

4th Asia Pro Bono Conference and Legal Ethics Forum Session

Presentation Plan Template

Name of Session: The relationship between pro bono and legal aid

Session Description/Aim:

This session will discuss the differences between pro bono and legal aid and look at circumstances where they overlap such as with Legal Aid NGO's delivering pro bono services.

Total Session Minutes: (75 min)

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Session Plan:

Activity Step	Activity Description	Time (Min)	Presenters	Materials Needed
1	Introduce session and presenters	5		
2	Open with a large group discussion but divide half the room. Once half pairs and shares (works in groups of two) and comes up with a definition of legal aid. The other half of the room pairs and shares and comes up with a definition of pro bono. Different groups on each side present their definitions. The large group then is asked to identify elements of the definition of legal aid and pro bono that are the same and that are different.	15		

	This is written on a flip chart paper			
3	<p>Participants are then divided into 3 groups. Each group is paired with 1-2 of the presenters.</p> <p>1) Group 1: Comes up with ways and means pro bono can assist in supplementing legal aid direct client services.</p> <p>2) Group 2: Comes up with ways pro bono education assists in developing the ethical character of persons who then help to support/go into legal aid services</p> <p>3) Group 3: Comes up with some of the ways that an over reliance of pro bono can potentially endanger a legal aid system and ways to avoid this from happening</p> <p>The group discusses this and then writes ideas on a flip chart paper and then presents.</p>	20		
4	Each presenter then gives 1-2 examples in their personal experience that touches upon the 3 thematic group categories above, speaking for 5-7 minutes each.	25		
5	Question and Answer	10		
Total Time:		75		