



FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PRO BONO DAY

April 28, 2022

Backgrounder for Financial Institutions

Pro Bono Institute (PBI) and its Corporate Pro Bono (CPBO) project are hosting the annual Financial Institution Pro Bono Day (FIPBD) on April 28, 2022. This event brings together volunteer attorneys and legal staff from financial institutions to provide pro bono legal assistance to address critical legal needs of underserved communities. For the [inaugural FIPBD on May 2, 2019](#), PBI and CPBO, in partnership with 14 financial institutions in 20 cities across the country, and with law firms and public interest organizations, organized more than 47 pro bono events in which more than 700 volunteers from 21 financial institutions participated. The second annual FIPBD was planned for April 30, 2020 and, due to the pandemic, was rescheduled for January 14, 2021. [The 2021 FIPBD](#) took place virtually on January 14, 2021, where more than 630 pro bono volunteers from 37 financial institutions contributed to the day's events.

WHO is participating?

Organizers: Legal departments of financial institutions (including credit unions, investment banks, commercial banks, insurance companies, and mortgage companies) may participate by organizing pro bono events and by volunteering on FIPBD.

Partners: Many financial institutions choose to partner with legal services organizations and/or law firms in their community to organize and host pro bono events on FIPBD. Partner organizations often provide training and resources to the pro bono volunteers, recruit and vet clients, provide space to hold the pro bono event, and more.

Volunteers: Generally, FIPBD events are open to volunteers from all participating financial institutions, not only the financial institution(s) organizing the event.

WHAT is FIPBD?

FIPBD is a day to bring financial institutions together to promote in-house pro bono engagement and collaboration, focus impact, and meet the diverse needs of underserved communities. Participating financial institutions organize and participate in pro bono events of their choice. Most events are open to volunteers from any financial institution. Events in the past have addressed issues ranging from homelessness, to transgender name changes, to life planning for veterans, to green card assistance for domestic violence survivors, to advancing racial justice and serving communities of color, and many more.

WHEN is FIPBD?

Thursday, April 28, 2022.

WHERE is FIPBD? For the 2022 FIPBD, financial institution will have the option to hold their events virtually or in-person. FIPBD is organized in various cities. In 2019, the most recent FIPBD to be held in-person, locations included Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Houston/Plano, Kansas



City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, San Francisco, St. Louis, Tampa, and Washington, D.C/Northern Virginia. In 2020 and 2021, planned locations were expanded to include Latin America, Europe, and Asia.

WHY participate?

FIPBD magnifies the impact of financial institutions' legal pro bono programs by coming together to address critical needs through pro bono legal services. Volunteers can give back and collaborate with colleagues from other financial institutions and with community partners.

HOW do I participate?

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