

# FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND STRATEGIC LITIGATION SUPPORT FOR NGOS

Pro Bono Connect is a project of the Dutch Legal Committee for Human Rights (NJCM).

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### November: Exploring NGO needs & the role of pro bono lawyers

To be an effective bridge between NGOs and the pro bono lawyers supporting them, we need to hear from you. We are organizing round tables & workshops to find out how and why pro bono lawyers can make important contributions. See the agenda and registration links below!

This newsletter also shines a light on some non-legal organizations. Pro Bono Connect continues to focus on legal support, but want to share some non-profit focused options with NGOs looking for other services.

Hope to see you soon!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023**

20-24 November: European Pro Bono Week

Monday, 20/11, 3 CET: Europe-wide online kick-off

#### **Events in the Netherlands**

- Monday, 20/11: **Round table Law firms** (hosted by Stibbe)
- Tuesday, 21/11, 4 CET: Round table NGOs at Hague Humanity Hub
- Tuesday, 21/11 (closed session): The role of pro bono in strategic litigation
- Thursday, 23/11, 2-4 CET: Workshops on Tax, Governance & Privacy (hosted by Bird & Bird)

### European Pro Bono Week - join us!

The <u>European Pro Bono Week</u> is an umbrella event that celebrates the role played by volunteer lawyers, all across Europe, in supporting civil society and human rights organizations and promoting access to justice for those in need. This week-long event is organized collaboratively by PILnet, law firms members of the European Pro Bono Initiative, and regional pro bono clearinghouses and organizations.

Register for the online opening meeting, Monday 20 November at 3 CET.

Tune in to hear from: Awmaima A Khattab Amrayaf (Senior Impact Adviser, DLA Piper); Nani Jansen Reventlow (Founder, Systemic Justice); Lamin Khadar, (Global Adjunct Professor of Law, NYU Paris); Mark Stephens (Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)).

# Pro Bono Week: NGO ROUND TABLE Tues., 21 November, 16-18:00 at the Hague Humanity Hub

### Register by 15 November

Curious about how & why pro bono legal services work?

How can pro bono lawyers support you?

Which exciting projects can we collaborate on together?

Share your perspective and explore what pro bono legal support can mean for you. We will kick off the meeting with an introduction of our plans & inspiring speakers, followed by open discussion and networking drinks.

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Pro Bono Week: Legal Workshops
Thurs., 23 Nov., 14-16:00 at the Bird & Bird offices in the Hague

Session 1: Tax & Governance

Session 2: Privacy law

What are the risks, obligations and benefits of ANBI-status?
What are the duties of our board members? Can we change this?
How can we manage our clients' data to be GDPR compliant?
How can we safely share their info with doctors, lawyers and other organizations?

NGOs often request pro bono advice on navigating the Dutch legal system. During these two sessions, lawyers from Bird & Bird will discuss these topics and answer your questions. Register by 15 November.

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#### Welcome to our new colleagues!

This September, we welcomed two new colleagues. Gerjanne has joined us as legal pro bono coordinator, focusing on matching requests with our partner firms and developing new projects. Anne is studying law at Tilburg University and is supporting us as our fall intern. With new colleagues come new ideas and energy - we look forward to connecting!

## Amsterdam Law Clinics - a potential source of legal support

Addressing injustice in communities through legal procedures needs thorough preparation - law clinics can be an important resource before & during this process.

At the <u>UvA Amsterdam Law Clinics</u>, selected Master's students work on matters of public interest on a pro bono basis for a range of clients. They provide legal research contributing to your strategy or litigation, under the supervision of staff and experts.

Contact the ALC with ideas for collaboration or longer-term projects. The first opportunity is this November, for projects starting this spring (February 2024).

#### **Support services for NGOs**

Pro Bono Connect focuses on connecting NGOs with pro bono lawyers, although we receive many types of requests. Here, we highlight three organizations that provide non-legal services to the non-profit sector. Not all are available pro bono, so contact them directly to discuss the possibilities!

<u>Vinario</u> helps non-profits maximize their social value with advice on financial control, risk & grant management. Managing donor reporting requirements, multiple projects or funding streams can be challenging. Vinario's guidance helps navigate these issues and maximize the social impact of funding.

<u>Good Analytics</u> helps non-profits harness the potential of data analysis. Their team of volunteers offers advice and develops tools allowing your organization to manage information about funding, projects, milestones, or clients. Use data to illustrate your impact and develop better strategies.

De Nieuwe Gevers is a social enterprise, matching a network of thousands of

volunteer professionals with non-profits for project-based support. Their volunteers can help with marketing, communication, design, fundraising, finance, HR, & strategy.

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