



### ***Archer Norris "Food from the Bar" Helps to Combat Hunger***

Each year Archer Norris, a law firm based in Walnut Creek, Los Angeles and Sacramento, CA organizes and supports a month-long program of activities to combat hunger and improve food insecurity, Food from the Bar. It is a hands-on, collaborative effort by legal professionals, under the leadership of local bar associations, which parlays law firms' competitive natures to raise money for those at risk.

Interested volunteers, drawn from every level of law firms, come together in friendly competitions to increase the resources available to regional food banks. The long-running participation in Food from the Bar epitomizes the intent of the Archer Norris Social Impact program. Archer Norris is proud of their sustained commitment to a cause truly making a difference in the daily lives of so many.

### **Archer Norris Shows Our Food from the Bar Spirit**

In 2012, the Walnut Creek and Los Angeles offices made notable contributions to Food from the Bar.

In Northern California, Archer Norris once again teamed up with the Contra Costa County Bar Association and local law firms to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. This year, Archer Norris raised over \$14,200 to benefit this cause.

The 21st annual Food from the Bar drive launched with the yearly comedy night aptly called Res Ipsa Jokuitur, featuring well-known comedians Don Friesen and Myles Weber. One major highlight of the fundraising efforts held in May was our 5th annual Walk-A-Thon. Archer Norris, along with several local law firms, friends and family walked the 3.1 miles around downtown Walnut Creek. Just the walk alone raised more than \$5,000 toward feeding 132,000 people in need.

The Los Angeles attorneys and staff joined the 2,100 volunteers who raised \$458,000 this year for the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Archer Norris is grateful to the local vendors and supporters who donated items for the raffle, which included retail gift cards and a stay in the Omni Los Angeles Hotel. Undoubtedly, the highlight was the office pancake eating contest, which raised money through co-workers' wagers on the winner. The victory went to Special Counsel Louis Chao who packed down 30 pancakes in less than 3 minutes.

Other creative fundraising efforts included a kick-off breakfast, penny wars, flowers for Mother's Day, and an attorney relay race.

### **Partnering with the Community to Make a Difference**

Archer Norris thanks their vendors and local businesses servicing the LA and Walnut Creek offices for their donated goods and services, as well as cash, for auctions and raffles. Their generosity helped Food from the Bar increase its fundraising success once again. Every dollar raised provides four meals to the hungry.

The demand on food banks has dramatically increased during record levels of joblessness and underemployment. The need is particularly high during the summer months when school meals are no longer available to children.