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Community



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MESSAGE

from the Managing Director



At McConnell Valdés we believe that the talent, experience, resources, and dedication to service of those who work at the firm can make a positive impact on the community and on the lives of persons in need. The firm's Pro Bono Program, charitable contributions to not-for-profit organizations, and community service efforts are examples of how McConnell Valdés helps the community. These three pillars are the key components of the firm's social responsibility initiative.

McV in the Community highlights some of the accomplishments of our social responsibility initiative

during 2015. I am honored to share the initial issue of this report with you and greatly appreciate the support that our programs have received over the years from our clients, collaborators, not-for-profit organizations, and everyone in the firm.

We are a law firm dedicated to excellence in service and to the meaningful improvement of the communities where we live and work. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our commitment to good corporate citizenship.

—**Arturo J. García-Solá**, Managing Director

PRO BONO Program

As lawyers, we recognize that an important component of our practice is the responsibility to provide legal services to persons and entities of limited means. Following the firm's long-standing tradition of community service and social responsibility, the McConnell Valdés Pro Bono Program was established in 2006.

The program offers free transactional and legal advisory services to not-for-profit organizations serving persons of limited means or where the payment of legal fees would significantly deplete the organization's economic resources. The Pro Bono Program has partnered with the Puerto Rico Community Foundation and United Way of Puerto Rico to provide legal services and seminars to their member organizations and grantees.

During 2015, our attorneys used their diverse interests and skills to work on a variety of legal matters that ultimately benefited the communities in which we live and work. From drafting a certificate of incorporation and by-laws for a spin-off not-for-profit organization to obtaining federal tax exemption status for an alternative education program for at-risk students so that it can access additional funding for its program, our professional staff is deeply committed to serving the public good.

Giving Back



Pro Bono Committee

(L to R): Roberto Quiñones, Capital Member, Litigation Practice Group; Helen A. Salichs, Director, Pro Bono Program; Ernesto N. Mayoral, Capital Member, Corporate Practice Group; Isabel Torres, Associate, Litigation Practice Group; Antonio Escudero-Viera, Chair, Pro Bono Committee and Counsel, Corporate Practice Group; Absent: Lillian Toro-Mojica, Income Member, Tax Practice Group



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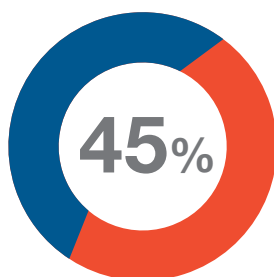
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Pro Bono Hours

McConnell Valdés attorneys and paralegals logged more than 1,030 pro bono legal services hours in 2015, representing a 4.6 percent increase from the year before.

Attorney Participation

In 2015, 45 percent of the attorneys participated in the voluntary Pro Bono program. Two out of every three associates volunteered to take on a pro bono matter.



2015 Supported Entities & Collaborators

Asesores Financieros Comunitarios
Asociación de Fomento Educativo
Asociación de Padres de la Academia La Milagrosa
Banco de Alimentos de Puerto Rico
Centro Para Puerto Rico
Centro Renacer
Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola
Fundación Angel Ramos
Corporación para la Conservación del Estuario de la Bahía de San Juan
Escuela de Artes Plásticas
EcoExploratorio
Fondita de Jesús
Fondo de Innovación Social
Fondos Unidos de Puerto Rico
Fundación Comunitaria de Puerto Rico
Fundación Hospital Pediátrico
Fundación Legado Azul
Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín
Fundación por la Arquitectura
Hogar Padre Venard
Jane Stern Dorado Community Library
Law For Change
Monteclaro
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo
Museo de Arte de Ponce
Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico
Parroquia Stella Maris
Politécnico Amigó
Raiders Baseball



2015 Attorney Recognitions

Attorneys Hernán Marrero, Myrgia Palacios, Ignacio Vidal and Raquel Calzadilla were recognized this year because each worked 25 hours or more on pro bono matters. To honor their commitment to the Pro Bono Program, the firm made a donation to a not-for-profit organization of their choosing.

(L to R): Hernán Marrero, Income Member, Environmental, Energy & Land Use Practice Group; Myrgia Palacios, Associate, Litigation Practice Group; Ignacio Vidal, Associate, Environmental, Energy & Land Use Practice Group; Raquel Calzadilla, Associate, Tax Practice Group

COMMUNITY



Giving back is part of what we do at McV.

McConnell Valdés proudly supports numerous worthy education, charitable, community service and cultural organizations and initiatives that improve the quality of life in Puerto Rico. So much so, that it is part of the fabric of the firm.

Our attorneys and staff donate time to boards of not-for-profit entities in Puerto Rico, or serve as volunteers, logging in many hours of work trying to make a difference for our communities and indeed for Puerto Rico. And they do it simply because it is the right thing to do, not for the recognition.

We also host a yearly Christmas Holiday program where we invite non-profit organizations, such as the Fundación Hogar Niño Jesús.

That is who we are and what sets us apart from the rest.

Last year, this group supported Fondos Unidos de Puerto Rico/United Way's "Regala Un Día," the Muscular Dystrophy Association, San Jorge Children's Hospital Pediatric Diabetes Foundation and "Viejo te Amo", Fundación Dorada's campaign to raise funds for elderly people in need, raising over \$55,000 in the last two years for these institutions.



A number of McV attorneys and staff shared a day of fun and games with the children of the Hogar Cuna San Cristobal as part of Fondos Unidos' "Regala un Día" activity, at the Atención Atención facilities in San Patricio Plaza on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

**More than
100**
of our attorneys and staff
support Fondos Unidos de
Puerto Rico via direct donation,
close to a 60% of participation!

**The Museo de Arte
de Puerto Rico, Museo de
Arte Contemporáneo,
La Fondita de Jesús
and the Fundación
Comunitaria de
Puerto Rico** are some
of the institutions where
our attorneys participate as
Board Members.

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