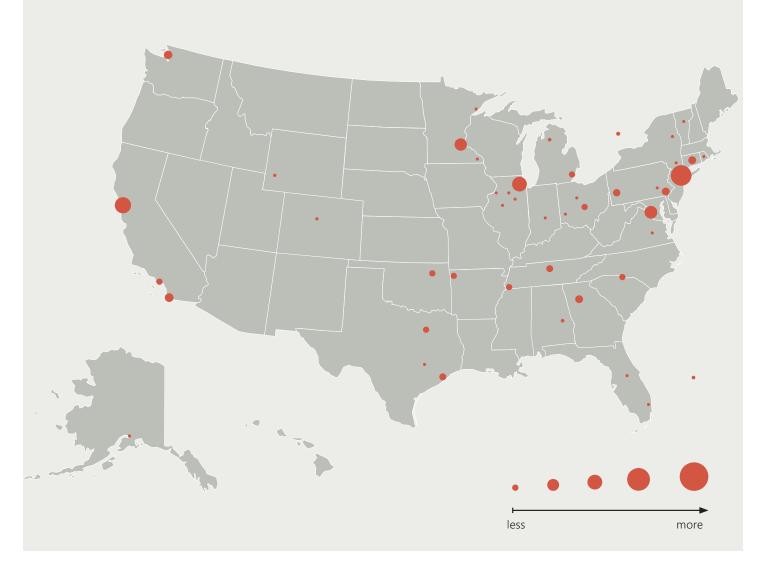
The 2018 CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> Report: The Expansion of In-House Pro Bono, covers the year 2017. This report summarizes the responses of all 43 legal departments that responded to the CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> survey in 2018.

At the time of this survey there were 183 signatories to the Corporate Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup> statement, headquartered in cities around the U.S. and Canada and with offices and legal staff around the globe. Access previous CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> reports here:

2007-2012 CPBO Challenge® Report: The Development of In-House Pro Bono: www.cpbo.org/challengereport2012 2013 CPBO Challenge® Report: The Growth of In-House Pro Bono: www.cpbo.org/challengereport2013 2015 CPBO Challenge® Report: The Path of In-House Pro Bono: www.cpbo.org/challengereport2015 2016 CPBO Challenge® Report: Report on In-House Pro Bono: www.cpbo.org/challengereport2016 2017 CPBO Challenge® Report: The Endurance of In-House Pro Bono: www.cpbo.org/challenge2017

### **CPBO Challenge® Signatories**

Geographic location of company headquarters

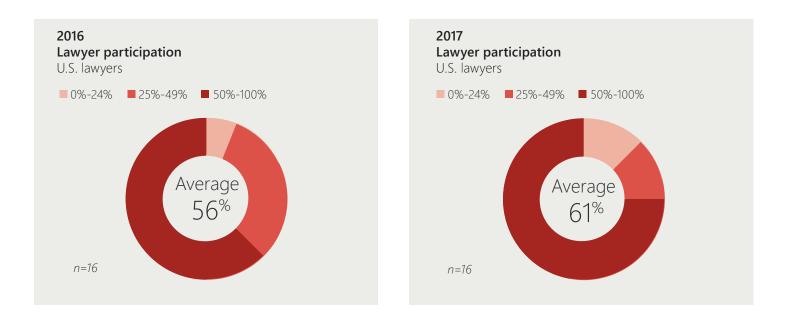


## Legal Staff Participation, 2016 and 2017

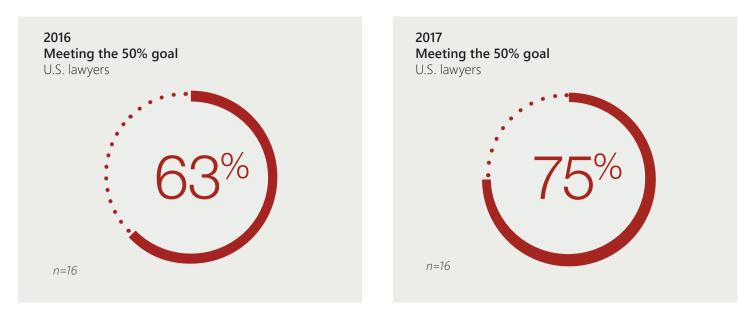
When signing the Corporate Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup> statement, legal departments commit to encourage 50 percent of their legal staff to engage in legal pro bono work.

