

Justice Connect

Australia

<https://www.justiceconnect.org.au>

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Project Law Help

Singapore

<http://probono.lawsociety.org.sg/>

Overall goals: provide legal support & information for non-profit organisations



Project Goals: produce website with legal information for non-profits

- Key legal issues relevant to non-profits
- Accessible to persons without legal training
- Intuitive, interesting (fun?) to read



# 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Pro Bono Conference and Legal Ethics Forum Session

## Presentation Plan Template

Name of Session:

**Plenary 1** - What do we mean by pro bono and what are its ethics?

Total Session Minutes: (75 min)

Facilitator:

Prof. Adrian Evans, Monash University, [Adrian.Evans@monash.edu](mailto:Adrian.Evans@monash.edu)

Co-Presenters:

1. Miriam Chinnappa, *Avocats Sans Frontières*, [mchinnappa@asf.be](mailto:mchinnappa@asf.be)

2. Panarairat Srichaiyarat, Centre for ASEAN Studies, Khon Kaen University, [panarairat@gmail.com](mailto:panarairat@gmail.com)

Session Plan:

Step	Activity Description	Time (Min)	Presenters	materials needed
1	Large Group Discussion Brainstorm	10	Evans as facilitator, who begins by explaining the process for the session	Laptop and projector
2	Individual Presentations from Presenters on 'What Pro Bono is to them and What are its Ethics?' <i>[this part of the session is intended to stimulate audience thoughts for the following plenary interactions]</i>	20 (total) 7 minutes each	Chinnappa Srichaiyarat Evans	
3	Large Plenary Group Divided into 7 Sections and Each Section Discusses and Presents <u>quickly</u> on their question 1. Who does pro bono 2. How do we do pro bono 3. Where can we do pro bono 4. When can we do pro bono 5. How can we support pro bono 6. Why do we do pro bono 7. What are the ethics attached to pro bono	25 (total)	Evans to quickly and clearly identify 7 sections around the plenary space, with nominated reporters from each section, who will be asked to respond within 2-3 minutes max.	
4	One presenter discusses a specific moving story example of a clear intersection between pro bono and its ethics	15	Dr Pan – discusses her Thai drug importation case in more detail	
5	Brief questions from plenary audience and answers from the co-presenters	5	Evans to facilitate and then thank all involved	
Time		75		

# **Guidelines for the discussion**

Please consider the following questions, and choose 2 group members to report back.

- How can this project be replicated in your organisation or country?
- What questions should you ask before deciding to replicate a pro bono program?
- Identify the likely challenges and opportunities in establishing this project.
- Who should be involved?
- How will you know if it is successful?

# Supporting Rule of Law in Rwanda & Myanmar

	Rwanda	Myanmar
<b>Project timing</b>	<b>2008-2014</b>	<b>2012-on-going</b>
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the Rwandan justice sector to strengthen the legal system following the genocide</li> <li>Promote the right conditions to encourage sustainable foreign direct investment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the Myanmar justice sector to strengthen the legal system following the country's post-sanctions re-emergence into the international community</li> <li>Promote the right conditions to encourage sustainable foreign direct investment</li> </ul>
<b>Local organisations involved</b>	Institute of Legal Practice and Development, Ministry of Justice, National University of Rwanda, Kigali Bar Association, UNDP	Union Attorney General's Department, Supreme Court, Parliamentary Bills Committee, Ministry of National Planning & Economic Development, Ministry of Electric Power, Ministry of Energy, Central Bank of Myanmar, Yangon University, Dagon University, UMFCCI, Yangon Institute of Economics
<b>Topics covered</b>	Legal skills (Joint Ventures, Projects, Arbitration, Investment Contracts, PPP, Corporate, Banking, Contract and ADR) and soft skills (law firm management, marketing and business skills)	Legal skills (Joint Ventures, Projects, Arbitration, Investment Contracts, PPP, Corporate, Banking, Contract, ADR, company law reform)
<b>Training sessions</b>	450	40
<b>A&amp;O staff contribution</b>	66 lawyers from four countries (the UK, Netherlands, Turkey and France) 3,300 pro bono hours	~ 30 lawyers from six countries (Myanmar, the UK, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand)
<b>Value adds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing Commercial Law Review</li> <li>Involving lawyers from commercial clients</li> <li>Securing key note speaking slots for Rwandan justice sector leaders at 2012 Qatar Law Forum</li> <li>Connecting the Rwandan judiciary to Judicial College of England &amp; Wales</li> <li>Securing ties between American Bar Association Section of International Law and Rwanda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing the UK Financial Services Taskforce</li> <li>Supporting the establishment of the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar and Legal Working Group</li> <li>Supporting the establishment of a charity to promote the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights</li> <li>Granting scholarships to UAGO officers to attend A&amp;O training courses in London (banking, corporate, litigation)</li> <li>Supporting ties between Oxford University and Yangon and Dagon Universities</li> <li>Involvement in law reform consultations</li> </ul>

# Overcoming Challenges of Replicating

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# Tips