



EMPOWERING PRO BONO DAY NOVEMBER 16, 2023

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Pro Bono Institute (PBI) and its Corporate Pro Bono (CPBO) project, in partnership with the legal department of Entergy Corporation and Edison Electric Institute (EEI), are hosting the second annual EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day on Thursday, November 16, 2023. This event brings together volunteer attorneys and legal staff from electric and gas companies to provide pro bono legal assistance to address critical legal needs of underserved communities. At the [2022 EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day](#), more than 150 in-house volunteers from eight legal departments participated in pro bono service projects. Many legal services organizations and law firms partnered with the in-house attorneys and staff to address critical needs through pro bono legal services.

WHO is participating?

Legal departments of electric and gas companies may participate by **organizing** legal pro bono events and/or by **volunteering** in legal pro bono events organized by others on EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day.

Partners: Many in-house legal departments choose to partner with legal services organizations, public interest organizations, and/or law firms in their community to organize and host pro bono events on EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day. 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.

WHAT is EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day is a day to bring electric and gas companies together to promote in-house pro bono engagement and collaboration, focus and increase their collective impact, and meet the diverse needs of underserved communities. Participating in-house legal departments organize and participate in pro bono trainings and service opportunities of their choice.

Pro bono opportunities can include clinics, research, and other one-day projects, as well as trainings and kickoff events for longer-term representations.

Events can address issues such as homelessness, immigration, helping small nonprofits and microenterprises with corporate matters, life planning for veterans, green card assistance for domestic violence survivors, providing brief advice, driver's license restoration, expungement, serving marginalized communities, and many more. For more examples, see this summary of the [2022 EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day](#).



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WHEN is EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

Thursday, November 16, 2023. However, to accommodate unavoidable conflicts and allow for staffing of regularly scheduled pro bono events, legal departments may count participation in pro bono events held within a week of November 16 as part of this day of service.

WHERE is EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

Events can be held anywhere around the globe! Events can take place in-person in your community, or they can be held virtually.

WHY participate?

EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day magnifies the impact of electric and gas companies' legal pro bono programs by coming together to address critical needs through pro bono legal services. Volunteers can give back and collaborate with colleagues and with community partners.

HOW do I participate?

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