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ATTORNEY HENRY BASKIN SAYS PRO-BONO WORK IS A VITAL COMPONENT TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN MICHIGAN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009, BIRMINGHAM, MICH. – Henry Baskin, one of Michigan’s most respected attorneys and long-time legislative activist, recognizes that - in this time of economic strife – it’s crucial for legal professionals to devote pro bono services to those in need.

Attorneys have the professional and leadership skills necessary to assist those who are underserved, unemployed and unable to retain paid counsel. Opportunities to do so are abundant for legal professionals willing to give their time. The State Bar of Michigan, local bar associations and area law schools encourage participation in Access to Justice and other pro bono programs meant to reach those in need.

With more than half a million people unemployed and the country in crisis, Baskin sees pro bono work as a necessary component to the economic recovery plans now in place.

When Hurricane Katrina devastated families, an influx of medical professionals came to the aid of victims. Construction workers left their homes to rebuild what had been destroyed. Now it is time for legal professionals to act as first responders.

Early in his career, Baskin offered his time in pro bono landmark cases to serve the greater good. Whether it meant representing grandparents in a precedent-setting custody trial, championing the rights of Vietnamese citizens whose children were removed from their county and placed for adoption, or representing the father of a bi-racial child, Baskin took a stand. He believes the rewards for pro bono work cannot be measured.

Baskin volunteers his time for various organizations – from Variety – The Children’s Charity to the Oakland University Board of Trustees. As a board member of Detroit Public Television, he is attempting to arrange a coalition of agencies and broadcast outlets to provide information on how those in need can obtain assistance. It is an extension of the work he’s done for the past 25 years on the television show *Due Process*. Baskin presented useful legal information to viewers seeking new insight into resolving problems or finding assistance in their community.

He recognizes the challenges facing those who are unemployed, who need to re-negotiate a mortgage to avoid foreclosure, lower draconian interest charges on unpaid credit cards, and small business owners who are forced to close their doors.

He has balanced a successful practice with assisting his community. “Doing community work guarantees that at the conclusion, you will get a good night’s sleep, and a treasured thank you letter,” he says.

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