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These entities have demonstrated full compliance with the Voluntary Pro Bono Standard adopted by the Representative Assembly in 1990. Full compliance is demonstrated through the provision of pro bono services rendered collectively through donations of reduced-fee or no-fee work, financial contributions to legal aid programs eligible to receive funding from the Access to Justice Fund, or a combination of the two. Most firms and corporations listed have a pro bono policy in place that includes encouragement of the provision of pro bono practice by all attorneys affiliated with these firms and corporations as well as documentation of such activities, which are reported to the State Bar of Michigan. Those listed have proven a stellar level of participation by all attorneys staffed by the firms in the calendar year 2012.

On average, each attorney has contributed at least 30 hours of counsel or representation to low-income individuals and families or to organizations that provide legal services, or has donated at least \$300 to a nonprofit program organized to deliver civil legal services to low-income individuals. The Voluntary Standard was recently amended to increase the annual financial contribution from \$300 to \$500 for those whose income allows a higher contribution. The updated Standard can be reviewed on the State Bar's website.

Note: Circle of Excellence data is based on a calendar year to better align with the Access to Justice Fund. Applications for the 2014 Circle, celebrating pro bono participation for calendar year 2013, will be available in March.

Future Circles will include two tiers of recognition. An Excellence level will maintain the same criteria as the current Circle. The Firm Leadership level will be determined on an aggregate firm basis using a 30-hour or \$500 standard. Please contact Robert Mathis at rmathis@mail.michbar.org if you have any questions about eligibility for the 2014 Circle or wish to discuss future changes.