

**In 2009, local attorneys donated over six thousand hours of pro bono legal services and more than \$255,000 to support Hillsborough County's only legal aid program, Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.**

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**Outstanding Pro Bono Service for Client Intake:**

**Gary Walker** practices healthcare law in Tampa as a shareholder of Allen Dell, P.A. Mr. Walker is the current Board President of BALS and serves as Treasurer of the Hillsborough County Bar Association. Mr. Walker has participated in Client Intake through the BAVLP since 2005. He has donated approximately 50 pro bono hours providing counsel and advice to indigent clients on various legal matters.



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**Outstanding Pro Bono Service for the Case Referral Panel:**

**Jill H. Giordano** is a sole practitioner specializing in family law, guardianship, and probate. Ms. Giordano has donated more than 234 pro bono hours handling at least 30 cases for the BAVLP since 1983. She is a previous recipient of an Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award.

**John A. Guyton, III**, is the managing shareholder of Rywant, Alvarez, Jones, Russo & Guyton, P.A., in Tampa. His principal practice is in the area of civil trial law. Mr. Guyton is a board member of BALS. He has donated more than 172 pro bono hours since 1991 through the BAVLP handling cases and assisting in the Family Forms Clinic.

**Louis D. Putney** is a graduate of the University of Florida. He is a sole practitioner in Tampa, concentrating his practice in the areas of probate, estate planning, guardianship, and related litigation. Mr. Putney has volunteered for the BAVLP since 1982, donating more than 145 pro bono hours in at least 34 cases.

**Debra K. Smietanski** is special counsel with the law firm of Foley & Lardner's Tax & Individual Planning and Estates & Trusts Practices. She is also a licensed CPA. Ms. Smietanski has donated more than 121 pro bono hours handling cases, mentoring volunteer attorneys, and participating in Client Intake for the BAVLP since 1996.

**Outstanding Pro Bono Service for the Family Forms Clinic:**

**Megan J. Ellis** is an associate with Foley & Lardner LLP's Tampa office, and is a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice and Resort & Golf Industry Team. Ms. Ellis has been an active volunteer for the BAVLP's Family Forms Clinic since the project was introduced in 2007, and recently appeared in a promotional video for the Clinic. She has donated more than 78 pro bono hours in the Family Forms Clinic since 2007.

**Candace A. Garcia** is an Assistant State Attorney in Hillsborough County's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Ms. Garcia has been an active volunteer for the BAVLP's Family Forms Clinic since 2007. She has donated more than 66 pro bono hours in the Family Forms Clinic.

**Michael D. James** currently serves as corporate counsel for Cott Beverages Inc., a producer of non-alcoholic beverages. Mr. James donated more than 100 pro bono hours in 2009 as a regular participant in the Family Forms Clinic. A volunteer since 2007, he also takes cases for the BAVLP and participates in the Domestic Violence Assistance Project.

**John T. Salgado** is currently working in the Wimauma office of BALS, primarily assisting with their Fair Housing Unit. Prior to joining the BALS staff, Mr. Salgado

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