

N.J. Firms Improve Pro Bono Numbers But Still Lag

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New Jersey firms showed improvement in their dedication to volunteer work, though there's plenty of room for further gains, a recent survey of national pro bono work at large firms shows.

In-state firms all climbed the rankings from last year's survey, improving their overall scores in the process. The survey—compiled by *The American Lawyer*, a sibling publication—accounts for pro bono work performed in 2013.

McCarter & English of Newark was much improved, ranking 72nd with a score of 46.5. The firm ranked 90th last year (38.6 score) and 73rd in 2012 (45.4). The most notable gain: nearly half of firm attorneys logged 20 hours or more, up from 40.6 percent last year and 39.2 percent in 2012.