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more recently in connection with some of the cases that arose following the civil disturbances in Los Angeles in 1992. We had a large number of cases where pro bono representation was needed to help small business owners as well as residents in some of the affected areas claim against their insurance companies and attempt to rebuild their properties and reopen their businesses.

I have also had occasion to work with some of my colleagues in my current firm with respect to some asylum cases. We have represented El Salvadoran and Guatemalan individuals who have been applying for asylum here in the United States, both before the Board of Immigration and Naturalization as well as the appellate level of that particular structure.

As president of the L.A. County Bar Association, as Senator Boxer alluded to, I formed what we call the Pro Bono Council, which brought to our board of trustees and that board ultimately adopted a policy calling upon each of our individual lawyer members to contribute a minimum of 35 hours of pro bono service to the community annually. We estimate that we generated an additional 150,000 hours of pro bono time within the Los Angeles area as a result of that policy, which is still in place. I remain a member of the Pro Bono Council in an attempt to follow through on that.

Senator SIMON. Mr. Hinkle.

Mr. HINKLE. Senator, I would like to be able to say I could give the same answer, but I cannot give quite as good an answer as Ms. Morrow just did.

I have been very active in pro bono work in that I am a member of the Tallahassee Legal Aid Bureau where, when it is my turn, I go take on the cases that come in that day. As recently as earlier this month, I took on six new cases through that program. I have done that throughout my practice in Tallahassee. I did a year in Atlanta before I moved back home to Tallahassee, and I voluntarily went down and signed up with the Atlanta Legal Aid Bureau, whatever that program was called, then. So I have throughout my career taken on legal aid cases.

I have also for the last 2 years chaired the—this is not pro bono legal work but I think it gets to your question—for the last 2 years, I have been the campaign chair of the regional United Way that is based in Tallahassee, and so I have done work in that area.

Senator SIMON. I thank you all. I wish you all the best.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator KYL. Thank you, Senator Simon. Those are good questions and I think it is obvious that we have an exceptionally well-qualified panel here.

I would like to express again to everyone that we will keep the record open for 3 days if anyone would—

AUDIENCE SPEAKER. Senator, there is citizen opposition to Judge Kahn's nomination.

Senator KYL. Let me just conclude the hearing, if we could.

AUDIENCE SPEAKER. We request the opportunity to testify.

Senator KYL. The committee will be in order.

AUDIENCE SPEAKER. We requested the opportunity 3 months ago, over 3 months ago—

Senator KYL. The committee will stand in recess until the police can restore order.

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[Recess.]

Senator KYL. As the chair was announcing, we will keep the record open for 3 days for anyone who wishes to submit testimony, and that includes anyone in the audience, or questions from the members of the committee to the panel. Should you have any additional questions, of course, you are welcome to discuss with staff any other questions you have concerning the procedure.

The full committee will take up the full slate of nominations both for the circuit court and for the district court at the earliest opportunity. I cannot tell you exactly when, but I will certainly recommend that it be done at the earliest opportunity and I do not see any reason for delay.

Senator Simon, do you have anything else that you wish to add?

Senator SIMON. No. I think we have excellent nominees before us and I hope we can move expeditiously.

Senator KYL. I certainly reflect that same point of view.

Thank you again for being here. We thank everyone in the audience, and I again would say there are 3 days for anyone in the audience to submit any additional statements if you have them. Thank you.

The committee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 3:28 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]

[Submissions for the record follow:]