

Statement of Les Jacobowitz
Candidate for Steering Committee
Public Interest and Courts Community

Rationale

Serving as bridge between transactional and litigation areas. Recently acted as pro bono counsel on two litigations leading me to conclude that pro bono efforts should focus on meaningful cases with potential for widespread impact.

Public Interest

Worked on the following:

- Developed AIDs and transitional housing facilities in New York
- Preserved low-income tenant ownership rights after Hurricane Katrina - recipient of Louisiana Bar award
- Assisted Treasury with \$24 billion housing market stabilization programs
- Developed loan assistance program, with State AG, funded from bank settlements to prevent home foreclosures
- Represented Federal Reserve in \$500 billion program to support governmental entities during pandemic
- Restructured \$50+ billion of indebtedness for Puerto Rico

Courts

Been involved in white collar investigations, mediations, arbitrations and litigation in Federal and state courts involving Federal and State governmental entities, not-for-profits and for-profits. In one novel instance, suggested avoiding lengthy, expensive litigation by successfully resisting Congressional legislative changes.