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DC MAYOR AND LAWYERS KICKOFF FOOD BANK'S *FOOD FROM THE BAR* CAMPAIGN TO TAKE ON HUNGER

*Food From the Bar Campaign sets largest fundraising goal ever: \$300K
(equivalent to 750,000 meals)*

WASHINGTON, DC May 6, 2016 – What does DC have more of: lawyers, or hungry children? The latter, and DC lawyers are stepping up in force to do something about it.

“The summer months are a crushing time for kids who usually eat meals at school,” said Capital Area Food Bank President and CEO Nancy Roman. “Food From the Bar brings DC’s impressive legal community together to support moms, dads, and children at a time when their resources are more stretched than ever.”



Local lawyers test their bocce skills during eighth annual FFTB kickoff

When the school year ends, thousands of kids who rely on school lunch programs miss a critical source of nutrition. Low-income families report spending an average of \$300 more per month on food during the summer months, according to Share Our Strength. The Food From the Bar campaign works to fill this gap during the summer months.

The DC legal community spent Cinco de Mayo kicking off the Capital Area Food Bank's *Food From the Bar* campaign at Pinstripes in Georgetown to raise food, funds and awareness about hunger in the region. This year, **Mayor Muriel Bowser**, the **National Law Journal** and **more than**

40 DC-area law firms and organizations have partnered with CAFB, setting the campaign's largest fundraising goal to date: **\$300,000 - the equivalent of 750,000 meals.**

“Last year we successfully raised more than \$260,000 for hunger relief, and with the growing support in the legal community we hope to make an even larger impact this year,” said Tim Sullivan of Thompson Coburn LLP, who, along with Kelly Fisher of the DC Women’s Bar Association, is co-chairing this year’s campaign. “The appeal of Food From the Bar isn’t just to help a worthy cause, but also to bring colleagues together in creative and fun ways to curb hunger in the DC community.”

The month-long *Food from the Bar* campaign – **which runs May 2 to June 3** – includes competitions like firm-sponsored canoe



rares and karaoke nights where participants have the opportunity to earn points. There are five Volunteer Bonus Days throughout the month at various Capital Area Food Bank program sites and in their D.C. facility.

Former U.S. Attorney Dick Thornburgh, of K&L Gates, and Carl Vacketta, counsel for DLA Piper, together co-chair the honorary committee, which includes Mayor Bowser, D.C. Councilmembers Mary Cheh, Jack Evans, David Grosso, Kenyan McDuffie, and Chairman Phil Mendelson; Asian Pacific American Bar Association DC's Shiwali Patel, Legal Marketing Association's Laurie Paul and National Bar Association's Keith Andrew Perry.

This year's campaign marks the eighth and largest effort to date with more than 40 law firms, law schools and other legal professionals competing to raise funds and food for the more than half a million children, families and seniors at risk of hunger in the Washington metro area.

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The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in the Washington metro area serving over 540,000 people through direct food distribution programs and a network of 444 food assistance partners. This year, the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 44 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 36 million meals – fully one third of which is fresh fruits and vegetables.