#### U.S. Lawyer Participation

Participation in pro bono by U.S. lawyers of signatories that responded to the CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> survey in 2016 and 2017 slightly increased.



The percentage of responding signatories that met or exceeded the goal of 50 percent participation increased from 63 percent in 2016 to 75 percent in 2017.



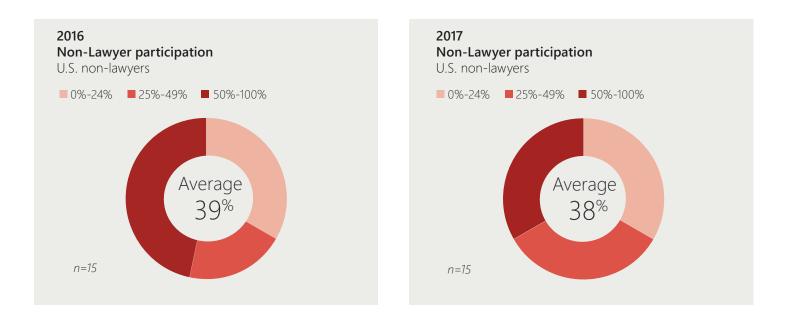
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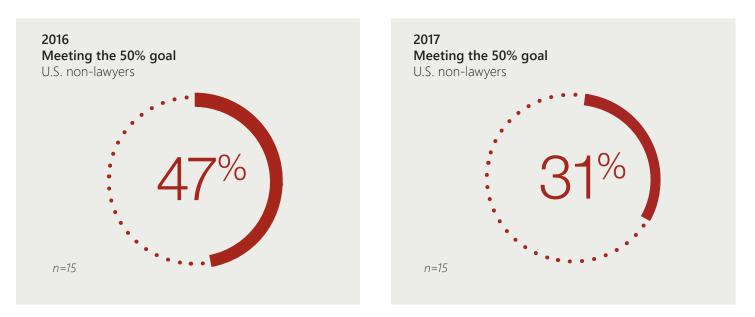
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Participation in pro bono by U.S. non-lawyers of signatories that responded to the CPBO Challenge® survey in 2016 and 2017 slightly decreased.

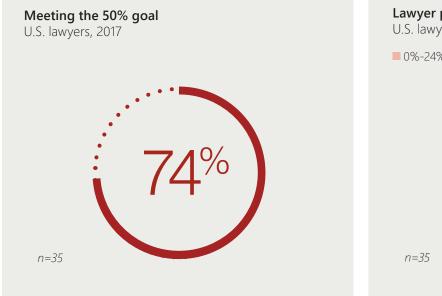


The percentage of responding signatories that met or exceeded the goal of 50 percent participation decreased from 47 percent in 2016 to 31 percent in 2017.



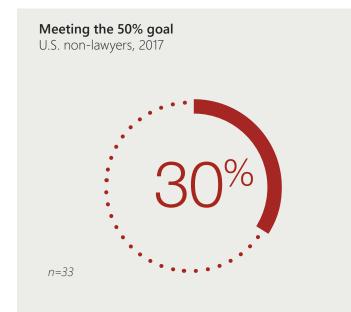
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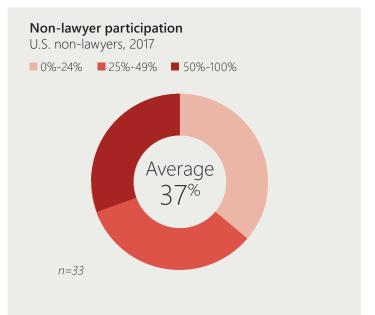
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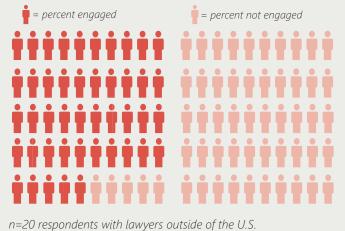
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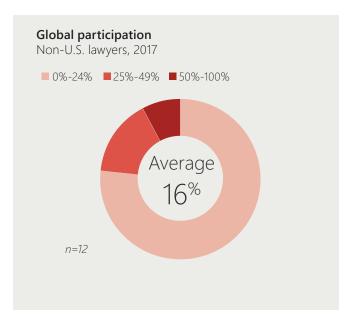


