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September 17, 2013

## Fellows Grand Reception & Dinner

LeMont



**Keynote Speaker Bob Zellner** was one of the most influential members of the civil rights movement and was organizer of the “Freedom Rides” of 1961. An amazing storyteller, Zellner will talk about how he, as a white Alabamian, joined ranks with black students who were sitting-in, marching, and sometimes dying to challenge the Southern “way of life” he had been raised on but rejected.

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July 29, 2013

## ACBA Golf & Bocce Tournaments

Pittsburgh Field Club

Yes, you read it correctly! We have added a **Bocce Tournament** to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual ACBA Golf Tournament. If you’ve never played Bocce, don’t fret. A half-hour learning clinic will be held just prior to the tournament. So get your team together and come spend the day with us! This event raises funds for the ACBF and Neighborhood Legal Services Association. For more information, please contact Erin Rhodes at 412-402-6641 or [erhodes@acba.org](mailto:erhodes@acba.org).





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### Fellows grantees tell their stories at Spring Fellows Reception



Representatives from **Pittsburgh Mercy Health System's Operation Safety Net** and **Neighborhood Legal Services Association** shared first-hand accounts of how Fellows grants help improve their clients' lives at the Spring Fellows Reception on May 2, 2013 at K&L Gates Center.

The Fellows Grants Program distributed **\$30,600** this year. Other organizations receiving grants were the **Education Law Center**, **Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh**, and **Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh**. The organizations are using the grants to initiate and/or support pro bono programs to help community members unable to afford legal assistance.



Photo by Mark Higgs. Pictured from left to right are Pro Bono Attorney Steven Zuchelli, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney; Melody Miller, Case Management Representative, Operation Safety Net; Lorrie K. Albert, Director, Allegheny County Bar Foundation; Melaine Shannon Rothey, Chair, Fellows Committee; and Erin Boyts, Vice Chair, Fellows Committee.

### ACBF preparing for the future

Keep an eye out for the launch of the ACBF's new **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM** this year. The foundation is in the process of developing a program that will make it easy for donors to support the foundation through gifts such as bequests, life insurance, and trusts, to name a few.

### Nominate a colleague to the Fellows Program

Have a colleague who you feel demonstrates professionalism and a commitment to public service? Nominate him or her to the Fellows Program by calling Erin Rhodes at 412-402-6641 or [erhodes@acba.org](mailto:erhodes@acba.org).

### Attorneys Against Hunger raises over \$100,000



Members of the Allegheny County Bar Association once again joined the fight against hunger in Allegheny County, raising \$109,000 for seventeen local hunger services

agencies. This year, AAH outreach events were filled to capacity at the Urban League's annual Thanksgiving Distribution, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, Jubilee Kitchen, Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry, and Rainbow Kitchen. Also this campaign year, AAH Committee members had an opportunity to personally visit the agencies supported by the campaign.



Photo by Matthew Bolton. Attorneys Against Hunger volunteers gather at the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry in February.

### Zittrain Forum - John Dean speaks about lessons of Watergate in 3-hour CLE



John W. Dean, former Nixon White House counsel, spoke to an audience of more than 200 at the Zittrain Forums on Law & Public Policy on April 19, 2013. The CLE program entitled "How Watergate Revolutionized Legal Ethics" was held at



the Omni William Penn Hotel and also featured attorney and author James D. Robenalt.

### Pro Bono Center growing



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The Pro Bono Center has become increasingly busy with pro bono representation requests and developing new pro bono programs due to the substantial cuts in funding to other legal aid providers in Allegheny County. Thanks to the firms that have joined the bar foundation's Leadership Circle, the foundation was able to expand the pro bono program and hire **Elizabeth Parker Gaetani, Esq.** as the new Assistant Pro Bono Coordinator. Some new projects in the works are a landlord/tenant project and a small business legal assistance program. The Center is also working hard at redesigning the Pro Bono Center website and an online volunteer opportunities guide for attorneys.