

Food bank challenges lawyers to pay up

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This spring, the Redwood Empire Food Bank and Sonoma County Bar Association are inviting the local legal community to come together for one purpose: to end hunger in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties.

Firms, legal companies, and bar associations will participate in a friendly competition to see who can raise the most funds and volunteer the most hours in support of the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Prizes will be awarded.

Food From the Bar is a month-long competition between law firms, law schools, and legal services organizations to acquire donated food, volunteer hours, and collect monetary donations for the benefit of the hungry in our community.

Many bar associations in California and other states sponsor this competition annually. Food From The Bar 2022 will run from April 15th through May 31st.

“This is more fun than most fundraisers,” said Hon. Gayle Guynup, Redwood Empire Food Bank Board Chair. “Your firm can challenge another firm to a basketball game, a hula-hoop contest, or perhaps a filibuster fest.”

All legal staff can participate and clients are encouraged to assist.

The key to success of the campaign is recruiting creative team leaders that have a strong desire to outwit their rivals. SCBA Immediate Past President Stephanie Hess and Amy Jarvis, Executive Director of SCBA, recognize the importance of forging this relationship with the food bank.

Last year, the Redwood Empire Food Bank provided more than 24 million meals to individuals in need. They are the largest food bank in Northern California, serving individuals from Sonoma County to the Oregon border.