

Foster Garvey Celebrates 25 Years as Pro Bono Challenge® Charter Signatory Firm; Continues Tradition of Pro Bono

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February 6, 2020, Seattle, WA – Foster Garvey is pleased to celebrate the Pro Bono Institute’s 25th anniversary of the Charter Signatory law firms’ commitment to the Pro Bono Challenge®. The Pro Bono Challenge® is a unique, aspirational pro bono standard. Developed by law firm leaders and corporate general counsel, the Challenge articulates a voluntary, single standard for the world’s largest law firms.

“This milestone is testament to our longstanding commitment to pro bono,” said Foster Garvey co-chair Steve DiJulio. “We look forward to continuing our firm’s enduring tradition of public service within our communities, assisting individuals who do not have equal access to justice and supporting organizations that work to assure equal justice for all.”

When this initiative began in 1995, Foster Garvey legacy firm Garvey Schubert Barer was one of 35 Charter Signatory firms for the Pro Bono Challenge® and one of the only Pacific Northwest-based Charter members. Today, the Challenge includes more than 130 member firms around the globe. With pro bono being deeply ingrained in the cultures of both legacy firms, this continues to be an essential component of the Foster Garvey culture. Our pledge commits the firm to contribute at least 3 percent of its annual billable hours to pro bono causes and to meet this goal by incentivizing pro bono work, a practice that Foster Garvey has carried forward.

Challenge Signatories, which comprise large law firms with 50 or more lawyers, acknowledge their institutional, firm-wide commitment to provide pro bono legal services to low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families, and the nonprofit groups that serve them. The Challenge includes a narrow, but

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thoughtful definition of pro bono that has become the industry standard for its participating firms, as well as an accountability mechanism and measurement tool through its performance benchmarks and annual reporting requirement.

About Foster Garvey:

Foster Garvey PC was established through the combination of Foster Pepper PLLC and Garvey Schubert Barer, PC, in 2019. Foster Garvey is one of the largest firms based in the Pacific Northwest with six offices in Seattle, Portland, Washington, D.C., New York, Spokane and Beijing. The firm provides clients, including several of the most influential and innovative companies, governments and individuals in the country, with an extended national and international reach across the full spectrum of legal services. Foster Garvey attorneys are consistently recognized for their deep industry knowledge and superior client service by prominent legal industry publications including Best Lawyers in America®, Chambers USA and U.S. News-Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms.” Learn more at www.foster.com.