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<b>Page: Achievement Award</b>
<b>Category</b> Best Partnership Program
<b>Chapter Name</b> ACC Kentucky
<b>Chapter Size</b> Small (fewer than 300 members)
<b>Entry Title</b> ACC-CNPE Pro Bono Partnership
<b>Entry Description</b> ACC-Kentucky forged a partnership with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNPE) to provide limited pro bono engagements to in-house attorneys by matching them with community nonprofits who had vetted legal needs. This project was a product of education, connection, and collaboration, putting those with the legal needs in the same room with those with the expertise to support them.
<b>When was the program initiated?</b> 1/1/2023
<b>What was the project objective?</b> To partner in-house attorneys looking for discrete pro bono opportunities with community non-profits with legal needs.
<b>How was the objective achieved?</b> ACC-KY developed a partnership with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNPE), which serves community nonprofits. A full-day CLE was offered, bringing in outside counsel from Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs LLP and Gray Ice Higdon, PLLC, to educate both in-house attorneys and nonprofit leadership on issues facing nonprofits, laying the groundwork for opportunities for CNPE and ACC-KY to vet discrete pro bono opportunities and match the nonprofit entities up with an in-house attorney who could provide advice or connect them with an outside firm to provide additional expertise.  ACC-KY continues to correspond with CNPE and identify these opportunities, while also coordinating with interested ACC-KY members about the pro bono opportunities as they arise.
<b>What was the project budget?</b> \$5,000

**What obstacles were faced while doing this project/program?**

A primary obstacle was ensuring that participating in-house attorneys had malpractice insurance coverage for these limited engagements with the nonprofit organizations. To overcome this obstacle, we obtained coverage for these limited engagements.

Another obstacle was ensuring that the engagements fit within the already busy schedules of our in-house membership. By vetting the needs of the nonprofits, we are able to match our membership with engagements that fit their availability.

**What is the long-term impact of your initiative to the local/global ACC community?**

We hope this partnership will enable nonprofit organizations to better serve their communities by providing access to necessary legal advice to further their missions.

We believe this will also encourage pro bono service among our in-house community.

**In 350 words or less, please state how this project was innovative.**

We know in-house attorneys desire pro bono opportunities, but the process of finding the chance to serve can be cumbersome and invite risk.

We connected the dots for our in-house membership by:

- finding a non-profit partner with needs;
- providing legal education about common non-profit needs; and
- mitigating risk by providing malpractice insurance to participating attorneys.