



## Media Advisory

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### DC MAYOR AND LAWYERS JOIN FOOD BANK TO TAKE ON HUNGER

*Legal community's annual Food from the Bar campaign to support the  
Capital Area Food Bank begins May 2*

WASHINGTON, DC, March 21, 2016 – Things are already looking brighter for the 700,000 men, women, and families in need of food in our area: **Mayor Muriel Bowser**, dozens of **DC-area law firms**, and the **National Law Journal** have partnered to raise food, funds and awareness about hunger in the region.

“DC has more lawyers per capita than any other part of the country,” Capital Area Food Bank President and CEO Nancy Roman said. “By coming together in this way, the legal community is continuing to make an enormous impact on the lives of thousands of people by helping create access to good, nutritious food”.

This year’s campaign has an ambitious goal of \$300,000 (the equivalent of 750,000 meals) to support the food bank’s mission. “Last year we successfully raised more than \$260,000, and with the support for the campaign growing in the legal community we hope 2016 will be our most successful campaign ever,” 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 event. “The appeal of the campaign isn’t just to help a worthy cause, but also the creative and fun ways firms can get involved.”

The month-long Food from the Bar campaign – which runs May 2 to June 3 – includes a food and funds drive, as well as five Volunteer Bonus Days where participants have the opportunity to earn points and help the CAFB distribute nutrient-rich meals to kids, families and seniors in need.

Former U.S. Attorney Dick Thornburgh, of K&L Gates, and Carl Vacketta, of 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.

Registration is now open for this year’s campaign, which marks the eighth and largest effort to date with dozens of 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.

Organizations interested in joining the campaign should contact Ashley Hieb by April 15 at [ahieb@capitalareafoodbank.org](mailto:ahieb@capitalareafoodbank.org).

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*The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in the Washington metro area serving over 530,000 people through direct food distribution programs and a network of 500 food assistance partners. This year, the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 45 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 37 million meals – including 17 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.*