

State of Florida Eleventh Judicial Circuit

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Dear Florida Bar Member:

Shortly, you will receive your Florida Bar Annual Dues Statement and Pro Bono Reporting Form. As Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, I encourage you to accept a pro bono case from *Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back*, the official pro bono program of our Circuit. As most attorneys will tell you, pro bono cases tend to be some of the most rewarding experiences they have had as a lawyer. Please join now and donate your time, talent and expertise to this outstanding program that matches pro bono attorneys with dependent children, foster youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, families, veterans, disaster victims and others in need. I ask you to imagine trying to navigate a legal issue without the benefit of a lawyer. *Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back* needs your help to address the critical needs of clients as they navigate these same issues including divorce, custody, domestic violence, housing, debt collection, probate, and others. The demand for lawyer assistance has never been greater and unfortunately far outweighs current resources and current pro bono services.

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Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back Attn: Mark Brown, Esq., Pro Bono Manager 28 West Flagler Street, Suite 608 Miami, Florida 33130 WWW.DADELEGALAID.ORG

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Sincerely,

Nushin G. Sayfie Chief Judge