The Mazzaferri Emerging Legal Needs Fund
in honor of Katherine A. Mazzaferri

The Board of Directors of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center (the "Pro Bono Center") hereby approves the establishment of the Mazzaferri Emerging Legal Needs Fund (the "Fund"), a dedicated account of restricted use funds to be used exclusively for the purposes described herein.

Background: Over more than thirty years as the chief executive of the District of Columbia Bar, Katherine Mazzaferri guided one of the largest unified bars in the United States as it grew to more than 100,000 members. In addition to providing vision, structure, and professionalism to this unique organization established by the D.C. Court of Appeals, and developing and supporting hundreds of volunteer leaders during her tenure, Ms. Mazzaferri provided extraordinary leadership and support to the Bar Pro Bono Center and its predecessor organizations. Under her stewardship, the Pro Bono Center has risen to become one of the nation's premier pro bono programs. Evolving from a legal referral service, the Pro Bono Center currently serves nearly 20,000 D.C. residents, local nonprofit organizations, and small businesses annually.

The Fund is thus established to recognize and honor Ms. Mazzaferri's extraordinary contributions to the District of Columbia legal community and the Pro Bono Center, which she has championed during its evolution over the past three decades.

Purposes: The Fund will enable the Pro Bono Center to meet new or expanding needs for legal services quickly. Currently, the Pro Bono Center must raise funds for new projects two or three years in advance. But critical needs in the District of Columbia do not always follow that calendar. With this new Fund, the Pro Bono Center will have the flexibility and agility to better and more rapidly respond to new or expanding legal needs without jeopardizing current programs and services.

Authority and Use: The Fund will operate as a dedicated account of restricted funds for the purposes described above. The Pro Bono Center is authorized to accept donations and other proceeds that are made to the Pro Bono Center for the purposes of the Fund. In order to use the monies raised as part of the Fund, the Executive Director of the Pro Bono Center will develop a proposal to access part or all of the Fund, including a budget specifying the expenses expected to be incurred with respect to such proposal, in consultation with the Pro Bono Committee. The proposal will then be presented to the Board of Directors of the Pro Bono Center for its approval.

Approved January 17, 2017

Attest: _____
David W. Arrojo, Secretary