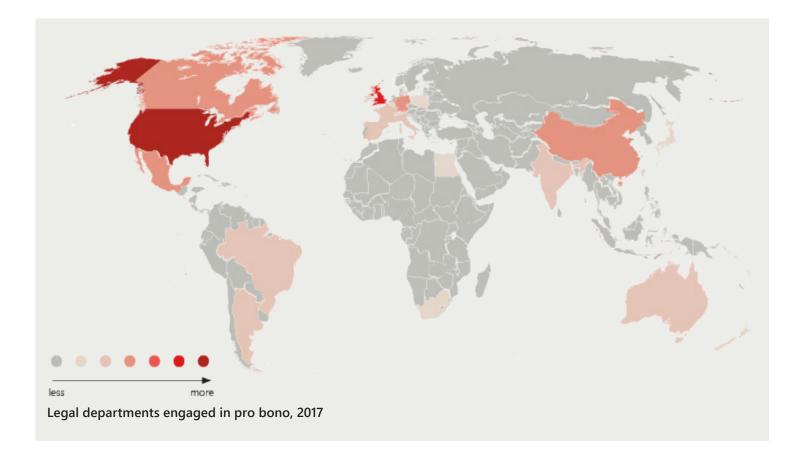


## Global Pro Bono, 2017

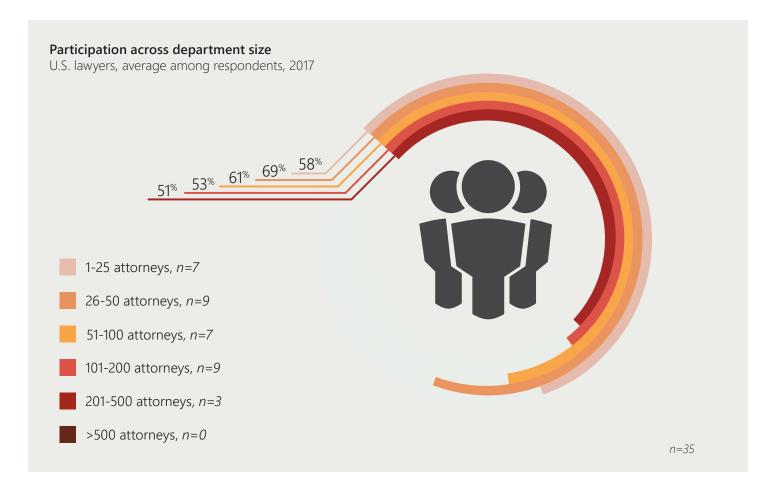
#### Percentage of signatories engaged in global pro bono Legal departments, 2017





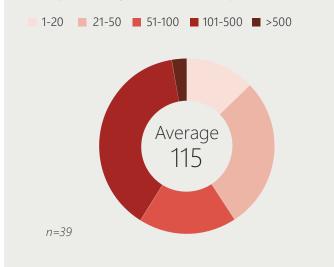


## Demographics, 2017

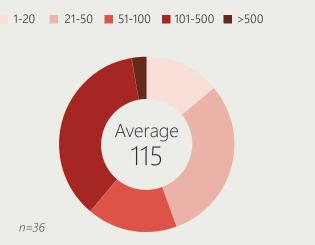


#### Department size

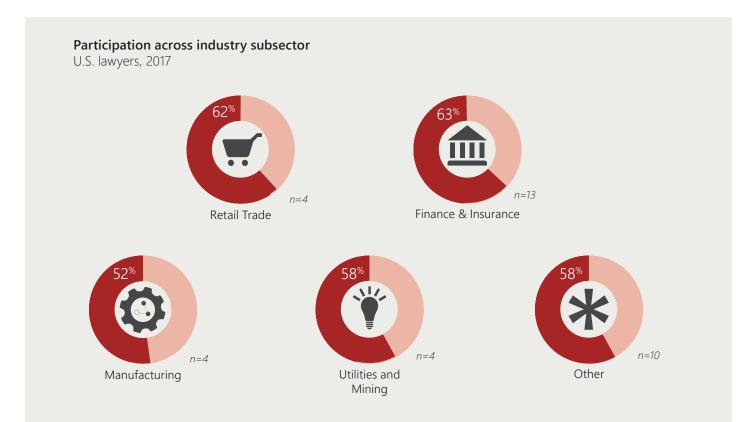
U.S. lawyers, average number of all respondents, 2017







