In February 2021 Exponentum®, a national network of business law pro bono providers, successfully completed a National Day of Service to provide free legal consultations to nonprofit organizations serving low-income and disadvantaged communities. Eight Exponentum members participated, each serving a different geographical region, from coast to coast and in cities in between.

The legal topic was sound nonprofit governance. More than 50 nonprofits received timely guidance, thanks to pro bono attorneys and other legal volunteers from multiple law firms and corporate legal departments.

The program offered nonprofits an educational training about legal issues related to best practices for corporate governance. Nonprofit staff and board members then met with their individual volunteers by video-conference for a customized assessment and consultation. Through this year’s program, the Exponentum members, along with pro bono attorneys and other corporate volunteers, helped community-based and other resource-constrained organizations improve their corporate governance practices and fiscal oversight procedures.

This was Exponentum’s Fourth Annual National Day of Service, offering coordinated, pro bono legal assistance to nonprofits around the country on a legal topic core to their operations. Pro bono providers that participated in this project were Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. of Tampa Bay, Florida; Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights; the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center; the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco; Lawyers Alliance for New York; Michigan Community Resources; Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta; and Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio.

Exponentum® is a national network of business law pro bono providers dedicated to improving the quality of life in low-income and disadvantaged communities by expanding the availability and quality of pro bono business legal services for nonprofits that serve those communities. Exponentum partners with law firms and corporations to implement national responses to challenges faced by the nonprofit sector by delivering expert legal assistance and educational programs to nonprofits. Members serve geographic regions throughout the United States, including major metropolitan and surrounding areas in California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington D.C., and Washington State. Members share a goal of making nonprofits more effective in serving their communities.