Pro Bono/PD Corner:
Professional Development for Legal Aid — You Can Help

from the NALP Pro Bono and Professional Development Task Force

In contrast to the lawyers at many law firms, legal aid attorneys who serve the most vulnerable people in our community typically have extremely limited access to training due to over-stretched budgets and limited staffing. Your expertise and leadership can make a real difference and build bridges with the pro bono community.

• Invite legal aid attorneys to your internal training programs when the subject matter is appropriate and/or ask your paid consultants to repeat their programs for a legal aid audience on a pro bono basis.

• Help legal aid organizations develop training programs for their attorneys and staff.

• Work with your online CLE service providers to facilitate access for legal aid attorneys.

Your unique contributions will increase access to justice in your community, and you will receive the professional and personal satisfaction that comes from helping others with your specialized skills.