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PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT

LUCY FLORES

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Being both a legislator and an attorney, Lucy Flores is heavily involved in helping her community, whether acting as a lawyer or as an elected official for Assembly District 28. “I am very focused on providing services for my community, Flores said. “To provide services in a legal way has been my nature.”

Flores was able to help with a trio of pro bono cases at the very beginning of her legal career. After graduating from William S. Boyd School of Law, passing the bar exam and completing her first legislative session, Flores began working for the Las Vegas firm of Maddox, Isaacson and Cisneros; at the time the firm had three active pro bono cases and Flores was invited to join the team working on those cases right away. “They were very supportive,” she said. “Especially as I was a first year attorney.”

The firm continued to support Flores’ pro bono efforts, which have expanded to include organizing Ask-a-Lawyer clinics focused on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The DACA program helps undocumented immigrants who have come to the United States as small children achieve citizenship. Flores said she was grateful to have the help of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada’s (LACSN) large pool of attorneys who were able to attend the DACA Ask-a-Lawyer events and provide support.

Flores continues to take cases from LACSN as well and has noticed the type of pro bono help needed varies greatly. “In these tough times, going through the recession, there has been more of a need for basic necessities,” she said. Those basic necessities include family law services, immigration assistance and consumer fraud help with things like bankruptcies, foreclosures and loan modifications. “Unfortunately you see a lot of people being taken advantage of,” Flores said.

Although aiding the community comes as second nature to Flores, she knows there are many attorneys who are intimidated by the thought of working on a pro bono case. “There is no reason to be intimidated,” Flores said. “We learn new things every day.” Flores suggested that attorneys volunteer for smaller, less complex, pro bono programs, such as Ask-a-Lawyer clinics, if they are worried about the time commitment or their experience levels. “There are so many ways an attorney can help [the community],” she added. ■