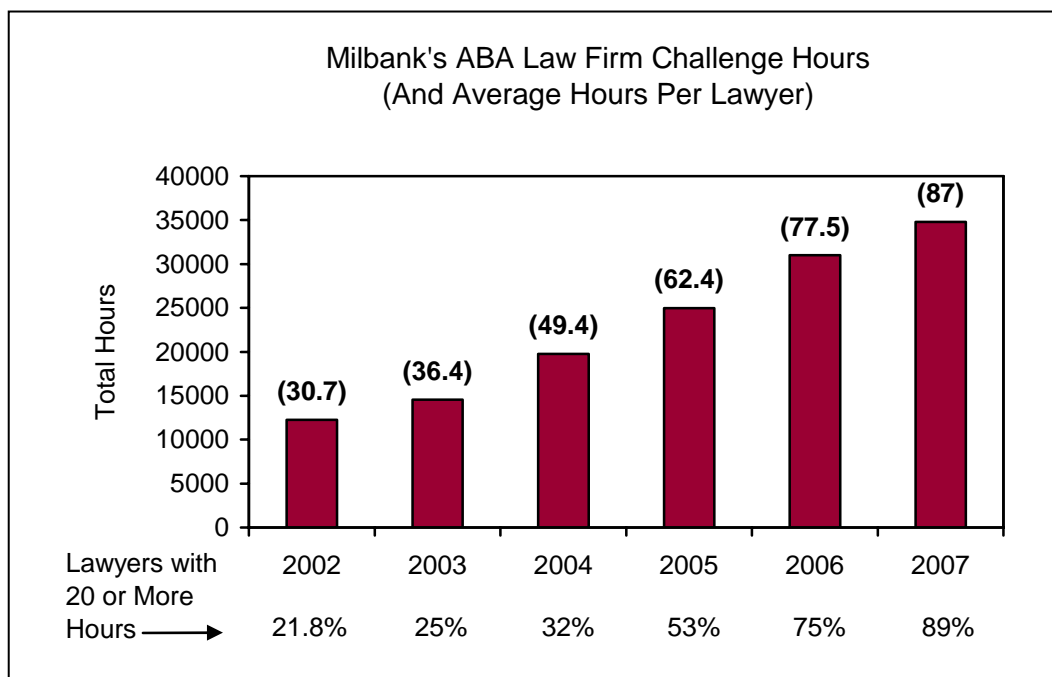


MILBANK PRO BONO – 2007

Extending the streak to SIX,
 Milbank again surpasses its own pro bono record

2007 was the sixth straight year that Milbank set a new pro bono record for itself. The Firm's domestic lawyers spent 36,736 ABA Law Firm Challenge hours, averaging 87 hours per lawyer, and 89% of them performed 20 or more such hours. The graph shows this trend.



Chairman Mel Immergut said, "There is nothing about this great Firm that makes me more proud than the pro bono work we do. To have six straight years of meaningful growth in pro bono is really a tribute to all the Milbank lawyers who had a hand in our success. And even better, almost every lawyer had a hand in it."

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Mr. Immergut went on to note the 90% rate of participation at 20 or more hours, saying, “Long gone are the days when a few lawyers did most of the pro bono work, and that is as it should be. 2007 proved that, at Milbank, significant involvement in pro bono is the norm, and we want to keep it that way. 2007 was a truly great year. 2007 was also a very busy year working for paying clients, which makes the pro bono accomplishment that much more impressive.”

Mr. Immergut continued, “As I am fond of telling my partners when we meet to review the past year and unveil the plan for the following one, ‘Last year was great, but it was last year; here is what we want to do this year.’ The same goes for pro bono. For pro bono, we are aiming for an average of at least 85 hours per domestic lawyer, and for 100% of them -- really, 100% -- to meet the 20-hour requirement. I know we can do it.”

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Joe Genova, the Firm’s Director of Public Service, lauded increasing involvement of practice area leaders, throughout the Firm, in promoting pro bono. “Their support made the 2007 success possible, and will assure the same in 2008,” he said.

Milbank uses the ABA Law Firm Challenge definition of “qualified” pro bono. The ABA definition requires that pro bono work be legal work (as opposed, for example, to service on a charitable board, mentoring or teaching), and that the clients generally be unable to afford any lawyer. In 2007, on top of the 37,000 qualifying hours performed by domestic lawyers, Milbank personnel devoted an additional 5,500 hours to community service activities falling outside the ABA definition.