

KOLEY JESSEN'S ASCENT PROGRAM

Koley Jessen supports and encourages its attorneys, paralegals, and professionals serving their communities by providing pro bono legal services to appropriate individuals and organizations. The Ascent Program was launched out of Koley Jessen's Pro Bono policy and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and is dedicated to supporting businesses that are majority-owned by underrepresented persons.

The goal of the Ascent Program is to provide \$250,000 of pro bono legal services over five years to businesses and start-ups that are majority-owned by underrepresented persons.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PARAMETERS

- **Businesses should be majority owned by underrepresented persons**
- **Businesses should be of limited means and unable to afford legal services**
- **Businesses must apply through standard process and be approved by appropriate Department Chair**
- **Pro bono clients shall sign the firm's pro bono engagement letter**
- **Pro bono matters are subject to the Firm's conflict check and standard client intake process**
- **Priority will be given to organizations which have multiple employees and/or plans to employ multiple employees in the community**
- **Pro bono clients will be capped at a maximum of 30 hours of work per year and a lifetime maximum of 75 hours of pro bono work in aggregate**
- **A scope of work will be developed to ensure the pro bono client's legal needs are met within the program parameters**
- **Litigation pro bono matters would not include filing suit**

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