

The State of New York
Office of the Attorney General

Citation

Whereas, It is the tradition of the State of New York to pay tribute to those organizations, such as the New York State Bar Association, which have profoundly contributed to the well-being of their community; and

Whereas, Since its founding, the New York State Bar Association has been an effective advocate for shaping the development of the law, educating and informing the legal profession and the public, and responding to the demands of a changing society; and

Whereas, As the oldest and largest voluntary state bar organization in the United States, the NYSBA and its more than 70,000 strong membership are dedicated to the objectives laid out more than a century ago - cultivating the science of jurisprudence, promoting reform in the law, facilitating the administration of justice, and elevating the standards of integrity, honor, professional skill, and courtesy within the legal profession; and

Whereas, One of the enduring legacies of the New York State Bar Association is its unwavering efforts to encourage attorneys to volunteer their time and expertise to assist individuals and not-for-profit, governmental, and other organizations whose services are primarily designed to address the legal and other basic needs of persons of limited financial means; as part of this commitment, the NYSBA is a strong supporter of the American Bar Association's initiative establishing the first National Pro Bono Week; and

Whereas, This National Celebration of Pro Bono will be commemorated with events across New York State and the country from October 25 through October 31, 2009 ; these events will include free continuing legal education seminars for attorneys; legal clinics; and various receptions that will recognize the dedication of attorney volunteers; and

Whereas, The aims of this week-long celebration are to recognize the important contributions made by the many attorneys already participating in pro bono; to educate the public and the legal profession about the critical and unmet legal needs of low income people and others who have been hard hit by the economic downturn; and to encourage more attorneys to volunteer; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Office of the Attorney General offers its sincerest congratulations to the New York State Bar Association for the hard work it has put into making the first National Pro Bono Week a complete success; now therefore be it further

Resolved, That the Office of the Attorney General presents to the New York State Bar Association a copy of this Citation in recognition of its involvement with, and support of, National Pro Bono Week.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo", is written over a horizontal line.

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Attorney General
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