

The American Bar Association and the  
National Legal Aid and Defender Association  
**2003 EQUAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE: The Power of Partnerships**  
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## The Law School Consortium Project

### Expanding Justice Through Public/Private initiatives: Law Schools, Solo and Small Firm Attorneys, and Community-Based Organizations Saturday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the Galleria South

The Law School Consortium Project consists of innovative partnerships between law schools, solo and small-firm practitioners, and community organizations serving clients with unmet legal needs as a means to increase access to justice.

By combining the resources, efforts, and dedication of law schools, community organizations, and solo and small-firm practitioners who are committed to providing pro bono and affordable legal services to low and moderate-income individuals and communities, this Project has developed an effective public-private strategy for increasing access to justice for the working poor and struggling middle class.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. Private/public partnerships are effective ways to increase access to justice.
2. Solo and small-firm practitioners who are committed to providing pro bono and low bono representation are an overlooked and untapped resource.
3. Community organizations (including legal services organizations) can find ways to serve clients who they must otherwise turn away by partnering with law schools and solo and small-firm practitioners.

#### **Panelists**

- (1) Alfred Matthewson – Representing University of New Mexico Law School
- (2) Denis Murphy – Project Director of the University of Maryland Law School’s Civil Justice Network
- (3) Fred Rooney – Project Director of the City University of New York School of Law
- (4) Lovely Dhillon – Executive Director of the Law School Consortium Project