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Community Involvement

Charities

BBS&G is actively involved in its local communities in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. The firm actively sponsors and supports a number of charitable organizations that serve missions consistent with BBS&G's core values, including the following:

- Holding annual back-to-school supply drives, Thanksgiving food drives, and holiday toy and coat drives for the **National Center for Children and Families**.
- Staffing food-service events and holiday programs for **Shepherd's Table**, an organization that provides meals, clothes, and healthcare services to the homeless population of Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Working with (and serving on the Board of Directors for) **Food for Others**, a Fairfax County, Virginia charity whose mission is to distribute food to those in need.
- Assisting the **Homeless Persons Representation Project** both directly and through raising funds.

- Raising money for the ATU Jerry Fund (multiple sclerosis research) and various charities that support members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Legal and Other Community Organizations

BBS&G's attorneys have served as leaders and members on numerous boards of bar associations, governmental organizations, and business groups, including the following:

- Montgomery County Executive's Economic Advisory Group
- Public Trust and Confidence Committee of the Court of Appeals of Maryland
- Client Protection Fund of the Bar of Maryland
- Board of Directors for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation
- Maryland Governor's Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission
- Board of Directors for the Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Foundation
- President of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Strategic Planning Committee of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Diversity Committee of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Montgomery County (Maryland) Chapter of the Women's Bar Association
- Montgomery County (Maryland) Inns of Court
- American Bar Association's House of Delegates
- Board of Directors for the Holy Cross Hospital Foundation
- Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association
- Governor's Advisory Council on Landlord and Tenant Affairs (Maryland)
- Governor's Landlord and Tenant Law Study Commission (Maryland)
- Real Property Planning and Zoning Section Council for the Maryland State Bar Association

Teaching

Additionally, BBS&G's attorneys have taught subjects related to real estate law and civil litigation at the following schools and organizations:

- Columbia Law School
- Georgetown University Law Center
- University of Maryland School of Law
- American University Washington College of Law
- Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- International Council of Shopping Centers
- National Business Institute
- Strafford Webinars
- Lorman Institute
- The Maryland Institute for the Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, Inc. (MICPEL)

Pro Bono Legal Services

BBS&G is dedicated to providing pro bono legal services to clients on important matters that are consistent with the firm's core values. The firm believes that all members of our society deserve access to legal services and works to extend legal representation to deserving clients in need of legal assistance. BBS&G gives billable hour credit to its attorneys for pro bono work, and our attorneys are involved in a wide variety of pro bono matters. In the past, BBS&G attorneys have partnered with Maryland Legal Aid, Baltimore's Community Law Center, and a number of nonprofit organizations to provide pro bono legal services. BBS&G routinely advises nonprofit boards, educational institutions, and other charities. The firm's attorneys have received awards in connection with pro bono and other community work, including the Maryland State Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award, the Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Service Award, and the Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Foundation's Community Service Award. In one notable case, *Perez, et al. v. Elrich, et al.*, the firm represented children whose healthcare coverage was terminated in violation of equal protection guarantees implicit in the Maryland Declaration of Rights. The firm won at the trial court level and in the Court of Appeals of Maryland, which resulted in the restoration of coverage.