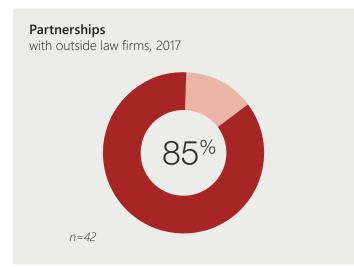
## Demographics, 2017



## Pro Bono Programs and Policies, 2017



### Partnerships with Law Firms, 2017



### The Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge®

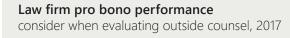
The Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup> is the definitive aspirational pro bono standard for large law firms. By committing to a Statement of Principles, signatories pledge their best efforts to achieve the following goals of the challenge and annually report their progress to PBI:

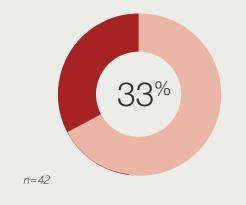
an institutional commitment to encourage and support participation by all attorneys in the firm;

the firm annually contributes to pro bono work (as defined by the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup>) a minimum of either (i) five percent of total billable hours or 100 hours per attorney or (ii) three percent of total billable hours or 60 hours per attorney;

a majority of such pro bono work is spent representing persons of limited means or charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, and educational organizations in matters that primarily address the needs of persons of limited means; and

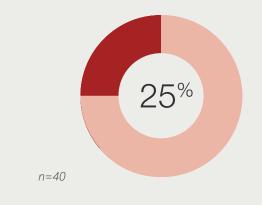
a majority of both partners and associates in the firm participate annually in pro bono activities.





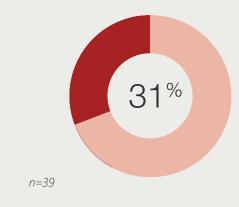
#### Law firm pro bono performance

inquire about law firm pro bono in RFPs, 2017



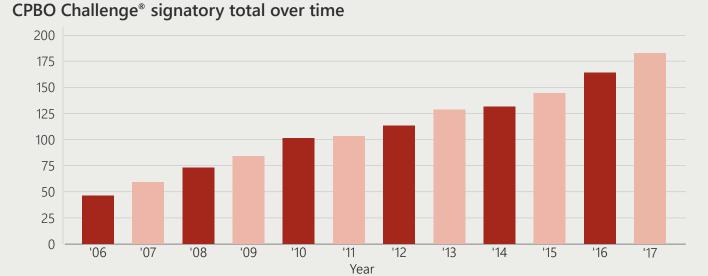
#### Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge®

encouraged outside law firms, 2017



### CONCLUSION

Since its inception, the number of signatories to the CPBO Challenge® initiative has grown steadily and in-house pro bono participation has remained strong.



## ABOUT THE CPBO CHALLENGE<sup>®</sup> INITIATIVE

Companies are placing increased emphasis on corporate social responsibility as an integral part of their identity and strategic planning. For their legal departments, moving beyond compliance with operational, ethical, and legal standards to focus on improving the economic and social climate of communities and a broad range of stakeholders is not only the right thing to do but also promotes trust and enhances the companies' business goals.

Many legal departments have found that having a concrete and quantifiable, but voluntary, goal has helped to increase visibility, participation, and performance while assuring legal staff that they will not be disadvantaged because of their pro bono participation. The CPBO Challenge® goals are thus an important tool for corporate social responsibility and good citizenship.

### The CPBO Challenge® Statement

As Chief Legal Officers, we recognize the critical importance of pro bono service as a cornerstone of our professional identity and accept the unique role that we can play in promoting pro bono in our legal departments. As leaders, we understand that the legal and business interests of our clients are furthered when access to the legal system is readily available to resolve disputes.

In recognition of our commitment and as signatories to this Corporate Pro Bono Challenge® statement, we will encourage and promote pro bono service by our legal department staff and use our best efforts to encourage our staffs, including at least one-half of our legal staff, to support and participate, as appropriate, in pro bono service.

To underscore the importance of promoting pro bono service, we will encourage the outside law firms with whom we work to acknowledge publicly their support for pro bono by becoming signatories to the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup>.

### Methodology

All data included in this report is presented in the aggregate to maintain the confidentiality of the Corporate Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup> survey respondents.

The primary objective of the survey was to determine if CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> signatories met the goal of 50 percent participation in pro bono. In addition, survey questions solicited information about pro bono policies and practices, including partnerships with outside law firms. The 2017 survey consists of twelve questions. A copy of the survey is included in the appendix at the end of this report.

