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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 third annual EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day (EPBD) on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

EPBD brings together volunteer attorneys and legal staff from electric and gas companies to provide pro bono legal services to low-income, marginalized communities. In-house volunteers partner with many legal services organizations and law firms in this effort to magnify their impact and increase access to justice.

Learn about [prior EmPOWERing Pro Bono Days here](#).

Below are FAQs for the 2024 EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day.

Who can participate in EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

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 EPBD.

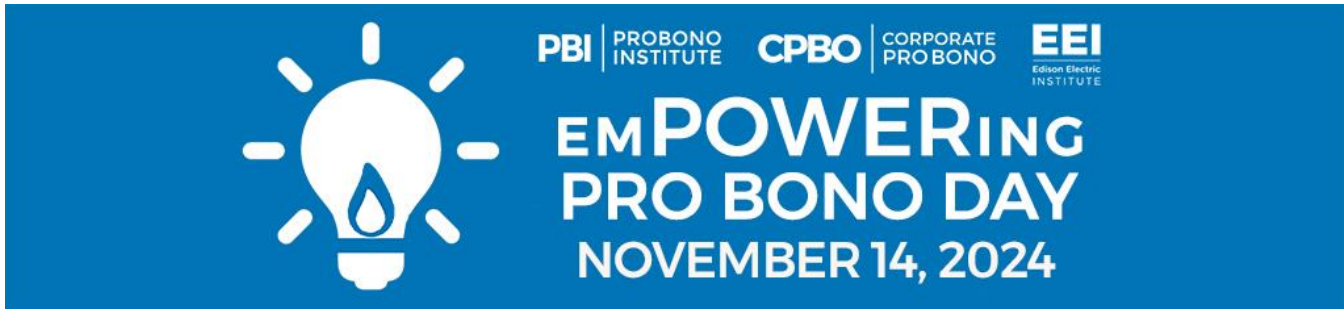
Partners: Many in-house legal departments choose to partner with legal services organizations, public interest organizations, and/or law firms in their community to organize and host pro bono events on EPBD. Partner organizations often provide training and resources to the pro bono volunteers, recruit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

What are EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day events?

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 the summary of [prior EPBDs here](#).



When is EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

Thursday, November 14, 2024. 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 ten days of EPBD.

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 in EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

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.

It is also a great way to jump-start a pro bono program for your department, or to highlight an existing program. Corporate Pro Bono has many resources available for departments that are new to pro bono.

How do I participate in EmPOWERing Pro Bono Day?

- 1) Contact the following individuals to let them know your department would like to participate:

Alyssa Saunders, Director of Corporate Pro Bono, Pro Bono Institute at asaunders@probonoinst.org
Christy Kane, Senior Pro Bono Counsel, Entergy, at ckanel@entergy.com,
Emily Fisher, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary & Sr. Vice President, Clean Energy, Edison Electric Institute, at EFisher@eei.org.

- 2) Reach out to potential law firm, legal services, or law department partners to start planning your pro bono opportunities for EPBD. Corporate Pro Bono can also help you identify pro bono opportunities for your department.