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Dear Fellow Bar Member:

By now you may have received your Florida Bar Annual Dues Statement and Pro Bono Reporting Form. If you have already responded to our previous request, you may disregard this letter. If you have not yet done so, I strongly encourage you to volunteer with "Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back," ("DLA/PSB") the Official Pro Bono Program of our Circuit. If you already participate, now is the time to increase your involvement. Your support is essential to ensure that "Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back's" impactful work continues to address the unmet civil legal needs of important issues facing vulnerable children, teens, families, the disabled, the elderly, veterans and nonprofits with nowhere else to turn for assistance.

**Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back** successfully represents thousands of pro bono clients facing devastating circumstances such as evictions, foreclosures, bankruptcy and other unaddressed critical legal needs. As Chief Judge of our Circuit, I urge you to address this crisis by volunteering with **Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back** by accepting a case, staffing a clinic, lecturing at a seminar, serving as a mentor or participating in an approved project. Either way, your efforts will be greatly appreciated by our community's poor. Some of the perks of providing pro bono services with "DLA/PSB" include: 100% Law Firm Projects; Free Admission to CLE Trainings; Malpractice Insurance Coverage on Cases Handled through PSB, Reduced Costs, Ongoing Support from Mentors with Decades of experience, Personal Satisfaction by "giving back" to the needy.

Please join us in donating your time, talent and resources today! Don't delay, act **now** by visiting <u>www.dadelegalaid.org</u> or completing and returning the attached form below to:

Bruce Levine, Esq., Project Coordinator
Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back
123 Northwest First Avenue, First floor, Miami, FL 33128

Thank you for giving unselfishly to those who have nowhere else to turn for legal assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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