CPBO began surveying CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> signatories in 2007. Each year, the survey response rate has varied with a different combination of departments responding. In 2017, 50 of 169 signatories submitted responses. In 2018, 43 of 183 signatories submitted responses.

CPBO hopes that in publishing this data, CPBO Challenge<sup>®</sup> signatories will continue to see the value in reporting their pro bono work and that, in the future, increased reporting will allow CPBO to publish even more extensive analysis of the data.

### Reporting Companies

### 2016 and 2017

American International Group, Inc. Bank of America Corporation Caterpillar Inc. Deere & Company Deloitte LLP **Discover Financial Services** Duquesne Light Company Entergy Corporation FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. Freddie Mac General Mills, Inc. LyondellBasell McDonald's Corporation Oath, Inc. Target Corporation U.S. Bancorp United Airlines, Inc. Verizon Communications Inc. Walmart Stores, Inc. Xerox Corporation

### 2017

Allstate Insurance Company Amazon.com, Inc. American International Group, Inc. AT&T Inc. Bank of America Corporation Barclays Bank PLC Best Buy Co., Inc. **BNY Mellon** Capital One Financial Corporation Cargill, Incorporated Caterpillar Inc. Chubb Group of Insurance Companies CSAA Insurance Group **CUNA Mutual Group** Deere & Company Deloitte LLP Dentsu Aegis Network **Discover Financial Services** Duke Energy Corporation Duquesne Light Company **Entergy Corporation Epoch Payment Solutions** FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. Ford Motor Company Freddie Mac General Mills, Inc. Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company The Home Depot, Inc. Leidos, Inc. LyondellBasell Mayo Clinic McDonald's Corporation MetLife, Inc. **Microsoft Corporation** Oath, Inc. Target Corporation Thrivent Financial U.S. Bancorp United Airlines, Inc. Verizon Communications Inc. Walmart Stores, Inc. Xerox Corporation Zurich American Insurance

### Join the Challenge Form

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On behalf of my legal department,	I hereby sign the Corp	orate Pro Bono (CPBO) Challenge®	statement:
Signature (Chief Legal Officer):		Date:	
Name and Title:			
Company:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:			
Email:			
Contact Person Name and Title:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:			
Email:			

Please send completed forms to CPBO at tsun@probonoinst.org. For more information about the CPBO Challenge® statement, please contact Tammy Sun, CPBO director, at 202.729.6680 or at tsun@probonoinst.org. Thank you for your interest and support.

## 2017 CPBO CHALLENGE<sup>®</sup> SURVEY, January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Welcome to the 2017 Corporate Pro Bono Challenge<sup>®</sup> Survey. Your answers to this survey will be treated in the strictest confidence and any information published will be only in the aggregate.

## **Background Information**

1. Company Information	
Company Name	
Address (Headquarters)	
Address 2	
City	
State/Province	
Zip Code	
Pro Bono Contact Name	
Pro Bono Contact Title	
Pro Bono Contact Email	
Pro Bono Contact Phone	
2 Person Completing this Survey	(if different than pro bono contact)
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Name	
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### Participation in Pro Bono

1. Please record the number of legal professionals in the U.S. as of 12/31/17 and how many of those provided pro bono legal services (not including community service) during the reporting period.

	Total in Legal Department	Participating in Pro Bono	Percentage
U.S. Lawyers			
U.S. Non-Lawyers			

2. Please record the number of legal professionals not in the U.S. as of 12/31/17 and how many of those provided pro bono legal services (not including community service) during the reporting period.

	Total in Legal Department	Participating in Pro Bono	Percentage
Non-U.S. Lawyers			
Non-U.S. Non-Lawyers			

### Active Pro Bono Policies and Programs

- 1. Does your legal department have a written pro bono policy?
- (a). If yes, what year did your legal department adopt a written pro bono policy?
- 2. Does your legal department have a formal pro bono program?
- (a). If yes, what year did your legal department implement a formal pro bono program?

### **Global Pro Bono**

1. Please list the continents where members of your legal department (lawyers and non-lawyers) are engaged in pro bono.

### **Pro Bono Partnerships**

1. Does your legal department partner with outside law firms to provide legal pro bono work?

(a). If yes, with which firms does your legal department partner?

2. Does your legal department inquire in RFPs, beauty contests, and/or retention processes whether its outside firms perform legal pro bono work?

- 3. Does your legal department consider a firm's pro bono performance when evaluating outside counsel?
- 4. Does your legal department encourage its outside firms to join the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge®?



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